

**OCTOBER 14, 2015**

**BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS**

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**STANDARD AGENDA ITEM 1**

**ACCEPTANCE OF \$94,810 SHELLFISH GRANT**

**VENTURA PORT DISTRICT**  
BOARD COMMUNICATION

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Meeting Date: October 14, 2015

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TO: Board of Port Commissioners  
FROM: Oscar Peña, General Manager  
SUBJECT: Acceptance of \$94,810 Shellfish Grant

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Port Commissioners authorize the General Manager to sign the *Cost Reimbursement Research Subaward Agreement* for \$94,810, which reflects the terms and conditions of the grant agreement for year one.

**SUMMARY:**

The grant is for a two year period on a one-plus-one yearly basis and is contingent upon funding availability. Year one grant period is from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. The total grant amount is for approximately \$265,000. The objective of the grant is to provide:

- A technically sound and thorough strategy to successfully obtain all required government entitlements necessary to establish twenty 100-acre aquaculture leases in the state waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.
- Successfully permitted applications for the leases, associated environmental review documents, and completed baseline sampling protocol and data necessary for a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Shellfish Growing Area Certificate; and,
- A comprehensive outreach strategy aimed at soliciting the support and participation of various stakeholders by educating prospective commercial fishermen, investors/entrepreneurs, shellfish processors, and consumers about the benefits of locally sourced and sustainably raised mussels.

**BACKGROUND:**

Increasing the supply of safe, sustainably produced domestic seafood is a priority for NOAA and the Department of Commerce. The Ventura Shellfish Enterprise (VSE) is a multi-stakeholder initiative that seeks to permit and manage a commercial shellfish culture is technically proven as a method for the production of high value seafood with limited environmental impacts. However, the permitting process in California for such production is uncertain and not adequately developed to attract participation. VSE seeks to address several regulatory and planning challenges that create impediments to the expansion of a domestic marine shellfish culture industry in California.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant requires a cost-share in the amount of \$192,610 for Year 1. The cost-share is achieved through in-kind contributions of time as identified in the attached budget. Additional staff time and District legal counsel costs not reimbursable by the grant are necessary for grant and professional service agreement management.

VPD will directly pay approximately \$6,000 in unreimbursable consultant costs. If it is determined during the grant period there are additional budgetary impacts, staff will return to the Board.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1 - CA Sea Grant College Program 90-4 Budget

ATTACHMENT 1

California Sea Grant College Program			90-4 Budget	
			OMB Control NO. 0648-0362 Expiration Date 9/30/2004	
INSTITUTION			GRANT/PROJECT NO.	
Ventura Port District				
PROJECT TITLE				
Ventura Shellfish Enterprise: Strategic Permitting Initiative to Significantly Increase Shellfish Farming in Southern California				
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S)			YR 1 BEGIN:	END:
Lindell, Ashworth, Bush, Parsons, Santschi, Imondi			Sep-15	Aug-16
A. SALARIES AND WAGES		MAN-MONTHS		
1. SENIOR PERSONNEL	No. of People	Amt. Of Effort	Sea Grant Funds	Cost-Share
a. (Co) Principal Investigator	1	0.75	7,440	
b. Associates (Faculty or staff)				
Sub Total			7,440	-
2. OTHER PERSONNEL				
a. Co - PI	-	-	-	-
a. Co - PI Everard Ashworth		1.60		59,250
a. Co - PI Doug Bush		1.60		43,200
a. Co - PI Richard Parsons		1.60		34,560
a. Co - PI Linda Santschi		2.00		12,800
a. Co - PI Ralph Imondi		2.00		12,800
g. Technical-shop		-		-
h. Other		-		-
Total Salaries and Wages			7,440	162,610
B. FRINGE BENEFITS			2,520	-
Total Personnel (A and B )			9,960	162,610
C. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT				-
D. EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT			12,000	-
E. TRAVEL				
1. Domestic - U.S. and its Possessions (inc. Puerto Rico)			2,500	-
2. International (incl Mexico and Canada)			-	-
Total Travel			2,500	-
F. PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION COSTS				-
G. OTHER COSTS				
1. Outside Consultant: Task 1 – Strategic Permitting Analysis			65,350	-
2. Outside Legal Counsel: Task 1- Strategic Permitting Analysis			5,000	
3. Open water sampling- CDPH				30,000
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Total Other Costs			70,350	30,000
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (A through G)			94,810	192,610
INDIRECT COSTS				
On Campus (Cost-share IDC Base: )	0%	0		-
Off Campus: (Cost-share IDC Base: )	0%	0		-
Total Indirect Cost				-
TOTAL COSTS			94,810	192,610