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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 7
TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO HOST TWO
SEA GRANT FELLOWS FOR AN ADDITIONAL
\$156,051 AND EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT
FOR ONE YEAR, FOR A NEW NOT TO EXCEED
TOTAL OF \$895,422. FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2024 HAVE BEEN BUDGETED**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the California Sea Grant Program provides a unique educational and professional opportunity for graduate students who are interested in coastal and marine resources, and the policy decisions affecting those resources, and is designed to provide recent university graduate students an opportunity to acquire “on the job” experience in the planning and implementation of coastal and marine resource policies and program; and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant is a unique partnership that unites the resources of the federal government, the State of California and universities across the state to create knowledge, products and services that benefit the economy, the environment and the citizens of California; and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant is one of 33 state programs funded by the National Sea Grant College Program, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with matching funds come from the state and private sources; and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant is administered by Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and the Regents of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD); and

WHEREAS, the Sea Grant Fellowship program matches highly motivated and outstanding graduate students with “hosts” agencies from municipal, state, and federal agencies within California; and

WHEREAS, the District became a host agency for the first time in 2017 and since then, has annually supported one to three Sea Grant Fellows in the Planning & Environmental Division; and

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WHEREAS, as a host agency the District provides an educational opportunity to fellows who will, in turn, provide substantial professional contributions and to work with other staff and/or leadership, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, hosts are expected to supervise, mentor, and provide opportunities for fellows to be involved in critical issues that support the fellow's professional and educational goals; and

WHEREAS, host agencies are expected to contribute 75% of the costs to support the first fellow, and any additional fellows to be supported at 100% through an agreement with the Regents; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, by Resolution No. 2017-010, the Board of Port Commissioners (Board) approved an agreement with the Regents of the University of California (Regents) to host three California Sea Grant State Fellows for one year in the amount of \$175,067, and for mutual indemnification (Agreement No. 6171-2017); and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2018, Amendment No. 1 to this agreement was approved by the Board to allow the District to host two new Sea Grant Fellows for one year and to extend a current fellow for an additional five months for a total amount of \$138,953 bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$314,020; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2019, Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with the Regents was approved by the Board to allow the District to host two new California Sea Grant Fellows for one year in the amount of \$116,092, as well as extend one current Sea Grant Fellow for an additional nine and one half months for an amount of \$138,778 bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$452,798; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with the Regents was approved by the Board to allow the District to host two new California Sea Grant Fellows for one year in the amount of \$127,049, as well as extend the two current Sea Grant Fellows, one for an additional nine and one half months at \$15,670 (credit applied from FY19), and the second for an additional four and a half months at \$28,237 for a total amount of \$170,956, for four fellows, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$623,754; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, Amendment No. 4 extended the agreement for time only, from March 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022, with no increase in funding as surplus funds from 2020 were used to support the 2021 fellowship; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with the Regents was approved by the Board to allow the District to host one new

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California Sea Grant Fellow for one year in the amount of \$57,809, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$681,563; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022, Amendment No. 6 to the agreement with the Regents was approved by the Board to allow the District to host one new California Sea Grant Fellow for one year in the amount of \$57,809, bringing the total not-exceed amount to \$739,371; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with the Regents will allow the District to host two new California Sea Grant Fellows, beginning in early 2024, for one year in the amount of \$156,051, bringing the total not-exceed amount to \$895,422; and

WHEREAS, District staff recommends that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing Amendment No. 7 to Agreement with the Regents of the University of California to host California Sea Grant Fellows extending the agreement for one year and increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$156,051 for a new total of \$895,422.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement with the Regents of the University of California to host Sea Grant Fellows for an additional \$156,051 and extend the agreement for one year, for a new not to exceed agreement total of \$895,422.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 5th day of December 2023, by the following vote: