

OCTOBER 14, 2015

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

STANDARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT LINDELL

**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 Scott Lindell

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Port Commissioners approve the Professional Services Agreement with Scott Lindell, Fisheries and Marine Biologist, in the amount of \$9,960.00 to provide consultant services 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 at Ventura Harbor utilizing existing infrastructure and fishing fleet.

Staff believes it is clearly in the District's best interest to ratify the agreement with Scott Lindell to meet the objectives of the grant.

BACKGROUND:

The consultant will work with the Ventura Port District and other VSE team members to develop a detailed work and process outline for this permitting and planning process. VSE seeks NOAA Sea Grant funding to develop a permitting strategy and prepare all necessary permit application components, baseline studies and proposed permitting terms and conditions, including necessary mitigation and monitoring, plus the consumer education program.

The consultant will participate in meetings and teleconferences with various local, State and Federal resource managers and regulators as appropriate in a progressive order to further identify issues, explore opportunities, and decide upon a full plan that would meet regulatory approval.

The consultant will be available to the Ventura Port District and other VSE team members to ask and answer questions, offer guidance and direction, and discuss issues by phone or mail during the permitting/planning process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant is for a two year period on a one-plus-one basis and is contingent upon funding availability. Year 1 funding in the amount not to exceed \$9,960 is for Mr. Lindell Year 1 as further detailed in the Professional Service Agreement.