



VENTURA
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BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

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STANDARD AGENDA ITEM 2

VENTURA SHELLFISH ENTERPRISE SITE
SELECTION ALTERNATIVES

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BOARD COMMUNICATION

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Meeting Date: October 11, 2017

TO: Board of Port Commissioners
FROM: Everard Ashworth, Chairman
Oscar Peña, General Manager
Brian Pendleton, Business Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Site Selection Alternatives

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive a report on the Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Site Selection Alternatives.

SUMMARY:

On September 27th, the Board of Port Commissioners received a report on the Ventura Shellfish Enterprise (VSE) Site Selection Workshops and siting alternatives. The VSE team is evaluating the public comments received by stakeholders at that meeting in response to the siting alternatives. Stakeholders that were present represented halibut trawlers, bait fishermen and recreational fishing interests. As a result, the VSE team has expanded its site search to include areas outside of the identified candidate area including possibly federal waters that are still proximate to Ventura Harbor. Staff intends to return to the Board, tentatively scheduled for October 25th with updated information and/or recommendations for growing plot locations.

BACKGROUND:

The VSE team hosted a series of public educational workshops this year regarding the proposed project. In total there have been 10 educational and site selection workshops since January. A focused series of three workshops were held to engage with stakeholders to identify the location of twenty 100 acre parcels within a broader area of interest that was identified through use of a spatial planning tool developed by the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UC Santa Barbara (UC Bren School). The focused site selection workshops were held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in our Harbor on July 11 and 13 and the final workshop was held on August 9th. While in-person participation was strongly encouraged, individuals who were not able to attend the meetings were provided the opportunity to comment on site selection through SeaSketch linked to venturashellfishenterprise.com. Notice of the site selection workshops was mailed out to over 500 commercial fishing vessel owners between Goleta and Port Hueneme; additionally, VSE coordinated with NOAA representatives and commercial fishermen to encourage their attendance. Additionally, VSE contacted all of the individuals that have registered through the VSE website. This marine spatial planning opportunity was available through Wednesday, August 9th, the date of the final site selection meeting. The venturashellfishenterprise.com website continues to be used to communicate with interested parties who registered on the website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As previously reported, the Board authorized funding for use of SeaSketch as part of the site selection process. The contract has been amended by an amount of \$4,974 for a new total of \$16,940.20. Additionally, Blake Stok was retained through a professional services agreement in the amount of \$7,500 to assist the District in coordinating the meetings and interfacing with SeaSketch personnel. The contract has been amended by an amount of \$3,280 for a new total of \$10,780. It is likely that additional costs will be incurred by Plauche & Carr. These amounts are to be negotiated. See summary of grand and non-grant funded costs to date attachment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Ventura Shellfish Enterprise Cost Recap

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Ventura Shelfish Enterprise - Cost Recap

Grant Funding

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	
Scott Lindell-Salary/Bene	19,920.00	9,960.00	9,960.00	
Scott Lindell-Travel	5,000.00	874.19	4,125.81	
Plauché Carr-Legal	25,000.00	16,912.50	8,087.50	Contract for \$30,000 (\$5 + \$25k) (only \$25k in grant)
Dudek	202,550.00	92,492.10	110,057.90	
Expendables				
Coastal Marine-Website		2,640.00		
Cyborg Copies		32.33		
	12,000.00	<u>2,672.33</u>	9,327.67	
	<u>\$264,470.00</u>	<u>\$122,911.12</u>	<u>\$141,558.88</u>	

Reimbursement requested	\$107,205.48
Amount reimbursed to date	<u>\$ 65,734.36</u>
Still outstanding	\$ 41,471.12

Direct costs to District

	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	
Plauché-special	23,500.00	21,926.08	1,573.92	Contract \$23,500 (\$8.5k + \$15k)
Dudek 9% of grant	18,229.50	8,301.53	9,927.97	
Dudek - Amend 2&3	15,065.00	15,053.75	11.25	
Blake Stok	10,780.00	5,360.00	5,420.00	
Seasketch-UCSB	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	
Seasketch-UCSB	10,966.20	10,966.20	-	
Seasketch-UCSB	4,974.00	-	4,974.00	
Four Points - Meetings	na	1,760.10		
Cyborg Copies	na	310.86		
	<u>\$ 84,514.70</u>	<u>\$ 64,678.52</u>	<u>\$ 21,907.14</u>	