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Harbor Commission Staff Report

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TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Create and Appoint Members to a Proposed State Lands Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

ABSTRACT:

At the Harbor Commission meeting on July 8, 2026, the Harbor Commission requested consideration of establishing a subcommittee to review and discuss State Lands Commission directions related to Newport Harbor. Once convened, the subcommittee will provide recommendations and updates during future Harbor Commission meetings.

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 because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Establish a subcommittee and appoint Harbor Commissioners to review, discuss and recommend items from the State Lands Commission. Identify up to three Harbor Commissioners to serve on the subcommittee.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

The Harbor Commission typically sets up Ad-Hoc Committees or Sub-committees to review various policies within the harbor. Based on recent discussions at a Harbor Commission meeting, the Commissioners requested a new ad hoc subcommittee be convened to review and discuss items that impact Newport Harbor from the State Lands Commission.

The purpose of the subcommittee is to review, discuss and recommend relevant topics presented by the State Lands Commission. The subcommittee will also develop and consider potential new recommendations.

The subcommittee will return to the full Harbor Commission and report on its efforts and any recommendations. The public will also have the opportunity to review and comment on any recommendations provided by the subcommittee.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to 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 City Council considers the item).