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July 14, 2026

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

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING AND TO SUBMIT
AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3 AND 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH or Department) is seeking Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to authorize the Director of DBH, or his designee, to apply for and execute grant agreements from Federal, State and local agencies, as well as private entities, for a period of five years, to support County-owned and operated beach and Marina del Rey projects and programs, provided the Board is given advance notification and an opportunity to object prior to acceptance of any grant.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action set forth in this Board letter is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DBH, or his designee, to submit applications and execute all required contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments to secure grants for County-owned and operated beach and Marina del Rey projects and programs from various Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, provided the Board is given advance notification and has an opportunity to object before grant acceptance.
3. Adopt a resolution, effective for five years from the date of adoption, implementing the delegation of authority to the Director of DBH, or his designee, to submit applications and execute all required

contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments to secure grants for County-owned and operated beach and Marina del Rey projects and programs from various Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, provided the Board is given advance notification and has an opportunity to object before grant acceptance.

4. Authorize the Director of DBH, or his designee, to accept grant funds for County-owned and operated beach and Marina del Rey projects and programs, provided the Board is given advance notification and an opportunity to object prior to grant acceptance; to conduct all negotiations; to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, and amendments, including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and changes in the grant amount, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and to sign and submit requests for payment of funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of DBH, or his designee, to submit applications for grants, to accept grants upon advance notification to the Board, and execute all associated documents, including agreements, amendments, reports, and payment requests, for grants awarded by Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities. Grant funding may support infrastructure and facility upgrades, park improvements, habitat restoration, environmental education, and recreational access at County-owned and operated beaches and in Marina del Rey.

This delegated authority will create efficiencies in securing alternative sources of funding, facilitate compliance with grant application deadlines, and accelerate implementation of the funded projects and programs. A non-exhaustive list of potential grantors includes State agencies such as the California Department of Parks and Recreation, including its Division of Boating and Waterways, the California Ocean Protection Council, the California Coastal Conservancy, local agencies, including the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and private entities and nonprofit foundations. Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Director, or his designee, to submit applications for grants. In addition, the Director, or his designee, will be able to negotiate, accept, and execute grant agreements for implementation of projects and programs, provided the Board is given advance notification and has an opportunity to object before grant acceptance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions will promote and further the Board-approved Strategic Plan Goals North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, by ensuring County-owned and operated beaches and facilities in Marina del Rey continue to be developed and well maintained for residents and visitors, and North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, by ensuring the efficient application and acceptance of grant opportunities and awards.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department anticipates no increase in net County cost as a result of the proposed actions. Grants awarded to the Department may fully or partially offset the cost of various projects and programs and will be included in the Department's Operating Budget or Capital Project Budget through the annual budget process or a budget adjustment. Operating Budget Impact Ongoing

operating costs may result from grant and other funded projects and programs. If additional grants are unable to be secured to continue or further fund the projects or programs, the Department will submit a request for ongoing or additional funding through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Many grantors require that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the submission of the grant application and acceptance of grant funds.

Approval of the Resolution (Attachment I) will be effective for five years from the date of adoption by your Board and provide delegated authority to the Director of DBH, or his designee, to apply for and execute grant agreements from Federal, State and local agencies, as well as private entities and non-profit foundations. The Department is also requesting delegated authority to accelerate the acceptance of grant funds, provided the Board is given advance notification and has an opportunity to object before grant acceptance. On July 11, 2000, the Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a grant management statement for review before they carry out the activities covered under the grant. The recommended actions do not supersede the Board's grant management statement requirements, and the Department will comply with all applicable grant reporting and management policies. Subsequent to the Board's delegation to the Director or his designee to accept grants, a grant management statement will be prepared and signed by the Director or his designee for each grant received. County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Delegation of authority to apply for and accept grant funding is not subject to CEQA because it is not considered a project pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is a government funding mechanism that does not involve commitment to a specific project and it is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable physical change in the environment. Any specific project funded by a grant will undergo environmental review, as required by CEQA, prior to approval and implementation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will result in operational efficiencies and augment the County's existing financial resources by utilizing alternative funding sources to enhance County-owned and operated beaches and Marina del Rey and the quality of life for County residents, through recreational opportunities, environmental education, community programming, well-maintained beach amenities, and multi benefit projects.

CONCLUSION

Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send two adopted copies of the Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Administrative Services Division, 4640 Admiralty Way, Suite 300, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Angelica Vicente, Contracts and Grants Manager, at AVicente@bh.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Jones", with a stylized, looping initial "G" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

GARY JONES

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
GRANT FUNDING AND TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED GRANT
DOCUMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) operates Marina del Rey, a small craft harbor, and County-owned and operated beaches; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities and non-profit foundations (Grantors), offer grants to support beaches, harbors, parks, environmental, and recreational projects and programs for the benefit of jurisdictions and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Grantors have established procedures governing the application and grant management process, which often require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing submission of grant applications, execution of grant-related documents, and acceptance of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Grantors commonly require the resolution from a jurisdiction to include authorization for it to act as the lead agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdiction in partnership for regional grant projects.

WHEREAS, the Department desires to utilize grants from Grantors and is seeking a resolution from the County's Board of Supervisors to satisfy the Grantors' requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County hereby:

1. Authorizes the Department of Beaches and Harbors to submit grant applications to Grantors for projects and programs benefiting Marina del Rey and County-owned and operated beaches.
2. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, to execute all grant application documents, agreements, amendments, reports, and payment requests necessary to secure grant funding.
3. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, to accept grant funds only after providing advance written notification to the Board of Supervisors and if no Board Member objects within five (5) business days of such notification.
4. If applicable, certifies that the Department understands the assurances and certification(s) in the applications.

5. Certifies that the Department will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project or program or will secure the resources to do so.
6. Certifies that the County will comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and grant requirements, and that prior to commencement of any construction project, all required permits and environmental review will be completed.
7. If applicable, certifies that the Department will expend grant and other funding within the designated time frame.
8. Provides that the delegation of authority granted by this Resolution shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

ATTEST:
EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By *Sonia L. Chan* for Sevanna
Deputy County Counsel

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____