

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx**

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CONSULTING SERVICES: ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.; CHAMBERS GROUP, INC.; DUDEK; ECorp CONSULTING, INC.; EPD SOLUTIONS, INC.; EYESTONE ENVIRONMENTAL LLC; GHD INC.; HDR ENGINEERING, INC.; STANTEC; AND SUMMIT PLANNING GROUP, LLC. ALL 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

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, the District's Planning Department performs a variety of environmental and land use planning research, analyses, and regulatory document preparation for District-initiated projects, plans, policies, and studies; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department develops long-range and master planning programs and projects, and also completes environmental review (e.g., review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)) and entitlements (e.g., coastal development permits) for initiatives in the other departments of the Sustainability & Innovation Branch – Aquaculture and Blue Technology, Climate & Sustainability, Environmental Conservation, and Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Planning Department has established as-needed environmental review, technical services and specialties, and master planning consulting services agreements ("as-needed agreements") in order to retain consultants in a more efficient manner to facilitate project processing; and

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WHEREAS, the existing as-needed agreements were approved by the BPC in 2020 and staff proposes to establish a new set of as-needed agreements for future projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 110, District staff issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-32RH for as-needed environmental review and master planning/urban design consulting services on January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District received a total of 24 responsive submittals, from 19 different firms; and

WHEREAS, based on the written proposals and a decision analysis conducted utilizing the criteria stated in the RFQ, and in order to maximize flexibility and efficiency in retaining the appropriate consultants to assist with the District's planning efforts, District staff is recommending the BPC select and authorize agreements with the following firms for As-Needed Environmental Review Consulting Services: Ascent Environmental, Inc.; Chambers Group, Inc.; Dudek; ECORP Consulting, Inc.; EPD Solutions, Inc.; Eyestone Environmental LLC; GHD Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Stantec; and Summit Planning Group, LLC; and

WHEREAS, due to the numerous work efforts anticipated and the variety of tasks that may be needed, retaining several as-needed consultants will establish a greater capacity to work on multiple projects concurrently and the ability to cover various environmental review and land use planning-related specialties; and

WHEREAS, a full list of the firms and a summary of their experience is included in Attachment A to the corresponding agenda item on file with the Office of the District Clerk; and

WHEREAS, upon BPC approval, Agreement Nos. 54-2025RH through 63-2025RH will be executed for Category 1 (Environmental Review) of the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, each agreement is for a five-year period beginning July 16, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate total of all agreements in this Resolution 20XX-XXX and 20XX-XXX will not exceed \$5 million; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed BPC action, including without limitation approving the selection and authorization of five-year agreements for as-needed environmental review consulting services, does not constitute a project under the

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definition set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because the proposed BPC action will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; therefore, the proposed BPC action is not subject to CEQA and no further action under CEQA is required; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BPC action complies with Sections 21, 35, and 81 of the Port Act, which allow for the BPC to pass resolutions and to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and to use funds for necessary expenses of conducting the District; and

WHEREAS, the Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine; consequently, the proposed BPC action is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BPC action does not allow for “development”, as defined in Section 30106 of the Coastal Act, or “new development” pursuant to Section 1.a. of the District’s Coastal Development Permit Regulations; therefore, issuance of a Coastal Development Permit or exclusion is not required.

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 their designated representative is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into agreements with Ascent Environmental, Inc.; Chambers Group, Inc.; Dudek; ECORP Consulting, Inc.; EPD Solutions, Inc.; Eyestone Environmental LLC; GHD Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Stantec; and Summit Planning Group, LLC, for As-Needed Environmental Review Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

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 15th day of July 2025, by the following vote: