



## **RESOLUTION NO. 3515**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF VENTURA PORT DISTRICT ADOPTING A RESERVE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Ventura Port District ("District") manages and operates a commercial and recreational boat harbor in the City of San Buenaventura, for the benefit of the city residents and the public generally.

WHEREAS, the District maintains funds in unrestricted and restricted accounts for such purposes as capital improvements, debt service and emergency and disaster response.

WHEREAS, the prudent management of the District requires that reserve funds be established and maintained to fund scheduled and unscheduled expenses, and to identify the amount of funds specifically dedicated for each purpose and to provide periodic review of the reserve funding levels to ensure such levels are and will be adequate to meet the projected needs of the District.

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners has previously determined that it is in the best interest of the District to establish dedicated and restricted reserve funds for various purposes and to implement a formal policy regarding the level of funding and use of such reserve funds.

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners adopted Resolution No.3190 on June 27, 2012, establishing the Ventura Port District Reserve Policy.

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to revise the District's Reserve Policy in the following manner: (i) all unexpended Unrestricted Reserve funds in excess of the minimum reserve amount will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund; and (ii) to allow for the balance of the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to appreciate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the Ventura Port District hereby rescinds Resolution No. 3225, which was previously passed, approved and adopted by the Board on August 28, 2013, and adopts in its place the Ventura Port District Reserve Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**VENTURA PORT DISTRICT RESERVE POLICY**

1) The District will maintain sufficient revenues to meet its operating expenses, debt service, depreciation expenses, and prescribed reserves.

2) The District will hold cash and/or investments in reserve as authorized by the District's Investment Policy, and in accordance with State and Federal laws.

3) The District reserves should be examined and adjusted each year based on the operating surplus or deficit at the conclusion of each fiscal year, according to reserve fund prioritization.

4) The District will maintain a reserve of cash and/or investments for both unrestricted and restricted purposes as follows:

- **Unrestricted Reserve:** Unrestricted reserve funds are to be used to ensure the continued orderly operation of Ventura Harbor. Such funds are primarily to be used for operations and maintenance within the Harbor and are intended to provide a mechanism for the District to immediately undertake unanticipated operation and maintenance activities and to manage cash-flow fluctuations, including emergency repairs. A minimum reserve equal to 40% of the operating budget will be maintained to ensure service continuity. Any unrestricted reserve funds in excess of such minimum reserve amount that is not expended as of the last day of the then-current fiscal year will be moved to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

The District Accounting Manager should invest unrestricted reserve funds in liquid money market accounts such as LAIF, so that the funds are immediately available for District use.

- **Restricted Reserves:** Restricted reserve funds are to be set in the following amounts and used for the specific purposes for which the restricted reserve funds are created. At the present time, the District maintains the following restricted reserve funds:

- **Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:** The Capital Improvement Reserve Fund is intended to establish available cash assets to fund capital expenditures of the District in accordance with the District's Capital Improvement Plan. The level of funding in this reserve fund for the next fiscal year should be established based on the projected need to pay for planned and unplanned capital improvements for such fiscal year. In establishing the level of funding based on the projected need to pay for planned and unplanned capital improvements for any given fiscal year, the District may, but shall not be obligated to, take into account unexpended reserve funds from year-to-year and accumulations thereon including, but not limited to, any unrestricted reserve funds transferred to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. The minimum balance maintained should be at least equal to the asset depreciation for the preceding fiscal year.

- **Dredging Reserve Fund:** The funds in the Dredging Reserve Fund are required to be maintained at a minimum level of \$3,000,000 in order to comply with a judgment entered against the District in 1979. Funds in the Dredging Reserve Fund are to be used solely and only to pay the cost of dredging and related activities to maintain appropriate water depths in the channels into and within the Harbor, and specifically in the Stub Channel providing water access to Ventura Keys.
  
- **Fisheries Complex Reserve Fund:** Funds deposited in the Fisheries Complex Reserve Fund are intended to provide funding to upgrade and improve the District's commercial fishing pier. The District has a policy of requiring tenants involved in commercial fishing operations to contribute toward the cost of improving the commercial fishing pier when they renew their leases. All payments received from such commercial fishing tenants are deposited in the Fisheries Complex Reserve Fund and will be used to pay the cost of improving and upgrading the pier when it becomes necessary to do so.

The Accounting Manager of the District shall invest funds held in these restricted reserve funds in secure accounts such as LAIF and invested in accordance with the District's investment policy.

5) At least annually the Board should review all reserve accounts and make a determination regarding the continuing need for and purposes of the reserve funds, the appropriate levels of accumulation and the conditions precedent to utilization of the reserve funds.

6) When additional reserve funds are to be established, they should be established by Board resolution, which should include:

- (a) A statement of the purpose for which the reserve is created;
- (b) To the extent possible, specification of minimum and maximum parameters for the accumulation of the monies in the reserve fund; and
- (c) Specification of the conditions under which reserve funds shall be expended or transferred, consistent with Board directives.

7) This Ventura Port District Reserve Policy shall become effective on the date of its adoption and District staff are hereby directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Policy and to maintain the designated reserve funds.

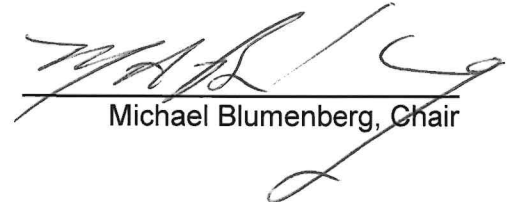
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners of the Ventura Port District this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Blumenberg, Gardina, Rainey, Stephens, Howell

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:



Michael Blumenberg, Chair

ATTEST:



Anthony Rainey, Secretary

