



Caring for Your Coast

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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 18, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

27 March 18, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL
CONSERVANCY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC BEACH SEA LEVEL RISE
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT STUDY
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Coastal Conservancy to partially fund the Los Angeles County Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study, which will be undertaken by the Department of Beaches and Harbors, and approve an appropriation adjustment to account for the grant funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding totaling \$69,815 from the State of California Coastal Conservancy for the Los Angeles County Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study, which will be undertaken by the Department of Beaches and Harbors.
2. Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as it does not meet the definition of a project according to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15378 (a).
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$70,000 to increase appropriation and revenue in the FY 2013-14 Adjusted Budget to account for the grant funds.

4. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents to obtain and accept the grant for the purpose of funding the Los Angeles County Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with the California Coastal Conservancy on any and all matters related to the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations and attached Resolution (Attachment I) will enable the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to accept a grant from the State of California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) to partially fund the Los Angeles County Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study (Study), which will be undertaken by the Department.

The Department operates and maintains 21 public beaches between Malibu and San Pedro. These beaches are frequented by over 52 million patrons annually. To support this demand, the County has invested millions of dollars to develop and maintain an extensive beach access infrastructure, including a series of sand nourishments that provide for maximum use, public safety, and enhanced recreational opportunities. However, sea level rise poses a serious threat to the County's public beaches that will likely result in significant impacts to the region's recreation, economy, and coastal environment.

The Department desires to assess the vulnerability to sea level rise of the County's public beach facilities and assets that extend from Nicholas Canyon in Western Malibu to White Point/Royal Palms Beach in San Pedro. The ultimate goal is to formulate an adaptive management plan that is technically feasible, environmentally sensitive and economically sustainable. The Conservancy has made grant funding available for these purposes to coastal entities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Actively seeking grant funding for County activities and projects is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2, Fiscal Sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the Study is \$86,815. The grant will fund \$69,815, with the balance of \$17,000 being funded from Department's Operating Budget. The attached appropriation adjustment (Attachment II) reflects the acceptance of the grant funds.

Operating Budget Impact

Upon approval of the appropriation adjustment, an increase of \$70,000 will be reflected in the services and supplies budget unit of the Department's FY 2013-14 Adjusted Budget. This appropriation increase is fully offset by an increase in "State-Other" revenue line item. The balance of \$17,000 will be funded from savings in other areas and, therefore, will not result in an increase in the net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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Your Board's approval of the attached Resolution is required to allow the Acting Director of the Department to sign the grant agreement with the Conservancy and receive the grant funding for the Study.

All documents required for the acceptance of the requested grant will be subject to prior approval as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as it does not meet the definition of a project according to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15378 (a).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department will use a consultant, through a current Master Agreement with the Department, to conduct the Study.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The acceptance of the grant funds will have no negative effect on the Department's current projects.

CONCLUSION

Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send three approved copies of this letter and the Resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Administrative Services Division, 13483 Fiji Way, Trailer #3, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please contact Stefan Popescu at (310) 305-9516 or spopescu@bh.lacounty.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Jones', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

GARY JONES

Acting Director

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Acting Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

ATTACHMENT I

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
ACCEPT \$69,815 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC BEACH SEA LEVEL RISE
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT STUDY**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors operates 21 beaches located within the County on the coast of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors is desirous of conducting a sea level rise vulnerability assessment study of the County's beaches; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has established the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement these provisions; and

WHEREAS, grants are awarded under eligibility guidelines adopted by the Conservancy;

~~NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED~~ that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, by adoption of this resolution, hereby:

1. Requests the Conservancy to provide a grant for the purpose of conducting a sea level rise vulnerability assessment study of County's beaches; and
2. Affirms the County has sufficient funds to complete the funded project; and
3. Authorizes the Acting Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents to accept the grant for the purpose of funding the County of Los Angeles Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study and to act as lead agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the Conservancy on any and all matters related to the grant.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 18th day of March 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and the authorities for which said Board so acts.



Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By: 
Deputy

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

DEPT'S. NO. 055

February 24, 2014

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2013-14

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

BEACHES AND HARBORS
A01-BH-88-8831-27500
STATE OTHER - \$70,000
INCREASE REVENUE

USES

BEACHES AND HARBORS
A01-BH-2000-27500
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - \$70,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 70,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 70,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects a \$70,000 increase in appropriation in the Department's services and supplies budget to partially fund the Public Beach Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Study, offset by an increase in revenue from grant funds from the State of California Coastal Conservancy.

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Adriana Zarate-Lee

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ADRIANA ZARATE-LEE, HEAD, FINANCIAL SVCS.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR --

[] ACTION

[x] RECOMMENDATION

[x] APPROVED AS REQUESTED

[] APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY Karen Zukawa

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY [Signature]

B.A. NO. 098

Feb 25 2014

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