

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,000,000 FROM THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) FOR
THE HABITAT-FRIENDLY SHORELINE
STRUCTURES: NATURE-BASED SHORELINE
SOLUTIONS ALONG HARBOR ISLAND PARK IN
SAN DIEGO BAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, approximately 73 kilometers (74 percent) of the shoreline in San Diego Bay is armored with traditional riprap or quay walls protecting infrastructure from storm surges and erosion, but provide little to no habitat value and a poor substrate for marine life; and

WHEREAS, COASTALOCK tide pool armor is made of environmentally sensitive, reduced carbon concrete mixture, tailored to the environment in which they are installed and the interlocking units act as a fully structural revetment that incorporates water-retaining elements that are absent in most urban waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, the tide pool units provide shoreline stabilization, including protection from storm surge, rising sea levels, and erosion, while simultaneously creating local ecosystems that mimic natural rock pools typical of rocky coasts and increase local biodiversity and biological productivity; and

WHEREAS, during the spring of 2021, federal congressional members were invited to submit Congressionally Directed Spending requests to either the US Senate Committee on Appropriations or the US House Committee on Appropriations, as part of the FY22 federal budget process and District staff submitted a request for \$1,000,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending through Representative Scott Peters (CA-52) to fund an expansion of the tide pool armoring systems; and

WHEREAS, the US Congress passed, and the President signed, the federal FY22 budget in March 2022 which included \$1,000,000 funding to support the expansion of coastal habitat and shoreline protection along Harbor Island; and

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WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was identified as the administrative agency to distribute these funds to the District; and

WHEREAS, since the budget's adoption, NOAA staff has been working to establish a process to distribute Congressionally Directed Funds that aligns with existing federal government grant administration processes and District staff has been working collaboratively with NOAA since April 2022; and

WHEREAS, NOAA staff provided final project and budget expenditure approval in July 2022 and notified District staff that funds were available for acceptance and release in August 2022; and

WHEREAS, NOAA has provided the District with a Financial Assistance Award attached as Attachment A for the \$1,000,000 which is subject to various conditions and federal regulations that must be complied with by the District to use the funds; examples include, but are not limited to, oversight by NOAA over aspects of the project and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, adopting a resolution accepting the funds is the final step in securing necessary funds to expand tidal coastal habitat along Shoreline Park on Harbor Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District (District) hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director or his authorized representative to accept on behalf of the District the Congressionally Directed Community Investment Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Habitat-Friendly Shoreline Structures: Nature-Based Shoreline Solutions Along Harbor Island Park in San Diego Bay Project by executing and delivering to NOAA and/or the Department of Commerce the U.S. Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Award attached hereto as Attachment A.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 13th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

Attachment A

Financial Assistance Award
(to be attached prior to execution)