

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
WATERFRONT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE HUMBOLDT BAY
OFFSHORE WIND HEAVY LIFT MARINE TERMINAL - ENHANCED TECHNICAL STUDIES AND
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 2021, the Federal Government announced a whole of government approach to catalyze offshore wind energy, strengthen the domestic supply chain, and create good-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission Waterfront Facility Improvement Program is seeking to fund projects that support the buildout of offshore wind facilities in California ports, harbors, and other waterfront facilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant program's objective is to implement the provisions of CA Assembly Bill 209 (the Energy and Climate Change budget bill, Chapter 251, Section 12, Chapter 7.6, Article 6, enacted in September 2022) to support offshore wind infrastructure improvements to advance the capabilities of California waterfront facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has established a goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2030 and the State of California has established a goal of 25 gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2045; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the federal Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) received bids totaling \$757,100,000 from five international energy companies for two offshore wind areas (five sub-areas) off the coast of Humboldt and off the coast of Morro Bay; and

WHEREAS, studies by NREL and others have also identified future offshore wind lease areas off the Cape Mendocino and Del Norte Coast which are approximately 122 miles from Humboldt Bay and capable of producing a combined total of approximately 12.8 gigawatts of electricity; and

WHEREAS, a report published by BOEM in early 2023 determined that only three ports in California are capable of hosting "Staging and Integration" (S&I) sites; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission formally awarded \$10.45 million in funding to support the Port of Humboldt Bay's project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Maritime Administration (MARAD) formally awarded \$8,672,986 million in funding from the PIDP program to support the Port of Humboldt Bay’s project; and

WHEREAS, the Port has prepared 15% design plans on approximately 180+ acres of existing coastal dependent industrial lands at the Redwood Marine Terminal site to develop a new heavy lift terminal, upland tarmac, and manufacturing facilities to serve as a west coast hub for offshore wind; and

WHEREAS, on January 11th 2024, the District passed resolution 2024-01 committing the District to developing and adopting a Green Terminal Strategy and Roadmap; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to build on the Green Terminal Strategy by adding an emissions reduction strategy, including the management of emissions during future construction and a feasibility analysis of achieving net zero emissions; and

WHEREAS, on July 5th, 2024, the District Board adopted a “Community Engagement Commitments and Strategies” Plan for the project that aims to guide public and community interactions; and

WHEREAS, the District has hosted and participated in multiple meetings, workshops, and listening sessions with seven different Tribal governments, with many more such meetings planned into the future; and

WHEREAS, on May 9th 2024, at the request and guidance of local Tribes, the District passed resolution 2024-04 affirming the District’s commitment to the prevention of sex trafficking and “missing and murdered indigenous people” in association with the project; and

WHEREAS, the District has hosted multiple dozens of meetings and workshops with a wide array stakeholders, interested parties, and affected communities, including fishermen, recreational and commercial fishing organizations, recreational boating organizations, environmental advocacy non-profit organization, social justice advocacy non-profit organizations, aquaculture businesses, neighborhood groups, labor and workforce organizations, floating offshore wind equipment manufacturers, offshore wind developers, other ports throughout the west coast, port and harbor users and tenants, and others, with many more such meetings planned into the future; and

WHEREAS, the District has hosted at least five public meetings, with more to come; and

WHEREAS, while the District has invested significant time and effort into Tribal and community engagement activities, the District seeks to build upon those efforts, plans to enhance such engagement to an even higher level, and is actively broadening engagement with an even wider array of stakeholders, interested parties, and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking to inform, educate, and involve local community members (including disadvantaged communities, low income communities, under resourced communities) in project planning; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking participation from various community members in the identification of specific and tangible community benefits and impacts that are expected and resulted from developing the project; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking to ensure broad and diverse participation from the community and under-represented groups including minority-, women-, and LGBT-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, at the request of various stakeholders, the District is seeking to conduct multiple additional supplemental technical studies for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Port has prepared a CEC Waterfront Facility Improvement Program grant to cover enhanced public engagement activities, enhanced Tribal engagement activities, and a range of supplemental technical studies; and

WHEREAS, District staff will dedicate a substantial amount of staff time to managing and implementing the grant activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Authorizes the submission of a grant application under the California Energy Commission Waterfront Facility Improvement Program for the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project - Enhanced Technical Studies and Public Engagement Project.

SECTION 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to sign all documents associated with the grant application, including site commitment letters, commitment of in-kind staff time, and approval of project consultant and sub-recipient project partners, and all other required grant application documentation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **14th day of November 2024** by the following polled vote:

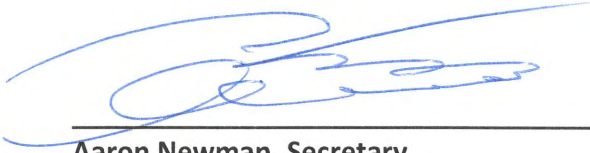
AYES: Benson, Dabe, Higgins, Kullmann, Newman

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**



**Greg Dale, President
Board of Commissioners**

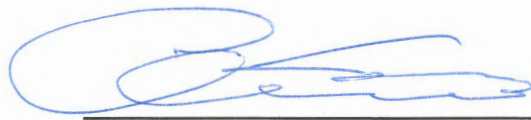
CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2024-11** entitled,

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as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on the **14th day of November 2024**; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **14th day of November 2024**.



**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**