



Executive Director's

Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2018**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR INTEROPERABLE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the purpose of enabling interoperable radio communications. The Harbor Department and the RAP, in fulfilling their respective public safety, law enforcement and emergency management missions, frequently conduct coordinated responses and participate in joint operations. Interoperable radio communication is essential for sharing critical information and for effecting command and control when conducting these operations. Additionally, both parties would like to enable coordination and information sharing with regard to radio communications and system technical information necessary to maintain radio communications plans.

The intent of this MOU is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and the RAP with respect to the information exchange necessary to facilitate interoperable radio communications. The effective date shall be the date of execution by the Executive Director of the Harbor Department upon authorization of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and shall continue until either party withdraws from the MOU. The authorization of this MOU will have no financial impact on the Harbor Department, as there are no costs and or revenues associated with this action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;

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2. Approve the proposed MOU between the Harbor Department and the RAP;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the MOU; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The Harbor Department and the RAP, in fulfilling their respective public safety, law enforcement, and emergency management missions, frequently conduct coordinated responses and participate in joint operations. Interoperable radio communications is essential for sharing critical information and for effecting command and control when conducting these operations. Currently there is no agreement to share radio communication, and all calls for service and response are done telephonically. Additionally, in order to maintain radio communication plans, radio system technical information must be shared between agencies.

As a result of the MOU, the Harbor Department and the RAP will grant permission to each other to use radio channels or talk groups for which they are the controlling authority. The use of these radio channels or talk groups will be limited to response or preplanned joint operations. Port Police and RAP Rangers will be able to communicate directly in emergencies and better coordinate public safety response. Other general responsibilities and stipulations are detailed in the MOU.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of a MOU between the Harbor Department and the RAP, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The authorization of this MOU will have no financial impact as there are no costs and/or revenue associated with this action. Board approval under separate future actions will be needed to award any contracts related to this MOU.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. MOU

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