



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: APRIL 2, 2014

FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ – ADOPTION OF THE CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION OF THE PORT OF LOS
ANGELES MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

SUMMARY:

On March 12, 2014, the California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) certified, as submitted, the Port Master Plan Update. Two additional actions are necessary in order to finalize the certification process: Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) adoption of the Coastal Commission's certification, and the Coastal Commission acceptance of the Board's action as being consistent with its certification. Staff recommends that the Board resolve to adopt the Coastal Commission's certification and authorize staff to inform the Coastal Commission of the Board's action.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Adopt the Coastal Commission's certification of the Port Master Plan Update;
2. Authorize the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department staff to inform the Coastal Commission of the Board's action; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Port Master Plan establishes policies and procedures to direct the future development of the Port of Los Angeles (Port) and was originally approved by the Board in July 1979 and certified by the Coastal Commission in August 1980, consistent with the policies of the California Coastal Act. Coastal Commission certification of a port master plan is necessary to allow a port governing body the authority to issue coastal development permits for projects within the Port's jurisdiction.

On August 8, 2013, the Board adopted a Port Master Plan Update and authorized staff to submit the plan to the Coastal Commission for certification. An addendum to the adopted plan was approved by the Board on January 23, 2014 to incorporate late comments from Coastal Commission staff.

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On March 12, 2014, the Coastal Commission unanimously certified the Port Master Plan Update with Addendum, as submitted (Transmittal 1).

Process – For the Port Master Plan Update to become effective, Section 13632(e) of the California Administration Code requires that the Port governing body take formal action adopting the amendment as certified by the Coastal Commission, followed by Coastal Commission acceptance of the Board's action as being consistent with its certification.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is adoption of the California Coastal Commission's certification of the Port Masters Plan Update. The Port Master Plan was assessed in a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (ADP #110518-060/SCH #2012071081) which was certified by the Board on August 8, 2013 and a PEIR Addendum which was considered by the Board on November 7, 2013. Therefore as an activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2 (i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

This Board action will have no employment impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of the Port Master Plan establishes land use uses and procedures for Coastal Development Permits. Adoption of the Coastal Commission's certification of the Port Master Plan does not require the Harbor Department to fund any improvements as approval of specific projects and any associated costs will be brought before the Board in future separate actions. Costs incurred to prepare the Port Master Plan are limited to budgeted staff costs.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this Board Report and found that it raises no legal issues at this time.

TRANSMITTAL:

1. California Coastal Commission correspondence dated March 20, 2014.

FIS Approval: MP (initials)
CA Approval: Jme (initials)



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