

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT AND CANADA'S OCEAN SUPERCLUSTER TO ADVANCE A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP TO COOPERATIVELY EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAM ALIGNMENT AND INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND SCALING OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE THE BLUE ECONOMY AT PORTS**

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, since 2020, with support from the Consulate of Canada in San Diego, the District's Aquaculture and Blue Technology team has been exploring collaborative partnership opportunities with Canada's Ocean Supercluster (OSC); and

WHEREAS, OSC is a private sector-led partnership concentrated in Atlantic Canada that brings together startups, scaleups, and mature organizations to increase sustainable innovation and modernization across oceans sectors; and

WHEREAS, District and OSC staff have identified various collaborative opportunities that may benefit each organization and emerging businesses in their respective Blue Economy innovation ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, to move these opportunities forward, and to establish a collaborative partnership with OSC, staff requests authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OSC (Attachment A to the corresponding Agenda on file in the Office of the District Clerk); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MOU is to advance a collaborative partnership to cooperatively explore opportunities for program alignment and investment to support the development and scaling of innovative solutions that promote the Blue Economy at ports.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District that the District's Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the District to enter into a "Memorandum of Understanding" with Canada's Ocean Supercluster to advance a collaborative partnership to cooperatively explore opportunities for program alignment and investment to support the development and scaling of innovative solutions that promote the Blue Economy at ports.

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 15th day of June 2021, by the following vote: