



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**



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October 17, 2001

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION CERTIFYING APPROVAL OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR \$185,455 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, OFFICE OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A COASTAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN (3rd and 4th DISTRICTS)(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that preparation of a coastal oil spill contingency plan is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached Resolution certifying your Board's approval of a grant in the amount of \$185,455 from the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response for the update of the Los Angeles County Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan, and appointing the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors agent of the County to sign the grant agreement and all documents pertaining to the acceptance of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Oil spills on the world's oceans are recognized as a major pollution problem. Most spills are of a small scale and are relatively easy to contain if observed in time and responded to with appropriate measures. A key factor in effectively mitigating oil spills is contingency planning. Oil spill response procedures must be planned in advance in detail and include alternatives in strategy and priorities for coastal protection.

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors' (DBH) current Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan needs to be updated. The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages County departments to seek grant funds for the development and updating of Emergency Response Operations, including the County's Oil Spill Response Program. The California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Preparation and Response's (DFG-OSPR) grant, funded through the provisions of SB 2040, will enable the County to update its Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

The objectives of the project are twofold:

1. To develop a Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan Element as a stand-alone appendix to the Hazardous Materials Area Plans for the unincorporated coastal and marine areas operated by the County, and the cities of Malibu, Avalon, Santa Monica, and Long Beach.
2. To revise the current Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan in an effort to improve coordinated oil spill response and cleanup efforts between Los Angeles County, State, and Federal agencies.

Involved County departments will be DBH, the Fire Department, including its Prevention Bureau (Health Hazardous Materials Division) and Special Operations Division (Lifeguard Operations), and the Sheriff's Department's Harbor Master and Harbor Patrol. Staff from the Cities of Santa Monica and Avalon's Fire and Planning Departments and the City of Long Beach Fire Department will also be involved in the development of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan relevant to their jurisdictions. While DBH has taken the lead role in acquiring and managing the DFG-OSPR grant, the Los Angeles County Fire Department's

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Special Operations Division (Lifeguard Operations) has agreed to take the lead in preparing the Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County, by updating its Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan, will further the Strategic Plan goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The establishment of procedural guidelines for the timely and efficient handling of oil spill damages at County beaches and Marina del Rey will ensure that the County is prepared in the event of an oil spill emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of the attached Resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$185,455 from DFG-OSPR will allow the County to update its Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan. There is no County cost for the development of the Plan, as the cost of the project will be fully reimbursed by the grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Cities of Malibu, Santa Monica, Avalon, and Long Beach have agreed to include their coastal jurisdictions in the Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

The County's Beach Commission approved the recommended action on August 22, 2001.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The preparation of a coastal oil spill contingency plan is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15306 (Information Collection) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 6 and 8 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on other County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return the executed Resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with one approved copy of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachments (1) {Resolution}

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,455 FROM THE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S

OFFICE OF OIL SPILL AND RESPONSE

FOR THE UPDATE OF THE COASTAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is desirous of updating its Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan to improve coordinated oil spill response and cleanup efforts between Los Angeles County, State, and Federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the People of the State of California have enacted the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990, which appropriates funds for grants to local governments to prepare oil spill contingency plan elements of area plans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Fish and Game, Oil Spill Prevention and Response (DFG-OSPR), has been delegated the responsibility for implementation of the grant program within the State, establishing necessary procedures governing application and selection of grant recipients under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the DFG-OSPR require the County of Los Angeles to certify by resolution the approval of the grant agreement before submission of said agreement to the State; and

WHEREAS, said agreement contains terms and conditions that the County of Los Angeles must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is willing to enter into an agreement with the State of California to update its Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors by adoption of this Resolution hereby requests that the DFG-OSPR provide a grant in the amount of \$185,455 for the purpose of updating the County's Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County of Los Angeles agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement and the Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors hereby authorizes its Director of Beaches and Harbors to sign all necessary documents to obtain the grant and to accept the grant for the purpose stated above.


The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2001 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By:  _____
Deputy