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NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 7.3

TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Navigational Aids Welcoming Boaters into Newport Harbor

ABSTRACT:

There is currently a navigational aid on the west end of the Newport Jetty to aid boaters as they enter into Newport Harbor. The current structure is functional, however may not be considered as welcoming as it could be to boaters. The United States Coast Guard is contemplating a replacement program and there may be an opportunity to enhance the look of the navigational aid.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Receive and file and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

There is currently a navigational aid on the west end of the Newport Jetty to aid boaters as they enter into Newport Harbor. The current structure is functional, however may not be considered as welcoming as it could be to boaters. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is contemplating a replacement program and there may be an opportunity to enhance the look of the navigational aid. For reference Attachment A is the 2016 Newport Bay Harbor Structure Condition Inspection Report prepared for the United States Coast Guard.

There may be an opportunity to work with the USCG and private individuals to enhance the look of the navigational aid at the entrance to the harbor.

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 - 2016 Newport Bay Harbor Structure Condition Inspection