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NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 6.4

TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Ad Hoc Committee Updates

ABSTRACT:

Several ad hoc committees have been established to address short term projects outside of the 2021 Harbor Commission objectives. The ad hoc committees will provide an update on their projects.

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:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

The Harbor Commission has established three Ad Hoc Committees to provide further review of issues that have arisen outside the adoption of the 2021 Objectives or at the request of City Council. This is the time the Ad Hoc Committees will update the Harbor Commission on their progress.

The Ad Hoc Committees are:

- Floats attached to docks and piers – Commissioners Marston and Yahn (1/31/21)

- Review of Council Policy H-1, Harbor Permit Policy – Chair Kenney and Commissioners Williams and Yahn (2/10/21).
- Lower Newport Bay Confirmed Aquatic Disposal site – Secretary Beer and Commissioner Yahn (4/14/21).
- Affordable Access Project – Commissioners Cunningham, Marston and Scully (7/14/2021)

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.

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).