



DATE: October 26, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department – Harbor and Beaches

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT MITIGATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) TO BE USED FOR THE REGIONAL BEACH SAND PROJECT II**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution requesting that funds in the approximate amount of \$37,000 be released from the California Coastal Commission's Beach Sand Replenishment Mitigation Fund administered by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), to be used for the Regional Beach Sand Project II (RBSP II). SANDAG will retain the funds; this resolution is required by the California Coastal Commission prior to the release of funds.

BACKGROUND

In 2001, SANDAG implemented a Regional Beach Sand Project (RBSP) that placed 2.1 million cubic yards of sand on the region's beaches. In 2004, SANDAG adopted a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), a strategic land use planning framework for the San Diego region through 2030. The RCP supports the implementation of further beach replenishment projects.

In 2008, SANDAG received a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for \$6.5 million for the first year project implementation for the project. In 2009, SANDAG received funds in the amount of \$6.5 million; in 2010 \$5.8 million was received. This three-year funding will provide SANDAG's 85 percent cost for the project. The City is to provide the remaining 15 percent.

Oceanside was originally scheduled to receive 420,000 cubic yards of sand, placed between Wisconsin and Cassidy Streets at a cost of \$700,542. Oceanside negotiated with SANDAG to lower the cost and sand quantity to \$600,000 for 300,000 cubic-yards. A budget appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 was approved by the City Council on October 20, 2010. The lower quantity of sand is still expected to make a significant impact on the beach for more than five years. The City's 15 percent share, \$600,000, will be paid to SANDAG in three equal installments over a three-year period.

The project is scheduled to put the sand on the beach in spring of 2012.

ANALYSIS

The City of Oceanside's Local Coastal Plan establishes and provides for the collection of a sand mitigation fee which is collected as mitigation for the potential adverse impacts associated with the construction of shoreline protection structures along the City's coastline. When a project applicant proposes to construct a new shoreline protection device such as a seawall or revetment, a fee is assessed by the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 19.87.050; the fee is paid by the applicant directly to SANDAG and is held in an interest-bearing account that is administered by SANDAG. The purpose of the fund is "...to aid SANDAG, the city or a commission-approved alternate entity, in the restoration of the beaches within San Diego County" and "shall solely be used to implement projects which provide sand to the region's beaches, not to fund operations, maintenance or planning studies." The SANDAG-administered Beach Sand Replenishment Fund for the City of Oceanside currently has a balance of over \$37,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's 15 percent share of \$600,000 will be paid to SANDAG in three equal installments over a three-year period. The funds have been appropriated by the City Council and are being held in Account #600625101.5325.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution requesting that funds in the approximate amount of \$37,000 be released from the California Coastal Commission's Beach Sand Replenishment Mitigation Fund administered by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), to be used for the Regional Beach Sand Project II (RBSP II). SANDAG will retain the funds; this resolution is required by the California Coastal Commission prior to the release of funds.

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1 RESOLUTION NO. _____

2 RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE
3 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S BEACH SAND
4 REPLENISHMENT/MITIGATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY
5 THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
6 (SANDAG) TO BE USED FOR THE REGIONAL BEACH SAND
7 PROJECT II (RBSPII)

8 WHEREAS, in 1996, SANDAG adopted the Shoreline Preservation Strategy (Strategy)
9 that outlines an extensive beach building and maintenance program for the critical shoreline
10 erosion areas in the region, containing a comprehensive set of recommendations on the beach
11 building program and on financing and implementation; and

12 WHEREAS, IN 2001, SANDAG successfully implemented a Regional Beach Sand
13 Project (RBSP) that placed 2.1 million cubic yards of sand on 12 beaches in the San Diego
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2004, SANDAG adopted the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP),
16 which is a strategic land use planning framework for the San Diego region through 2030 that
17 supports the continued implementation of the Strategy, outlining the preservation and
18 enhancement of the region's beaches and near shore areas as environmental and recreational
19 resources that must be protected; and

20 WHEREAS, the San Diego region is committed to implementing the Strategy and RCP;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the region's Coastal Cities, including the City of Oceanside, have
23 expressed an interest and desire to implement another such project, the Regional Beach Sand
24 Project II (the "Project") on a regional basis, as economies of scale and efficiencies would
25 likely result in a more productive and successful project; and

26 WHEREAS, a number benefits, including recreational, economic, and public safety
27 enhancements, protection of infrastructure, and increases in habitat would occur as the result of
28 beach nourishment; and

WHEREAS, the Beach Sand Replenishment/Mitigation Fund consists of fees collected

1 by the California Coastal Commission through the City's coastal development permit process
2 for potential adverse impacts associated with the construction of shoreline protection devices
3 such as seawalls and revetments; and

4 WHEREAS, the fees are deposited in an interest-bearing account created and
5 administered by SANDAG, with all interest earned and payable to the account for purposes
6 stated below; and

7 WHEREAS, the purpose of the account is to provide a Beach Sand
8 Replenishment/Mitigation Fund to aid local governments, working cooperatively with
9 SANDAG, in the restoration and replenishment of beaches within San Diego County; and

10 WHEREAS, the funds will be solely used to implement projects which provide sand to
11 the region's beaches; and

12 WHEREAS, the Regional Beach Sand Project II will place 300,000 cubic yards of beach
13 quality sand on the beach in the City of Oceanside.

14 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside
15 as follows:

- 16 1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct.
- 17 2. According to the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Coastal
18 Commission and SANDAG, the Beach Sand Replenishment/Mitigation Funds are
19 available for projects that place sand on the beach.
- 20 3. That the City Council approves the request to utilize all available funding from the
21 Beach Sand Replenishment/Mitigation Fund for the City of Oceanside to be used for
22 construction of SANDAG's Regional Beach Sand Project II.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside at its meeting
2 held on the 12th day of October 2011, by the following vote:
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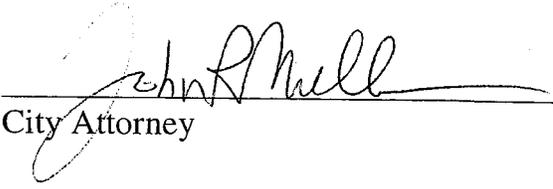
4 AYES:
5 NAYS:
6 ABSENT:
7 ABSTAIN:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Clerk

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City Attorney

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26 SAND REPLENISHMENT/MITIGATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE SAN DIEGO
27 ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) TO BE USED FOR THE REGIONAL BEACH SAND
28 PROJECT II (RBSPII)