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Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution to Acknowledge Receipt of, Accept and Agree to the California Coastal Commission's Modifications to the Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan Fifth Amendment and to Approve the Fifth Amendment As So Modified; Find that Approval of the Fifth Amendment As Modified is Exempt from the California **Environmental Quality Act**

Recommendations:

- 1) Adopt the attached Resolution to acknowledge receipt of, accept and agree to the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to your Board's fifth amendment to the Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan (PWP) and approve the fifth amendment to the PWP as modified by the Commission.
- 2) Find that approval of the fifth amendment to the Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan (as modified) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

Discussion:

The Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan, certified by the California Coastal Commission (Commission) on September 19, 1986, was amended by your Board on

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July 22, 2014, to allow for the installation of telecommunications facilities and infrastructure within non-residential areas of the Harbor. This adopted amendment (PWPA5) was then forwarded to the Commission for review and action. On May 13, 2015, the Commission heard (with no public comment), discussed and approved PWPA5 with three suggested modifications. In order for PWPA5 to take effect, your Board must acknowledge receipt of, accept and agree to the Commission's proposed modifications, which are as follows (language recommended by the Commission to be added to PWPA5 is shown below in <u>underline):</u>

1. Suggested Modification No. 1

Add policy 1 to Section 3.7 entitled "Telecommunication Infrastructure":

Freestanding cell tower facilities on the east side of the harbor shall be minimized in number. To the extent feasible, such facilities shall be incidental to the principal designated land use of each site. Wireless communication facilities shall not be located in designated view corridors.

2. Suggested Modification No. 2

Add Policy 2 to Section 3.7 entitled "Telecommunication Infrastructure":

To the extent feasible, wireless communication equipment shelters shall be incorporated into structures or otherwise screened from public views of the harbor.

3. Suggested Modification No. 3

Add Policy 3 to Section 3.7 entitled "Telecommunication Infrastructure":

All equipment, antennas, poles, towers, artificial screens or any other equipment related to the operation of the wireless or other telecommunication facility shall be removed and the site restored to its pre-installation condition by the service provider/permittee within 30 days after the facility is no longer in operation or is abandoned.

The Commission's modifications to PWPA5 must be accepted by your Board before the Commission approval of the amendment is deemed final. Once adopted by your Board, the attached Resolution will be forwarded to the Commission's Executive Director to be reviewed for conformance with the Commission's action at its May 2015 hearing.

CEQA

Your Board's action on this project is exempt from CEQA because the Commission's action met the requirements of CEQA under the terms of the Commission's Certified Regulatory Program.

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The County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter and attachment.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at 973-5952.

Resolution