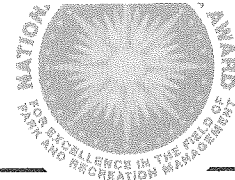


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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, the Department of Public Works, and the Harbor Department with regard to the placement of dredge material from Alamitos Bay Marina Basin 5, the Peter Archer Rowing Center dock, and the Leeway Sailing Center dock into the Middle Harbor East Basin fill site of the Port of Long Beach. (Districts 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is being requested for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) and the Department of Public Works (PW) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Harbor Department to place dredge sediments from the Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild project, the Peter Archer Rowing Center dock, and the Leeway Sailing Center dock into the Middle Harbor East Basin fill site of the Port of Long Beach.

The rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina includes dredging marina basins to the original design depths. In evaluating the dredging process, it was determined that the sediment in Basin 5 would require more extensive and costly testing in order to determine if the material was suitable for ocean disposal. In addition, sediment under the dock at the Peter Archer Rowing Center is damaging the dock and must be removed. Moreover, accreted sediment around the Leeway Sailing Center dock is limiting boating and sailing access. Therefore, it was determined that a more cost effective and environmentally friendly solution to the removal of the dredged material in question is placement in the Middle Harbor East Basin. Such disposal is the preferred option of the regulatory agencies which govern dredging in Los Angeles County. Requisite regulatory agencies, the Harbor Department, PW, and PRM have all agreed that the sediment from these projects can be placed in the Harbor Department's Middle Harbor East Basin fill site.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners is scheduled to approve the MOU on October 7, 2013. The MOU sets the parameters under which PRM and PW will be allowed to place the dredged material into the Middle Harbor East Basin fill site. Additionally, the MOU requires that PRM have all the necessary permits, and that PRM not delay or interrupt Harbor Department operations.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on September 17, 2013, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on September 19, 2013.

SUSTAINABILITY

This project will remove unsuitable and damaging material from the Alamitos Bay Marina, the Peter Archer Rowing Center dock, and the Leeway Sailing Center. Once completed, recreation opportunities will be enhanced and the waterfront will be cleaner.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 8, 2013, in order to meet the Harbor Department's fill schedule, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in October and run through the end of November 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action requests approval to execute an MOU between the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, the Department of Public Works, and the Harbor Department. No charges between the City departments are expected as part of the MOU. The Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild project is budgeted in the Marina Fund (TF 403) in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PR). The Peter Archer Rowing Center dock and the Leeway Sailing Center dock are budgeted in the Tidelands Operations Fund (TF 401) in the City Manager Department (CM). The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs. Approximately 30 jobs will be created to complete this project.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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