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June 23, 2022

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gary Jones
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF COST INCREASE TO APPROVED PURCHASE ORDER
AND INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF MARINE CAPITAL
EQUIPMENT**

This memorandum is to notify the Board of the intent of the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to request the Internal Services Department (ISD) to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$814,050.50 for the acquisition of a debris work boat.

On July 13, 2021, the Board granted the Department approval to request ISD to proceed with the acquisition of a debris work boat at an estimated cost of \$547,000 to be purchased through the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation (LAC-CAL). In April 2022, ISD competitively solicited the acquisition in accordance with the standard County purchasing policies and procedures. The bid results reflected a \$267,050.50 increase from the initial estimate, bringing the total cost to \$814,050.50.

The delay between Board approval and the solicitation is primarily due to the need for the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to secure Board approval for increased LAC-CAL equipment financing as a result of changes in departmental requests for Fiscal Year 2021-22. CEO secured Board approval for additional funding on January 11, 2022. The additional delay in the solicitation is attributable to the development of technical specifications that Department staff worked with ISD on drafting and finalizing to ensure they were clear and included all needed elements for the custom-built vessel.

The Department maintains a fleet of water-based boats to perform various maintenance functions in the Marina del Rey Harbor including debris pick-up, removal of marine mammal carcasses and hazardous waste containment. The recommended debris boat has improved maneuverability and load-carrying capacity over the existing fleet, functions that will greatly assist staff in performing critical water maintenance tasks. The debris vessel cost includes non-biocide antifouling paint, a trailer for when the vessel needs to be pulled out of the water, a three-year manufacturer warranty that covers replacement and repairs of any parts due to defect in material or manufacturing, and a two-year engine



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warranty with major engine components warranted for three years. The total purchase order amount is also inclusive of sales tax and freight costs from the Wisconsin based manufacturer to Los Angeles County.

Acquisition of the recommended debris work boat will allow the Department to replace and salvage two existing 30-year old boats that are beyond repair, reducing the current fleet of water-based boats from five to four. This will result in decreased maintenance costs to the Department and increased productivity with a more capable and efficient fleet to perform debris recovery tasks.

The equipment acquisition will be financed over five years through the LAC-CAL equipment financing program. The Department has sufficient appropriation for the equipment lease costs in its FY 2021-22 Budget.

If no objection is received from your Board in ten (10) business days upon receipt of this Board notification, the Department will proceed to request that ISD issue a purchase order in the amount of \$814,050.50 for the acquisition of a debris work boat.

If you have any questions or require additional information, I can be reached at 424-526-7771 or GJones@bh.lacounty.gov or staff is welcome to contact our Operational Services Division Chief, Kenneth Foreman, at KForemanSr@bh.lacounty.gov.

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