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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 March 28, 2017

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF FLOATING DOCKS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The proposed action will authorize the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of floating docks for installation at the Department of Beaches and Harbors' transient dock area at Burton Chace Park in Marina del Rey, at an estimated cost of \$403,000.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Class 2 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 1987 and Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Replacement or Reconstruction).
2. Authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of floating docks for the Department of Beaches and Harbors, at an estimated cost of \$403,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) requires replacement of its 2005 floating dock system located at Marina del Rey's Burton Chace Park transient dock area, immediately adjacent to the Department's Boathouse facility. Replacement is required because, due to the harsh

marine environment, many connecting parts and pieces are rusted and need replacement, but they are no longer sold by the vendor. Additionally, the transient docks have undergone reconstruction and no longer have the same slip configuration as they did in 2005. Therefore, the current floating dock system does not adequately fit into the new slip configuration and its materials are incompatible. The replacement docks will be made of concrete, which is more durable than the current plastic floating dock system, and will be designed to adequately fit into the new slip configuration.

The floating docks are currently used to operate the Department's Water Awareness, Training, Education, and Recreation (W.A.T.E.R.) Program's sailing camps that teach youth ages 11-17 basic and advanced sailing skills through week-long sessions. The docks provide a safe place out of the water for the students to learn how to rig and prepare the vessels for sailing, as well as to practice docking the vessels. The docks will also serve as a launching area for kayak rentals that will be offered by the Department once the construction of the Boathouse is complete.

The proposed dock purchase includes a low-profile dock that will be added to the adjacent Parcel 77, which will provide a safer launching area for the Department's dinghy storage permittees, including two Marina del Rey rowing clubs that operate out of Parcel 77.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed purchase of the floating docks will promote and further the Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal of Fostering Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II) by allowing the Department to provide safer and longer-lasting docks to ease the public's water access for recreational activities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total cost of the floating docks is estimated to be \$403,000. The cost of the floating docks will be funded using the Department's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds, which are to be used for Marina visitor-serving events, attractions and programs. Enhancing the Department's current recreational youth programming, while also expanding the public's access to recreational water activities in Marina del Rey, meet this requirement.

#### **Operating Budget Impact**

There is sufficient funding in the Department's FY 2016-17 Final Adopted Budget for the purchase of the floating docks. No additional net County cost is required for this acquisition.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This proposed action is authorized by Government Code Section 25501 and complies with the County Equipment Policy approved by your Board on October 16, 2001, which requires departments to obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15302 Class 2 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 2 (a) of the County's

Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacing an existing facility with a new structure of substantially similar size.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase that will be made pursuant to Government Code Section 25501, the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The acquisition will be competitively bid by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the standard County purchasing policies and procedures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Your Board's approval of the proposed action will allow the Department to continue to effectively offer recreational activities in a safe manner to Los Angeles County youth, while also providing improved access to the water for the public's enjoyment.

### **CONCLUSION**

Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send two copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please contact Penelope Rodriguez, Principal Real Property Agent, at (310) 305-9563 or [prodriguez@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:prodriguez@bh.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Jones', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

GARY JONES

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer