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Chief Executive Officer

October 12, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
VENICE BEACH REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT 86848
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works to repair eroded portions of Venice Beach in the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15304, and the revised County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Class 1(c), (f), and (h); and Class 4(c) respectively, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Approve Capital Project No. 86848 scope of work with a budget of \$1,660,000 funded with Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan funds of \$1,634,000 and prior year net County cost of \$26,000 for the Venice Beach Refurbishment Project, and authorize the Director of Public Works to deliver the project using the Department of Public Works' Job Order Contracting program.

ADOPTED

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to construct the Venice Beach Refurbishment Project.

The Venice Beach Refurbishment Project entails moving approximately 30,000 cubic yards of dry beach sand from an area of surplus north of the Venice breakwater to an area half a mile south where significant erosion occurred during the severe storms of December 2004 to February 2005 and again during the more recent January to February 2010 winter storms. The natural wave action has not replenished the sand in front of the lifeguard headquarters and the adjacent beach area due to the location of the breakwater at Venice Beach. Also, the wind naturally blows the sand inland where it accumulates and creates a nuisance for local businesses and the promenade. The project will more evenly spread the sand and increase the existing beach width to improve the recreational area and will provide a buffer to protect inland structures from coastal storm flooding and damage.

The Venice Beach Refurbishment Project will be accomplished using conventional earth moving equipment to carefully remove only two to three feet of surplus beach sand from the top of the borrow site whereupon it will be transported about a half mile south to the erosion site. The sand will be evenly spread to blend with the surrounding beach topography. A vigilant public safety plan will be enforced during the project that will include erection of a continuous line of temporary fencing to isolate the construction zone from public use areas. Additional personnel will be assigned on a continuous basis to further ensure the public's safety during construction.

The estimated project duration is six to eight weeks and will be scheduled during the months of nonpeak beach use. Therefore, construction will begin in November 2010 and will be substantially completed by January 2011 (see the attached Project Schedule).

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

Because of the nature of the construction, there are few opportunities to incorporate sustainable features. Temporary barricades to provide public safety control will be constructed of recycled materials to the maximum extent possible.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The project meets the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing residents and visitors with safe and enhanced access to recreational facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projected cost estimate for the Venice Beach Refurbishment Project is \$1,660,000 as summarized in the attached Budget Summary. Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal

Year 2010-11 Capital Project Budget (Capital Project 86848) to proceed with the project. The Venice Beach Refurbishment Project is funded with Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan funds (\$1,634,000) and available prior year net County cost (\$26,000).

Operating Budget Impact

Despite the beach erosion that has occurred, Venice Beach has remained open to the public and is maintained daily along with other County beach facilities. Consequently, the Department of Beaches and Harbors does not anticipate any start-up or new ongoing operating costs for operations and maintenance other than those costs currently identified in the normal maintenance budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon your Board's approval and prior to construction, Public Works will finalize project design and obtain final project permits.

Venice Beach is located in the City of Los Angeles (City), however, under the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement between the City and County executed on May 20, 1975, and amended on September 25, 1987, the County is responsible for maintenance services at Venice Beach. The Venice Beach Refurbishment Project is a maintenance activity whereby excess sand from one section of the beach will be relocated to an area that has eroded. A letter prepared by the City indicating support of the project was submitted to and accepted by the California Coastal Commission as evidence of Local Approval for the project. As required by the California Coastal Commission, a public notice was published in the Los Angeles Times, Argonaut, and Daily Breeze. The California Coastal Commission did not receive any comments. The project's Coastal Development Permit was approved by the Coastal Commission on April 16, 2010.

The local businesses were notified of the Venice Beach Refurbishment Project in the fall of 2009 at the Venice Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting. The Venice Chamber of Commerce will again be notified one month prior to the start of the project.

Pursuant to your Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted December 7, 2004, and subsequently amended November 18, 2008, there is no civic art allocation associated with this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt under the CEQA in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 (maintenance of existing facilities) and 15304 (minor public alterations of land), and Class 1(c), (f), and (h); and Class 4(c) respectively of the revised County of Los Angeles Environmental Procedures and Guidelines. Notice of Exemption was filed with the Register-Recorder/County Clerk on July 20, 2009.

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The Coastal Development Permit for the project was granted by the California Coastal Commission on April 16, 2010. Other regulatory permits were secured from the US Army Corps of Engineers and California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The project design was completed by a harbor engineering firm contracted through the Department of Beaches and Harbors' as-needed consultant services contract. Construction will be completed using a Public Works' Job Order Contract.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Venice Beach Refurbishment Project will impact access to the beach during construction; however, the construction activities are scheduled during the off-season months from November 2010 through January 2011.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; the Department of Beaches and Harbors; and Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- Arts Commission
- Beaches and Harbors
- Public Works
- Registrar Recorder/County Clerk

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ATTACHMENT

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Design Documents	10/18/10
Jurisdictional Approval	10/21/10
File Notice of Exemption	07/20/09*
Construction Start	11/01/10
Substantial Completion	01/10/11
Final Acceptance	02/10/11

* Completed milestones activities.

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

	Proposed Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 0
Job Order Contract	876,419
Construction Administration (JOC Admin. fee)	12,500
Change Orders/Contingencies	125,000
Utilities	25,000
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	<u>\$1,038,919</u>
Programming Development	\$ 0
Plans & Specifications	\$ 229,603
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Testing	2,596
Material Testing/Inspection	17,676
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	28,000
Construction Management	0
Environmental	0
Legal	0
Contract/Change Order	0
Soil Report	0
Soil Testing	0
Subtotal	<u>\$ 48,272</u>
Miscellaneous Expenditures (OAAC and Legal Ad)	\$ 9,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check & Permits Check/Permit	\$ 5,998
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 23,800
Contract Administration	11,120
Flood Control District	14,000
Project Security	70,000
Quality Control Inspection	5,460
Design Review	10,000
Design Services	0
AED Support Services	5,000
Project Management	150,999
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Technical Support	30,329
Office of Affirmative Action	7,500
County Counsel	0
Subtotal	<u>\$ 328,208</u>
Total	<u>\$1,660,000</u>