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October 23, 2024

TO: Beach Commission
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FROM: Gary Jones, Director

SUBJECT: **BEACH COMMISSION AGENDA – October 23, 2024**

The agenda for the October 23, 2024, in-person Commission meeting—which will also be livestreamed virtually (audio only)—is attached. Also attached is the report pertaining to agenda item 2A.

Please contact Donalyn Anderson at (424) 526-7873 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Enclosures





County of Los Angeles Beach Commission

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AGENDA

REGULAR Meeting of the Beach Commission

October 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Burton Chace Park Community Room
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

1. **CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project (Action)
 - B. Proposition 4: Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks (Discussion)
3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Communication from the public will be from those who attend in person.

FIELD TRIP SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES

Commissioners, staff, and public will view South Los Angeles County Beaches.

Note: Limited transportation is available for members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public are also invited to travel in private vehicles to join the Commission at the locations designated in the itinerary. Parking at various locations may be limited. All times are estimates and subject to change due to traffic and other factors.

1. Departure from Burton Chace Park at 9:40 a.m.

Damon K. Nagami, Chair
Judith Meister, Vice Chair

Michael Bustamante
Rosi Dagit
Teresa Furey

Madelyn Glickfeld
Angela Mooney D'Arcy
Shannon Ross

Bruce Saito
Kurt Weideman

2. Site Visits South Los Angeles County Beaches:

- Stop 1: White Point/Royal Palms Beach, 10:25 a.m.**
(1799 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90732)
- Stop 2: Torrance Beach, 1:00 p.m.**
(387 Paseo de la Playa, Torrance Beach, CA 90277)
- Stop 3: Redondo Beach, 1:20 p.m.**
(309 Esplanade St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277)
- Stop 4: Hermosa Beach, 1:55 p.m.**
(11th Street & Beach Dr., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254)
- Stop 5: Manhattan Beach, 2:20 p.m.**
(2600 The Strand, Manhattan, Beach CA 90266)

3. Return to Burton Chace Park, 3:15 p.m.

4. Adjournment

5. NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

January 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles Code (Ord. 93-0031 § 2 (part), 1993), relating to lobbyists. Any person who seeks support or endorsement from the Beach Commission on any official actions must certify that he/she is familiar with the requirements of this ordinance. A copy of the ordinance can be provided prior to the meeting and certification is to be made before or at the meeting.
2. The agenda will be posted on the internet and displayed at the following locations at least 72 hours preceding the meeting date:

Department of Beaches and Harbors' Website: beaches.lacounty.gov

Department of Beaches and Harbors
13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Marina del Rey Visitors Center
4701 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Burton Chace Park – Community Room
13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Lloyd Taber – Marina del Rey Library
4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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Itinerary/Addresses

Approximate Time:	Location (Name):	Location (Address):	Itinerary: (Topics)
Departure: 9:40 am	Burton Chace Park	13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292	
Arrival: 10:25 a.m.	White Point/Royal Palms Beach	1799 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90732	Historical overview, restroom renovation, White Point Park Project. Clearwater Project, tidepools, unpermitted events
Arrival: 1:00 p.m.	Torrance Beach	387 Paseo de la Playa, Torrance Beach, CA 90277	Concession stand renovation, land movement, death of fin whale
Arrival: 1:20 p.m.	Redondo Beach	309 Esplanade St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277	Renovations to Knob Hill facilities, beach erosion, sand retention device, failing infrastructures
Arrival: 1:55 p.m.	Hermosa Beach	11 th Street & Beach Dr., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254	Excess sand
Arrival: 2:20 p.m.	Manhattan Beach	2600 The Strand, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266	Lifeguard operations and Q&A, Bruce's Beach
Arrival: 3:15 p.m.	Burton Chace Park	13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292	

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TO: Beach Commission
FROM: *C. M. L. for*
Gary Jones, Director

**SUBJECT: ITEM 2A – POINT DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT AND TRAIL
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Item 2A on your agenda pertains to the Department of Beaches and Harbors' (Department) Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, which aims to restore and enhance public access to a coastal bluff, ensuring safe and reliable pathways for visitors to enjoy the scenic shoreline. The project involves repairing damaged sections of the existing trail, removing overgrowth, reinforcing eroded areas, repairing the stairway that leads to the bluff, resurfacing the viewing area, and installing signage. This will include the use of durable, weather-resistant materials to withstand the coastal environment, while also prioritizing environmental sensitivity to protect the surrounding ecosystems. Upon completion, the improved trail and stairway will provide a sustainable and accessible route for the community, promoting outdoor recreation and coastal appreciation.

The attached Board letter provides more details related to the project. Your Commission's endorsement of the recommendations that the Board authorize the establishment of the project and appropriation adjustment in order for the Director to carry out the project through the use of the previously approved Memorandum of Understanding agreement is requested.

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Attachments





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December 17, 2024

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:

**POINT DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT AND TRAIL REHABILITATION
PROJECT**

**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET,
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT,
APPROVE USE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87886
(THIRD DISTRICT) (FY 2024-25, 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) is seeking Board approval of the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project with a total budget of \$450,000 and associated appropriation adjustment, and authorization to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved as-need consultant, and memorandum of understanding between the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and DBH for use of DPR's Board approved California Conservation Corps Contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and reflected in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886, with an estimated project budget of \$450,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reallocate \$550,000 from the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886 to partially fund the Point Dume Zuma Living Shoreline project CP 8A058.



PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the Pt. Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project is statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish and approve the project, Capital Project No. 87886, including a total budget of \$450,000; approve an appropriation adjustment to reallocate \$550,00 from the Pt. Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail to partially fund the Pt. Dume Zuma Living Shoreline Project and authorize the Department of Beaches and Harbors to deliver the proposed project using the Board approved California Conservation Corp through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Project Description and Background

Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project is located at 6800 Westward Beach Rd, in the City of Malibu. In November of 2018, the Woolsey fire spread through Malibu destroying Point Dume whale watch and trail. Due to the lack of funding and the COVID 19 Global Pandemic the facility fell into disrepair though with a few minor repairs stayed opened to the public.

The Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehab project aims to restore and enhance public access to a coastal bluff, ensuring safe and reliable pathways for visitors to enjoy the scenic shoreline. The project involves repairing damaged sections of the existing trail, removing overgrowth, reinforcing eroded areas, repairing the stairway that leads the bluff, resurfacing the viewing area, and installing signage. This will include the use of durable, weather-resistant materials to withstand the coastal environment, while also prioritizing environmental sensitivity to protect the surrounding ecosystems. Upon completion, the improved trail and stairway will provide a sustainable and accessible route for the community, promoting outdoor recreation and coastal appreciation.

The Department of Beaches and harbors utilized a Board-approved as needed consultant to prepare surveys, easement documentation and design and is seeking approval from the Board to carry out the work using Board approved California Conservation Corps Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions will promote and further Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Strategy III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by replacing critical public infrastructure and supporting emergency preparedness. In addition, approval of the recommended actions will further Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Strategies II.2.2. and II.2.4, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities and Promote Active and

Healthy Lifestyles, by supporting DBH's beach operations and thereby promoting safe and healthy access to the County's coastline.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost, including surveys and plans, consultant services, construction, change order contingency, and County services, is currently estimated at \$450,000 (See Enclosure A).

Preliminary design costs of \$51,000 were funded from the Department's operating budget. Approval of the recommended appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will transfer a total of \$550,000 from the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886 to the Point Dume Zuma Living Shoreline Capital Project No. 8A058, to address funding need of the project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed project's description, DBH does not anticipate any additional one-time, start-up, or ongoing costs as a result of the recommended actions. The maintenance and operational requirements for the proposed project will be met using existing resources from DBH's Operating Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004 and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project is exempt from the Civic Art Allocation as the Eligible Project Costs are less than \$500,000. This is because the project's design and construction costs are estimated at \$450,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is statutorily and categorically exempt from CEQA. The landscape maintenance project, which includes repair of stairs, fence, handrail, and eroded trail; refurbishment of trail entrance, and decomposed granite surface of viewing area; replace benches, remove vegetation overgrowth, and install signage, meets the criteria set forth in 15301(d), 15301(h), 15302(c), 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes. The project provides for repair and renovation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity.

Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a

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substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the record of the projects.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, DBH will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DBH will use the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors for the use of the Conservation Corps Agreements previously approved by the Board on September 16, 2016.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Activities under the proposed project will be completed in close coordination with DBH staff to minimize impacts to the existing beach maintenance operations.

CONCLUSION

Please have the Executive Officer of the Board send a copy of the Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Planning Division, Coastal Resiliency Section, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please contact Warren Ontiveros, Planning Division Chief, at (424) 526-7745 or WOntiveros@bh.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jones
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Department of Parks and Recreation

ENCLOSURE A
December 5, 2024

**PT. DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT AND TRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Easement Amendment and Recordation	12/31/2024
Trail Rehabilitation	05/31/2025

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Topo and Easement Boundary Survey	\$ 14,052
Geotechnical Reconnaissance	\$ 20,716
Repair Recommendations and Cost Estimate	\$ 16,058
Topo Mapping/Easement Recordation	\$ 60,011
Trail Rehabilitation	\$ 339,163
TOTAL	\$450,000

MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
FY 2023-24

12/5/2024

Cluster

COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Change

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Department Impacted

BEACHES AND HARBORS

Program Impacted

BEACH AND MARINA

Funding Type

ONE-TIME

Type of Adjustment

AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE

Change in Budgeted Positions

0

Votes

3

Justification

Reflects a transfer of \$500,000 from from the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886 to the Point Dume Zuma Living Shoreline Capital Project No. 8A058, to fully fund the project.

Sources (Increase Revenue / Decrease Appropriation)								
FUND	DEPT	LVL1	LVL2	DESCRIPTION	CAT	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A01	CP	65024	87886	POINT DUME WHALE WATCHING EASEMEI		6014	CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I	500,000
								500,000
Uses (Increase Appropriation / Decrease Revenue)								
FUND	DEPT	LVL1	LVL2	DESCRIPTION	CAT	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A01	CP	65024	8A058	POINT DUME ZUMA LIVING SHORELINE PR		6014	CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I	500,000
								500,000
Appropriation								-
Intrafund Transfers								-
Revenue								-
Net County Cost								-

Explanation of change

Reflects a transfer of \$500,000 from from the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886 to the Point Dume Zuma Living Shoreline Capital Project No. 8A058, to fully fund the project.

Manager, CEO Approval