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May 2, 2023

TO: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair
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FROM: Gary Jones, Director 

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE PLANNED USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE MEASURE A RECREATION ACCESS COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on August 10, 2021 to apply for and execute grant agreements from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, to support County-owned and operated beach and Marina del Rey projects and programs, provided your Board is given advance notification of and an opportunity to object before grant acceptance.

On February 27, 2023, Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) received an award from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD), Measure A Competitive Grant Recreation Access Program to expand DBH's Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation (WATER) Program in the amount of \$888,892 for the budget period of May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

Acceptance of the grant will support DBH's ability to provide both increased environmental education and recreation access. The WATER Program, which was developed by DBH in 1986, introduces youth throughout Los Angeles County to the ocean environment by teaching ocean safety skills through recreational water activities like kayaking, ocean/marina paddling, and sailing. These grant funds will better position DBH to manage and operate an expanded WATER Program, increasing the current number and type of programs available and adding participant capacity to include youth involved in the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department systems.



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Unless otherwise instructed by your Board, DBH will proceed with executing the grant agreement once it has been received from RPOSD.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (424) 526-7771 or GJones@bh.lacounty.gov.

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