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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING BOARD OF PORT
COMMISSIONERS POLICY NO. 451: USE OF THE
DISTRICT'S PORTABLE STAGE**

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, for more than 20 years, the District has owned, maintained, and installed a portable stage per BPC Policy No. 451: Use of the District's Portable Stage; and

WHEREAS, the policy provided the portable stage for use at both District-sponsored and internal agency-produced events; and

WHEREAS, General Services staff determined in late 2019 that the portable stage is now well-beyond its useful service life and has deteriorated to the point that it is no longer a viable asset; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the costs associated with acquiring a single replacement portable stage, the long-term storage and maintenance requirements, the labor related expenses required to deliver, install and strike the stage, plus safety considerations, staff does not recommend replacing this asset; and

WHEREAS, during staff's review of the matter, staff determined that the as-needed rental of a portable stage from a commercial provider is a more cost-effective solution that allows for greater flexibility in size and features to best fit each event's unique footprint and needs; and

WHEREAS, renting also allows for the use of stages at events occurring on the same day at different locations and has lesser legal risks than owning a stage and using District workers to perform the tasks related to providing a stage (e.g., maintenance, set-up and break-down, transportation); and

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WHEREAS, historically, the District stage has been used primarily for external events that have applied for District sponsorship under the annual Tidelands Activation Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, as part of the FY21 TAP application process, applicants were already informed that the District's portable stage was decommissioned and no longer available for sponsorship request; and

WHEREAS, if a TAP event requires the use of a stage, the applicant will include the cost of a stage rental in their itemized budget of event-related expenses which they provide to staff as part of the TAP application process; and

WHEREAS, most events, including TAP Signature Events and business negotiated events, often require multiple stages and desire appropriately sized contemporary stages that are suitable for the special event needs and in most instances the District's portable stage was not used as the main event stage; and

WHEREAS, as a current practice, members of the general public and other event producers who request park permits, do not request the District's portable stage and already contract directly with professional equipment rental companies; and

WHEREAS, this agenda item requests the BPC adopt a resolution to rescind BPC Policy No. 451: Use of the District's Portable Stage, and enable the District to implement a more efficient, effective and economical business practice for providing stage services for District-produced events on tidelands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, hereby rescind BPC Policy No. 451: Use of the District's Portable Stage.

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 11th day of February 2020, by the following vote: