



# City of Del Mar Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Joseph D. Smith, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Amanda Lee, Principal Planner  
Via CJ Johnson, City Manager

DATE: January 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application to State Parks  
Division of Boating and Waterways for a FY 2022-23 Public Beach  
Restoration Grant

## REQUESTED ACTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing staff to apply for a California State Parks Department of Boating and Waterways public beach restoration grant in the amount of \$150,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary grant documents.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The California State Parks Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) has a grant program available to support beach restoration per the Harbors and Navigation Code (sections 69.5-69.9). The grant program objectives are “to preserve and protect the California shoreline, minimize the economic losses caused by beach erosion and maintain urgently needed recreational beach areas.” Government agencies are eligible to apply for assistance for planning and construction projects that involve the engineered placement of sand on a public beach (or in the nearshore environment).

The City initially applied for a grant through this same program in December 2019 for funding in the amount of \$150,000 for FY 2021-22. That application is still in process. The City will find out if it receives the grant for FY 2021-2022 once the State budget is released in January 2021 and finalized in June 2021. If granted, the funds would be available in September 2021. Unfortunately, due to State budget constraints resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, funding for the State Parks grant program seems unlikely in FY 2021-22.

Fortunately, a new grant opportunity is available to the City to submit a second application for Public Beach Restoration Grant funding in a later State budget cycle for FY 2022-23. The deadline for submittal of that application is February 1, 2021. The City Council is being asked to adopt the Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing staff to apply for approval of a

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City Council Action:

Public Beach Restoration Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to apply towards beach nourishment project components including sampling and analysis reporting, monitoring, and agency reporting tasks.

According to the State, individual project applications will be considered in terms of project benefits (i.e., health & safety, risk reduction, economic, ecological), cost efficiency, strategic planning relating to sea level rise and erosion control, and timeliness relating to public participation and permitting. Based on the City's multi-year sea level rise planning efforts, the City should be a competitive candidate for funds. The requested grant funds will help implement beach nourishment consistent with the City's priority adaptation strategy as reflected in the following locally adopted plan and coastal permit/environmental documents:

- Sediment Management Plan (October 2018):  
[http://www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3578/ESA\\_revisedDRAFT-Del-MarSediment-Management-Plan-May2018\\_clean](http://www.delmar.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3578/ESA_revisedDRAFT-Del-MarSediment-Management-Plan-May2018_clean)
- Sand Compatibility Opportunistic Use Program (August 2020):  
<https://www.delmar.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1422>

DBAW indicated that a list of potential projects for the FY 2022-23 grant application will be identified in the State budget for FY 2022-23 that will be released in January 2022 and finalized in June 2022. There is no preset amount for individual grants or estimate of total grant funding available. The number of projects funded varies based on the need, merits, and State funding availability. Funding associated with the FY 2022-23 grant application request would be available around September 2022. Grant funds would not be available for use by the City until a fully executed grant agreement is in place and grant funds cannot be used to reimburse the City for any beach nourishment work that occurs before that time.

Funds for the City's Sand Compatibility Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP) special project were initially allocated in the Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2019-20 (\$164,200) and FY 2020-21 (\$164,400) for shoreline management consulting services per the existing contract with Moffatt & Nichol. However, due to COVID-19 related budget reductions, the FY 2019-20 special project budget was reduced to \$154,200 and the FY 2020-21 special project budget was reduced entirely as the State permitting costs to complete the SCOUP was deferred to a future fiscal year. The DBAW grants, if awarded, are exclusive to sand nourishment costs and would not fund or reimburse the City for the remaining costs to complete State permitting of the SCOUP. Note that sand nourishment activity cannot proceed under the SCOUP until State permitting is completed. No City funds have been allocated yet for a beach nourishment project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As a requirement of the grant, the City must commit to providing matching grant funds or an equivalent amount in in-kind services. The match requirement is 15% of the grant award, so for a grant amount of \$150,000, the City would be required to provide \$22,500 in matching funds or an equivalent amount in in-kind services. Allowable in-kind services generally include straight personnel time and costs of materials paid that are directly attributable to the project. If the City Council adopts the proposed resolution included as Attachment A, the City Council would be agreeing to provide the 15% match as required by the grant agreement if the requested grant funds are awarded to the City. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient in-kind services rendered to satisfy the match obligation for the grant.

