

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315513DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 24 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO FOR THE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY FOR CONTINUED EVALUATION OF THE ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACTS ON SAN DIEGO'S COASTAL KELP FORESTS IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15306.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is considering extending a contract for monitoring and evaluation of coastal kelp forests (Project); and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code section 21000-21189.10), section 21084, states that the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regs., title 14, §§ 15000 to 15387) shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines §§ 15300-15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Planning and Research and adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency for those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines § 15306 sets forth a categorical exemption for information collection; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has established that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15306 and that no exception to the exemption, as set forth in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2, applies to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego (City Council) considered the potential environmental effects of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as public comment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, using its independent judgment, determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines § 15306 because it involves information collection without serious or major disturbance to environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, using its independent judgment, determined that no exception outlined in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 applies to the Project because no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; none of the land is adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources will be affected by the action and none of the land is identified on a list of hazardous waste sites under California Government Code § 65962.5; and

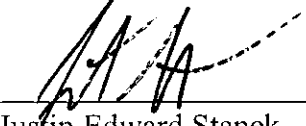
WHEREAS, the office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by affected third parties and verified by City Staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The City Council has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15306.

2. The City Council has determined that an exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 does not apply.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 
Justin Edward Stanek
Deputy City Attorney

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April 26, 2024
Or.Dept: Public Utilities Department
Doc. No. 3633032

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAY 14 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5/24/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on MAY 14 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage MAY 24 2024.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY: TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal) DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Kristell Medina, Deputy

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