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BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

STANDARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUDEK**

**VENTURA PORT DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION**

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Meeting Date: October 14, 2015

TO: Board of Port Commissioners
FROM: Brian Pendleton, Business Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Dudek

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve the Professional Services Agreement with *Dudek* in the amount of \$65,350.00 to provide consultant services for the Permitting Strategy for the Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Program (VSE) subject to final approval of the form of agreement by District staff and legal counsel.

SUMMARY:

The Ventura Port District has been awarded a two year, approximately \$265,000 Sea Grant fund to contract with qualified consultant(s) that will enable development of a permitting strategy and all necessary permitting components required for sustainably cultivated shellfish production to occur through Ventura Harbor. The grant is for a two year period on a one-plus-one basis and is contingent upon funding availability.

Staff believes it is clearly in the District's best interest to ratify the agreement with *Dudek* to meet the objectives of the Grant.

BACKGROUND:

Dudek would work with Ventura Port District and other VSE team members to identify and then clearly layout the most prudent and efficient permitting and review approach that also provides the greatest long-term benefits. The leases for mariculture activities and subsequent work proposed within navigable waters would be subject to a host of approvals from a variety of agencies, including federal (USFWS/NMFS, USACE), state (CA Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, CDFW, RWQCB) and local agencies (Port of Ventura) for which the policy requirements must be met. By reviewing available materials and through pre-application meetings with the wildlife (NMFS, USFWS, CDFW) and other resource agencies such as USACE, the Coastal Commission and the California RWQCB, and by drawing from their combined experiences, *Dudek* will provide recommendations for successful environmental review.

Deliverables will include a Strategic Planning Document summarizing the path and timing of the necessary permits, data requirements, and reviews.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Year 1 funding in the amount not to exceed \$65,350 is for Dudek Task 1 as further detailed in the Professional Service Agreement. Of the \$65,350, \$59,468.50 (91%) will be reimbursable through the grant. \$5,881.50 (9%) will be paid with VPD funds.