If the City is awarded one or both of the DBAW grants, staff will return to the City Council seeking authorization for the awarded grant funds to be deposited into the SCOUP special project account and applied towards implementation of a beach sand nourishment project that will include sampling and analysis reporting, monitoring, and agency reporting tasks or this action will be requested during one of the City's periodic budget processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The proposed City Council action, including without limitation, is a resolution to apply for a grant for future sand nourishment that would be facilitated by the City's SCOUP. The City's SCOUP was adequately covered in an adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (SCH #2020040181), certified by the City Council on August 3, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-45). The proposed City Council action is not a separate "project" for CEQA purposes but is a subsequent discretionary approval related to a previously approved project (CEQA Guidelines § 15378(c)). Additionally, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15162, and based on the review of the entire record, including without limitation, the MND, the City Council finds that the proposed action does not require further environmental review as: 1) no substantial changes are proposed to the project and no substantial changes have occurred that require major revisions to the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in severity of previously identified significant effects; and 2) no new information of substantial importance has come to light that (a) shows the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the MND, (b) identifies significant impacts would not be more severe than those analyzed in the MND, (c) shows that mitigation measures or alternatives are now feasible that were identified as infeasible and those mitigation measures or alternatives would reduce significant impacts, and (d) no changes to mitigation measures or alternatives have been identified or are required. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15162(b), the City Council finds and recommends that no further analysis or environmental documentation is necessary. Accordingly, the proposed City Council action is merely a step-in furtherance of the original project for which environmental review was performed and no supplemental or subsequent CEQA has been triggered, and no further environmental review is required.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS PUBLIC BEACH RESTORATION GRANT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways (“State”) is authorized to provide assistance to government agencies in support of beach restoration via its Public Beach Restoration Grant Program per the Harbors and Navigation Code (sections 69.5-69.9); and

WHEREAS, the preservation and protection of Del Mar’s beautiful sandy beach, and the many benefits the wide sandy beach provides, is a City Council priority; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, the City Council approved Del Mar’s Sediment Management Plan that considered current and future beach conditions (including projected sea level rise) and that laid out a plan to preserve Del Mar’s beach into the future; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, the City Council allocated funds with the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Operating and Capital Budget and selected a technical consultant (Moffatt and Nichol) to create a Sand Compatibility Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP) that will allow the City to plan for beach nourishment and accept beach quality sand for placement on the beach when available; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2020, the City Council adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Coastal Development Permit for the City’s SCOUP in accordance with the approved work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Del Mar City Council desires to apply for a Public Beach Restoration grant to support a prospective beach nourishment project per the City’s Sediment Management Plan and SCOUP plans and overall Shoreline Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Del Mar, is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the State for the Public Beach Restoration Grant in the amount of \$150,000.

SECTION 2. If the grant application is approved by the State, the City Manager is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$150,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the grant, the City of Del Mar obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “Grant Documents”).

SECTION 3. If the City of Del Mar receives the grant, the City commits to providing the required 15% match amount required by the State, which can be provided in the form of equivalent in-kind services that include straight personnel time and costs of materials paid that are directly attributable to the project.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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Terry Gaasterland, Mayor  
City of Del Mar

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Leslie E. Devaney, City Attorney  
City of Del Mar

ATTEST AND CERTIFICATION:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
CITY OF DEL MAR

I, ASHLEY JONES, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk of the City of Del Mar, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-XX, adopted by the City Council of the City of Del Mar, California, at a Regular Meeting held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Ashley Jones, Administrative Services  
Director/City Clerk  
City of Del Mar