

**DRAFT****RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx**

**RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES INC., DUDEK, GHD INC., ICF JONES & STOKES INC., TIERRA DATA INC., AND WSP USA, INC. TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. FUNDS REQUIRED FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL UPON ADOPTION OF EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET**

**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 Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, as an environmental champion for San Diego Bay, the District manages and protects natural resources in and around tidelands, which includes, but is not limited to, the monitoring and protection of sensitive species and habitats, promotion of sustainable development, the fostering and furthering of public awareness of natural resources issues, in-water construction permit compliance, mitigation monitoring, and continued support of related scientific research; and

**WHEREAS**, staff provides support for the Environmental Advisory Committee, the Environmental Fund, coordination and management of the Environmental Education Program, support for the Capital Projects and Major Maintenance and administrative support for the Chula Vista Wildlife Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to complete tasks effectively and efficiently, District staff rely on additional expertise and assistance of qualified consultants to assist with various tasks, including but not limited to, management of endangered species and natural resources; coordinating predator control and invasive species management activities; coordinating preservation and enhancement of sensitive species and habitats; research and preparation specific to mitigation

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banking; regulatory permit compliance; wetland jurisdictional delineations, pursuit of grant funding; coordination of project reviews with stakeholders; preparation of presentations and other information documents; and additional special assignments and tasks benefitting the health of San Diego Bay, as determined on a case-by-case basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the BPC authorized on-call natural resources agreements with six consultant firms on June 14, 2022 (Resolution #2018-0162), which will expire on June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, to continue working on natural resources issues, staff recommends entering into new five-year agreements for as-needed natural resources management services with six consulting firms to commence on July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 7, 2025, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 110, the District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ #24-30JLR) for As-Needed Natural Resources Management Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFQ notification was sent to 2,100 vendors via PlanetBids and the District received eleven responsive proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, staff reviewed each of the eleven proposals and evaluated them using criteria established in the RFQ.; and

**WHEREAS**, based on review of the proposals, staff recommends authorizing agreements with these six firms to provide on-call natural resources management services for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a period of five years: AECOM Technical Services Inc, Dudek, GHD Inc., ICF Jones & Stokes Inc., Tierra Data Inc., and, WSP USA Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision analysis conducted per the RFQ, determined that all six firms demonstrated the needed relevant experience, a thorough and thoughtful approach with a good understanding of the District's issues related to natural resource projects, all with fair and reasonable costs and it was determined that each of the six firms would provide unique value to the Districts as-needed natural resources management requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for the first year of the agreement are budgeted in the FY 2026 Environmental Conservation's proposed budget for On-Call Natural Resource Consultant subject to BPC approval; and

**WHEREAS**, funds required for future fiscal years will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year, subject to BPC approval upon adoption of each fiscal year's budget.

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

That the Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with AECOM Technical Services Inc., Dudek, GHD Inc., ICF Jones & Stokes Inc., Tierra Data Inc., and WSP USA Inc. for on-call natural resources management services for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for a period of five years.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 6th day of June 2025, by the following vote: