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NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 6.1

TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: 2026 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan – Review

ABSTRACT:

Staff will provide an overview of the draft 2026 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan. The Harbor Commission is requested to provide initial comments this evening, then consider final approval at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.
2. Receive and file.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

At the direction of the City Council, the Harbor Commission assists in developing the Harbor and Beaches Master Plan ("Plan") which identifies future, larger capital projects and the funding mechanisms to achieve those goals. It is designed to be a "living document" to provide a roadmap for harbor and beach-based projects, but it also has the flexibility to be adjusted as needed. It should be considered a planning document to assist in the creation of the annual Capital Improvement Program which ultimately becomes part of the City's annual budget.

The Harbor Commission is requested to provide initial feedback at tonight's meeting. Then, at the next meeting, the Harbor Commission may approve the document so it could be forwarded to the City Council's Finance Committee for review in early 2026.

Attached is the proposed draft 2026 Plan which includes staff edits to reflect current conditions. Please note that proofreading (general cleanup, date adjustments, formatting etc.) will occur before the Plan is finalized at later date.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the Harbor Commission find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Harbor Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – 2026 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan DRAFT