

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MERKEL & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO CONDUCT FISH SURVEYS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE LIVING SHORELINES RESTORATION PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000**

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 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Bay Native Oyster Restoration Plan (Living Shorelines) is a collaborative effort between the California Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Cal State Fullerton, and other partners to design, construct and conduct long-term monitoring of the first-ever native oyster living shoreline in San Diego Bay; and

WHEREAS, as a component of this project, biological monitoring of the project site pre and post-construction is critical to building an understanding of living shoreline restoration techniques and project impacts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Living Shorelines Phase 1 approach, pre-and post-construction biological monitoring entails one year of monitoring prior to construction of the Living Shorelines, and up to five years of monitoring following the completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the project's fish sampling program is to quantitatively determine whether fish community composition, abundance, and species diversity in the project area are affected by construction of the Living Shorelines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 110, District staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #16-23AC on July 11, 2016 seeking qualified firms to provide fish sampling and monitoring services associated with the Living Shorelines project; and

WHEREAS, four firms submitted proposals and based on the written proposals and a decision analysis process using the criteria stated in the RFP,

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District staff recommended the selection of Merkel & Associates for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a period of six years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or her designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into an agreement with Merkel & Associates, Inc. for fish sampling and monitoring services associated with the Living Shorelines project for a total amount payable under the agreement not to exceed \$200,000 for a period of six years.

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 8th day of November 2016, by the following vote: