



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL FOR SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTION PLAN AND VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT
(Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution to accept \$583,307 from Senate Bill 1 Sea level rise adaptation planning grant funds from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) for the implementation of a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (SLRAP) and a Vulnerability Analysis (VA); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and the City Clerk to attest, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Executive Summary:

City staff successfully applied for a grant from the OPC to develop a SLRAP and VA as required by State law. The OPC requires adoption of a resolution (**Attachment 1**) allowing the City to accept the funds and execute a grant agreement (**Attachment 2**) to proceed with the project.

Background:

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1 (Atkins, 2021) into law. SB 1 directs the state to provide funding to local and regional governments to develop sea level rise adaptation plans and implementation projects. In 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) awarded \$37.5 million to the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to support the implementation of SB 1. OPC is a cabinet-level state body that works jointly with state and federal agencies, NGOs, tribes and the public to ensure California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems. OPC's SB 1 SLR Adaptation Planning Grant Program aims to provide funding for coastal communities to develop consistent SLR adaptation plans and projects to build resilience to SLR along the entire coast of California.

In 2023, the California State Legislature passed SB 272 (Laird), Sea level rise: planning and adaptation. Senate Bill 272 requires local governments within the Coastal Zone and San Francisco Bay Area to develop a sea level rise plan by 2034, and makes these local

governments eligible for prioritized funding. The bill aims to boost the state’s coastal resiliency by ensuring California’s coastal communities are planning for sea level rise, and by supporting implementation of sea level rise adaptation projects.

Discussion:

Staff applied for OPC funds for the development of a SLRAP and VA in Spring of 2025. Shortly thereafter, OPC notified the City that it was successful in securing \$583,307 in grant funds to develop these documents. The project will include expert analysis of existing conditions and climate projections, comprehensive public engagement, and coordination with key regional stakeholders. The project is estimated to take approximately three years and will also help inform the development of the City’s Local Coastal Plan development. It will include recommendations for possible implementation programs to address sea level rise and related threats to community safety.

Staff recommends Council adopt the resolution accepting \$583,307 in grant funds from the OPC through SB 1 grant program and the consequent appropriation of funds. Should Council approve the adoption of the resolution, the City Manager will execute the grant agreement and staff will solicit proposals for a qualified consultant to perform the work.

Fiscal Impact:

The OPC SLRAP grant of \$583,307 would be budgeted in the FY 2025-26 budget in the Grants Fund to fund a variety of programs to support implementation of the project.

Agreement Request		
Request Amount	FY 2025-26 Budget Dept. Account #	Total Grant Award Amount
\$583,307	150-6001-4201	\$583,307

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Sample Grant Agreement

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Noted for Fiscal Impact: Henry Chao, Finance Manager

Concur: Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

Approved: Steve Napolitano, Interim City Manager