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# NEWPORT BEACH

## Harbor Commission Staff Report

July 9, 2025  
Agenda Item No. 7.1

**TO:** HARBOR COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** 2026 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan – Assign to Ad Hoc Committee for Initial Review

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**ABSTRACT:**

Harbor Commission Objective Number 5 states that the ad hoc committee identify opportunities to add additional Harbor Services which includes various infrastructure related projects. The ad hoc committee, therefore, is requested to review the current 2025 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan and to return to the Commission later this fall with recommendations for the 2026 plan.

**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.
2. Assign the Harbor Commission ad hoc committee for Objective Number 5 to review the 2025 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan, and to return to the Commission with a recommendation later this fall.

**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 Harbor Commission, via various ad hoc committees, maintains objectives to support the Commission’s overall mission and essential responsibilities. Objective Number 5 focuses on identifying opportunities to add additional Harbor Services, whether through programs or infrastructure projects. Therefore, it is appropriate for the ad hoc committee assigned to Objective Number 5 to review the Plan and to return to the Commission later this fall with recommendations for the following year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item. The projects within the Plan will be individually reviewed and approved by the City Council at later dates as recommended within the Plan.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the Harbor Commission 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 Harbor Commission considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – 2025 Harbor and Beaches Master Plan