

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FY 2023-2024 MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
HUMBOLDT OFFSHORE WIND TERMINAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PHASE OF A
NEW HEAVY LIFT MULTIPURPOSE TERMINAL TO SUPPORT THE OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 2021, the President Biden Administration announced a whole of government approach to catalyze offshore wind energy, strengthen the domestic supply chain, and create good-paying jobs, and

WHEREAS, the Federal US Department Of Transportation FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) Program is seeking to fund projects with significant national or regional impact that will improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, and

WHEREAS, the grant program's objective is to "1) Invest in surface transportation infrastructure projects of national or regional significance and improve/expand infrastructure in rural areas; 2) Support projects that are consistent with the Department's strategic goals: improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability", and

WHEREAS, the projects that strengthen and modernize port infrastructure and can support shore -side wind energy projects are eligible activities, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has established a goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2030 and the State of California has established a goal of 25 gigawatts of offshore wind by the year 2045, and

WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the federal Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) received bids totaling \$757,100,000 from five international energy companies for two offshore wind areas (five sub-areas) off the coast of Humboldt and off the coast of Morro Bay, and

WHEREAS, BOEM has identified future offshore wind lease areas of the coast of Oregon with up to 16 gigawatts that are to be leased in the coming months;

WHEREAS, studies by NREL and others have also identified future offshore wind lease areas off the Cape Mendocino and Del Norte Coast which are approximately 122 miles from

Humboldt Bay and capable of producing a combined total of approximately 12.8 gigawatts of electricity;

WHEREAS, a report published by BOEM in early 2023 determined that only three ports in California are capable of hosting “Staging and Integration” (S&I) sites and a more recent State Lands Commission report indicated that the proposed Humboldt Bay project is the only S&I project that could be built in time in order for the State to reach its offshore wind goals, and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission formally awarded \$10.45 million in funding to support the Port of Humboldt Bay’s project, and

WHEREAS, the Port has identified and prepared a master plan on approximately 180+ acres of existing coastal dependent industrial lands to develop a new heavy lift terminal, upland tarmac, and manufacturing facilities which when fully developed will make Humboldt Bay the west coast hub for offshore wind, and

WHEREAS, the Port has prepared a US Department of Transportation FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant to cover remaining soft costs of the project and Phase 0 and Phase 1 construction activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Authorizes the submission of a grant application under the US Department of Transportation FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program.

SECTION 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to sign all documents associated with the grant application.

SECTION 3. Authorizes the Executive Director to commit matching funds drawn from a grant issued to the District from the California Energy Commission in early 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **10th day of August 2023** by the following polled vote:

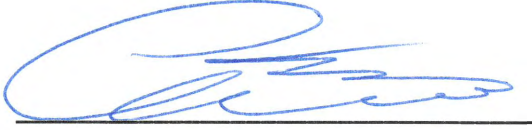
AYES: Benson, Dale, Higgins, Kullmann, Newman

NOES: 0

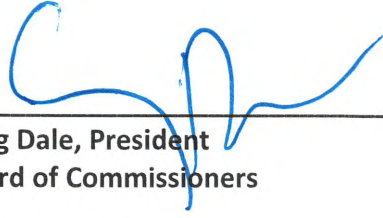
ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:



**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**



**Greg Dale, President
Board of Commissioners**

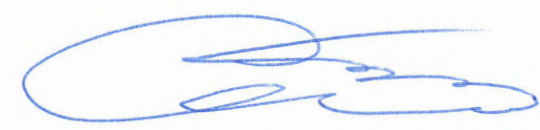
CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2023-015** entitled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2023-2024 MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR A NEW HEAVY LIFT MULTIPURPOSE TERMINAL TO SUPPORT THE OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY

as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on the **10th day of August 2023**; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **10th day of August 2023**.



**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**