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Council Policy H-1 - Harbor Commission Review of Proposed Changes

As a result of recent applications for dock extensions and reconfigurations brought before the City Council, the City Council raised a concern regarding the inability of the Harbor Commission to resolve applications. The City Council requested the Harbor Commission review the policy and recommend changes that may allow them to approve dock permit applications that cannot otherwise be approved by staff. The Harbor Commission established a subcommittee at the February 10, 2021 Harbor Commission meeting, to review City Council Policy H-1, Harbor Permit Policy, to clarify the Policy's intent and process in order to assist staff and the Harbor Commission when considering future applications. The City Council also directed the Harbor Commission to review the recent changes adopted in 2020 and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding any proposed revisions thereto.

Recommendation:

- 1) Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- 2) Review, modify and/or approve changes proposed by the Harbor Commission subcommittee to Council Policy H-1 and forward the recommendations to the City Council for consideration.