



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to execute documents necessary to accept and expend funds from the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW), to reimburse the City for costs incurred to remove and dispose of abandoned watercraft. (Districts 2,3)

Throughout the year, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) must address vessels that are found adrift, sinking, or in danger of sinking in the marinas and navigable waterways along our coast. Normally, these vessels are brought to the docks or launch ramps by either the Long Beach Fire or Police Departments, and stabilized, if possible. If the vessel sinks or is deemed to be a navigable hazard, it must be removed and destroyed.

The Department attempts to locate the last registered owner to pay for the expenses incurred in this effort. If a registered owner cannot be located, or refuses to pay for the stabilization and removal, DBAW offers grant funds to reimburse public agencies for the associated costs. The Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF) grant requires the City to pay for the first 10 percent of the cost for each abandoned vessel, and the grant reimburses the City for the balance. DBAW then makes an effort to obtain reimbursement from the registered owner, if one has been identified.

The City has participated in this grant each year since 1999. Based on previous experience, it is estimated that approximately \$45,000 in reimbursement funding will be received during the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on May 26, 2005.

City Council action is requested on June 14, 2005, in order to submit the grant application to DBAW by the June deadline.

The AWAF grant offers 90 percent reimbursement of costs incurred by the City in a 12-month period for removal and disposal of abandoned vessels. If the grant is awarded, it is estimated that the City would be eligible for approximately \$45,000 in reimbursable costs.

Approve recommendation.

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