

**DRAFT****SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT****ORDINANCE xxxx****ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S FY2023 BUDGET, INCREASING EQUIPMENT OUTLAY AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATED ITEM, FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, BY \$175,000 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**, project spending will occur over the next three fiscal years as follows:

Fiscal Year	Funding Amount	Activity
2023	\$175,000	Procurement, design, permitting, and travel
2024	\$800,000	Monitoring, construction, and travel
2025	\$25,000	Monitoring, and travel

**WHEREAS**, there is no match funding requirement and funds are available starting on September 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for future fiscal years will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year, subject to approval by the Board of Port Commissioners upon adoption of each fiscal year's budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2023 Budget is hereby amended to increase equipment outlay and other capital projects appropriated item, for the Environmental Conservation Department by \$175,000 for the Habitat-Friendly Shoreline Structures: Nature-Based Shoreline Solutions Along Harbor Island Park in San Diego Bay Project.

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Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day from its passage by the Board of Port Commissioners.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

**Attachment A**

Financial Assistance Award  
(to be attached prior to execution)