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NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 6.2

TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Update on the Water Wheel

ABSTRACT:

The City has a robust water quality program that is overseen by the Public Works Department and the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee. In June of 2019, the City entered into an agreement with the State of California Natural Resources Agency for the Newport Bay Water Wheel Project. Public Works staff will provide a presentation on this project.

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; and
- 2) Receive and file.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The City received a \$1,6800,000 grant from the State of California Natural Resources Agency. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,688,000.

DISCUSSION:

Staff will present a report on this capital improvement project to the Harbor Commission.

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).