

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

**A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE DISTRICT TO DEVELOPING AND ADOPTING A GREEN  
TERMINAL STRATEGY AND ROADMAP FOR THE NEW HEAVY LIFT MULTIPURPOSE TERMINAL  
TO SUPPORT THE OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the planet is in the midst of an ongoing climate crisis caused by emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gasses from human activity; and

**WHEREAS**, solutions to the climate crisis should not contribute to the problem through excess emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore wind has tremendous potential to reduce carbon emissions from electricity generation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) is in the process of leasing an offshore wind area off the coast of Humboldt (consisting of two sub-areas) and an offshore wind area off the coast of Morro Bay (consisting of three sub-areas) to five international energy companies; and

**WHEREAS**, BOEM has identified future lease areas off the coasts of Oregon and California; and

**WHEREAS**, studies published in 2023 by BOEM, the California State Lands Commission, and the National Renewable Energy Lab have each independently determined that an offshore wind “staging and integration port terminal project” must be developed in Humboldt Bay in order for the State and Federal governments to reach established renewable energy goals; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to calls from the State to develop a Heavy Lift Marine Terminal to further offshore wind energy and to address climate change, the Harbor District has identified and prepared a master plan on approximately 180+ acres of existing coastal dependent industrial

lands to develop a new “staging and integration port terminal project” consisting of a heavy lift terminal, upland tarmac, and manufacturing facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 12/13/23, the Harbor District has received more than \$19,700,000 in State/Federal grants to advance the project; and

**WHEREAS**, when the staging and integration port terminal project is constructed, Humboldt Bay will serve as a primary hub for offshore wind development on the West Coast of North America; and

**WHEREAS**, fossil fuel-powered operations emit air pollutants that can cause health impacts to workers and fence line communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harbor District has an opportunity to join other ports in California that have already committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harbor District is seeking to develop the project as an environmentally-friendly “green terminal” that will reduce local environmental and health impacts and be a point of pride for our community, the State of California, and the nation.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Board directs staff to collaborate with the terminal developer and operator to develop a “Green Terminal Strategy and Roadmap” for the project and to bring the Strategy/Roadmap before the board for adoption no later than March of 2025.

**SECTION 2.** The Board directs staff to work with the terminal developer and operator to ensure that the Strategy/Roadmap includes goals and timelines for site operations to have “net-zero carbon emissions.” The Strategy/Roadmap will include individual goals/timelines for specific categories, such as:

- Limiting emissions to the extent feasible at the outset of operations.
- At-berth electricity for marine vessels (“shore power”).
- Zero-emission charging/fueling infrastructure for vehicles/equipment.
- On-site power generation, such as roof-mounted solar, ground-mounted solar, battery storage, and/or microgrids.
- Purchasing renewable energy for use at the terminal.
- Other relevant categories.

**SECTION 3.** The Board directs staff to form an advisory committee of interested/affected parties (including the terminal developer/operator) to help guide the development of the Strategy/Roadmap.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024** by the following polled vote:

**AYES:** Higgins, Newman, Benson, Kullmann, Dale

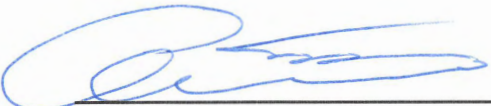
**NOES:** 0

**ABSENT:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Greg Dale**, President  
Board of Commissioners

  
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**Aaron Newman**, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

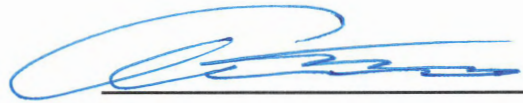
## **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

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. **2024-01** entitled,

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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 **11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024**; 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 **11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024**.



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**Aaron Newman**, Secretary  
**Board of Commissioners**