

Caring for Our Coast

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- TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath Supervisor Janice Hahn
- FROM: Gary Jones, Director
- SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE PLANNED USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COASTAL STRATEGIC ADAPTATION PLAN FOR SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLANNING

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on August 10, 2021 (Attachment 1), 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 transfer and acceptance.

On December 9, 2024, the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) received an award from the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) (Attachment 2) to advance coastal resilience efforts, protect County-operated beaches from erosion threats along 45 miles of coastline and support the development of the County's Regional Coastal Strategic Adaptation Plan (RCSAP) in the amount of \$1 million, for the budget period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Execution of the grant agreement is estimated to be in April 2025, pending OPC's grant execution process. Once the grant is executed, the project needs to be completed within two years.



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Acceptance of the grant will support DBH's Coastal Resilience Initiative by advancing the implementation of RCSAP, which aims to preserve and enhance equitable access to the coast and build resilience against sea level rise. By utilizing a holistic approach and engaging a broad coalition of community stakeholders, municipal partners, tribal organizations, community advocates and regional agencies, this grant will allow DBH to develop significant strategies towards achieving long-term coastal resilience in Los Angeles County for generations to come.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board, DBH will move forward with signing the attached resolution required by the California Ocean Protection Council in order to receive the grant funds and will then proceed with executing the grant agreement once it has been received from the California Ocean Protection Council.

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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Enclosure