

DRAFT

RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER TO BE FUNDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND, PURSUANT TO BOARD POLICY NO. 730 - THE PORT ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY, FOR THE ENDANGERED RIDGWAY'S RAIL PROPAGATION PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 FOR FOUR YEARS WITH \$22,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS; FUNDS REQUIRED FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL UPON ADOPTION OF EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET

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) created the Environmental Advisory Committee to function as a forum to provide the BPC with input and recommendations for accomplishing the District's strategic goal to "protect and improve the environmental conditions of San Diego Bay and the Tidelands;" and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2006, per Resolution #2006-111, the BPC adopted BPC Policy No. 730, the Port EAC Policy, which established the Environmental Fund; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Environmental Fund is to fund projects that address air, water and sediment quality, sustainability and climate action planning, natural resources and endangered species management, habitat creation, restoration or protection, reclaiming natural shoreline conditions, environmental education, research and monitoring, and/or environmental projects in the Bay and/or the tidelands; and

WHEREAS, in evaluating a project for funding, the project must meet the objectives identified by the EAC; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 730 states that in order for projects to receive funding, they must be approved by the BPC; and

20xx-xxx

WHEREAS, the Living Coast Discovery Center (Center), in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Hubbs SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and California Department of Fish & Wildlife, has been conducting a propagation program to rear the endangered rails since 2000; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, 462 birds have been released into eleven Southern California marshes; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2015, by Resolution #2015-782, the BPC approved a three year agreement to fund the Center's endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Program with Environmental Fund funding for a total not to exceed amount of \$70,510 with \$204,820 in matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Center has requested additional funding to continue to support the Ridgway's rail veterinary care, diet and nutrition; personnel; exhibit upgrades and maintenance; and marketing and interpretation; and

WHEREAS, the Center's requested program funding would support staff training to breed and raise Ridgway's rail chicks to adulthood; maintain artificial nesting platforms; upgrade and enhance current Ridgway's rail educational exhibits; and conduct annual Ridgway's rail surveys in Southern California salt marshes; and

WHEREAS, the Center would provide \$22,000 in matching funds; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends funding the Center's endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Program in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for four years.

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 to enter into an agreement with the Living Coast Discovery Center to be funded by the Environmental Fund, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 730- Port Environmental Advisory Committee Policy, for the endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Program in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for four years with \$22,000 in matching funds.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Senior/Deputy

20xx-xxx

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 12th day of June, 2018, by the following vote: