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NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

November 8, 2023
Agenda Item No. 6.1

TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: 2024 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan – Approve

ABSTRACT:

Staff will provide an overview of the 2024 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan. The Harbor Commission is requested to approve the plan so it can be forwarded to the Finance Committee in early 2024.

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; and
- 2) Approve the 2024 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan and recommend staff forward to the Finance Committee for consideration.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council directs the Harbor Commission to assist in developing the Harbor and Beaches Master Plan (Plan) which identifies future, larger, capital projects and the funding mechanisms to achieve those goals. The Plan is designed to be a “living document” which provides a roadmap for harbor and beach-based projects yet still maintaining the flexibility to adjust as needed. The City’s Capital Improvement Program pulls the projects identified in the Plan into the City’s annual budget each year.

The Harbor Commission is requested to approve the Plan so it can be forwarded to the City Council’s Finance Committee for review.

Attached is the current, approved 2023 Plan. Please note that the smaller details (e.g., dates and project dollar amounts) within the Plan will be addressed when the Plan is finalized by the Finance Department later.

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 – 2023 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan