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June 27, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Subject: Support to develop a sea level rise and coastal storms study for Los Angeles County

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to express our support of California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and California Ocean Protection Council joint funding to develop a sea level rise and coastal storms study to examine coastal erosion and shoreline change along the Los Angeles County coastline in addition to formal training on climate change planning to build the capacity of the region's coastal managers and planners. This work is intended to support future coastal impact assessments and climate change adaptation planning work in the Los Angeles region.

The Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC) is dedicated to fostering greater coordination and cooperation at the local and regional levels by bringing together leadership from governmental organizations, academia, business, non-governmental organizations, and the public to address impacts related to climate change. Our goal is to enhance collaboration on climate mitigation and adaptation in the Los Angeles region. We are currently undertaking an adaptation planning effort on the issue of sea level rise and the further development of a shoreline model is integral to our work.

The LARC is anxious to use this model in addition to the enhanced understanding of climate science, adaptation strategies, modeling, and vulnerability assessments, as we undertake our region-wide collaborative adaptation planning effort around the coastal impacts of climate change. We look forward to having this critical information and regional understanding, and urge the Selection Committee's full support.

Very Truly Yours,

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Krista Kline  
Director, The Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability



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July 15, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
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RE: Support for Los Angeles regional proposal “Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region”

Dear Selection Committee,

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) is pleased to support and collaborate on the joint Los Angeles regional proposal “Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region” submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program.

Sea level rise in Southern California is expected to match global projections over the next century and have significant impacts on counties and cities along the coast. Preparation and adaptation for the effects of climate change, especially shoreline changes and sea level rise, is imperative as sea level rise will continue to impact coastal areas and communities. Southern California coast, especially shorelines along the greater Los Angeles County/Santa Monica Bay region are especially vulnerable to these impacts due to the large number of critical infrastructures and tremendous economic values of beach amenities. The proposed project will advance the region’s sea-level rise adaptation planning significantly through acquisition of vital scientific information and training on development and application of adaptation tools and strategies. The project will also build local capacity, enhance collaboration, and eventually enable integration of sea level rise considerations and adaptation strategies into in local plans and policies.

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission was established by the California Legislature in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate, and advise the activities that affect the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds. Recognizing the importance of protecting the Bay’s valued resources from potential impacts of climate change, we laid out strategies in our Bay Restoration Plan and have already taken steps to evaluate the severity of climate change impacts and develop adaptive strategies. In recent years, SMBRC participated in the EPA’s Climate Ready Estuary Program by completing a study on the potential impacts of climate change impacts on restoration of coastal wetlands. SMBRC has also participated in a number

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of regional and local climate change adaptation initiatives such as the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC), the Adapt LA project conducted by the USC Sea Grant, and coastal climate change adaptation workshop organized by NOAA in Southern California. These past experiences have given us the opportunity to see firsthand the need and value of regional, inter-jurisdiction collaboration in climate change adaptation planning. We believe that the proposed project is particularly relevant and timely in filling not only the need for such collaboration in our region but also provide a model for regions across the country with similar needs.

Based on this belief, we were among the first and key members of the steering group, along with LARC and USC Sea Grant in spearheading the development of this regional proposal. We also played an active and crucial role in outreaching local coastal jurisdictions along the Santa Monica Bay and bring them on board for this project. We are very pleased with the positive reception from the city and county agencies we outreached. Although due to the short time frame these entities are able to complete the Board/City Council resolution by the application deadline, they all expressed strong interest and enthusiasm to participate, citing both the value of the project in providing them the much-needed baseline information as well as the benefit of regional collaboration in addressing this issue.

We are committed to collaborate with all participants to carry out the proposed project. As a partnering organization, SMBRC plans to engage on the project in several ways. In addition to co-manage and oversee the project with other members of the leadership team, we will continue our key role in facilitating the collaboration of coastal county and city jurisdictions along Santa Monica Bay and work to solidify existing partnership and bring more entities on board. We will also help to collect and compile information on coastal features including both man-made infrastructures and natural beach habitats and to assess their vulnerability to sea level rise. We plan to provide this assistance by contributing our own knowledge from water quality improvement (such as dry-weather runoff diversion) and habitat restoration (such as beach bluff restoration) projects we carried out along the Bay's coast, as well as by leveraging the good working relationship we have established with public agency staff. Finally, we will also contribute our expertise and resources to help coordinate training and other form of information exchange conducted under this project.

We are proud of the diverse and inclusive partnership that we helped to build for this regional project in such a short time. This again reflects the broad consensus of stakeholders in our region for the work to be done, strong willingness to collaborate, and our collective capacity to carry out the proposed project successfully. We look forward to working with our partners on this exciting project and urge the Coastal Conservancy's full support.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my colleague Dr. Guangyu Wang at 213-576-6639 ([gwang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gwang@waterboards.ca.gov)) should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Shelley Luce, D. Env.  
Executive Director  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission



Exhibit 2: Project Letters



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July 9, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Selection Committee,

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I am writing to express our support of the joint Los Angeles regional proposal "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region" submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. The goal of this project is to develop a sea level rise and coastal storms study and is intended to support future coastal impact assessments and climate change adaptation planning work in the Los Angeles region, including along the South Bay coast.

The SBCCOG is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay. The SBCCOG currently is working with member cities to draft Climate Action Plans and to identify strategies for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. We are dedicated to enhancing collaboration in climate action and sustainability in the Greater Los Angeles region and are an active member of the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC).

The SBCCOG fully supports this collaborative approach to studying the impacts of sea level rise and coastal storms on the Greater Los Angeles region and coast. The development of a shoreline model will enhance our understanding of local vulnerabilities and will help build the foundation for smart and effective adaptation planning in the South Bay.

We look forward to working with local and regional partners in developing this sea level rise adaptation planning process for the Greater Los Angeles region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Medina".

Dan Medina, SBCCOG Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Gardena



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Santos H. Kreimann  
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Chief Deputy

Gary Jones  
Deputy Director

July 17, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Selection Committee:

**SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PROPOSAL:  
"CAPACITY BUILDING AND INFORMATION ACQUISITION FOR SEA LEVEL  
RISE PLANNING IN THE LOS ANGELES GREATER METROPOLITAN  
REGION"**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) submit this letter of support for the joint Los Angeles regional proposal "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region" submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. As we understand it, the goal of this project is to collaborate on a regional sea level rise adaptation planning process, utilizing scientific information.

DBH operates and/or owns beaches along 31 miles of non-contiguous coastline, from Nicholas Canyon in Malibu to Point Fermin in San Pedro. A number of these beaches are located in cities that are participating in this grant (e.g., Cities of Manhattan Beach and Torrance). Sea level rise could potentially cause coastal flooding, storm surge inundation, coastal erosion and shoreline retreat at these County-owned or operated beaches. The information generated from this process would be a valuable tool for DBH as we plan for future impacts from sea level rise at County beaches. DBH's role in this effort is to serve in an advisory capacity by actively participating in meetings and contributing input on study content, analysis, and results. We will draw from our agency's expertise and past experiences relevant to this project. Partnering with neighboring coastal jurisdictions would provide an invaluable opportunity to share best practices while also ensuring that we are working in accord with each other.

The sea level rise research and planning efforts outlined in this proposal are important to local and regional planning. This proposed project is the first of its kind in the region and will move sea-level rise adaptation planning forward

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significantly. We look forward to working with our neighboring jurisdictions and project partners in providing expertise and guidance for this sea level rise adaptation planning process for the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan region.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like further information. I can be reached at 310-305-9512 or [cmiyamoto@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:cmiyamoto@bh.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

SANTOS H. KREIMANN, DIRECTOR



Charlotte Miyamoto, Chief  
Planning Division

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Port of  
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July 12, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support to Develop a Sea-Level Rise (SLR) and Coastal Storms Study  
for Los Angeles County

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my support of the California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and California Ocean Protection Council joint funding to develop an SLR and coastal storms study to examine coastal erosion and shoreline change along the Los Angeles County coastline, and provide formal training on climate change planning to build the capacity of the region's coastal managers and planners. This work is intended to support future coastal impact assessments and climate change adaptation planning work in the Los Angeles region.

The Port of Long Beach (Port) has joined efforts with the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC) in its dedication to fostering greater coordination and cooperation at the local and regional levels by bringing together leadership from governmental organizations, academia, business, non-governmental organizations, and the public to address impacts related to climate change. Our shared goal is to enhance collaboration on climate mitigation and adaptation in the Los Angeles region. The Port, an active member of LARC, is currently working to develop its own port-wide Climate Change Adaptation and Coastal Resiliency Strategic Plan (CRS Plan). The CRS Plan will enable the Port to begin preparing for climate change and associated coastal hazards by providing a framework for the Port to incorporate adaptive measures related to projected climate change into its policymaking and planning processes, environmental documents, infrastructure design, construction practices, and community outreach and education efforts. The CRS Plan will focus on protecting the built environment of the Port, as the Port's terminals and associated goods movement infrastructure are critically important economic assets for the Los Angeles region.

Conclusions and information from the proposed study would undoubtedly benefit the adaptation planning work we are undertaking here at the Port. With our CRS Plan, we strive to become a model for other LARC members and other coastal

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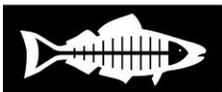
June 28, 2013

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power strongly supports the application of LARC for funding of this critical work. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [beth.jines@ladwp.com](mailto:beth.jines@ladwp.com) or (213) 367-1455. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Beth Jines  
Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power



## Heal the Bay®

July 8, 2013

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**RE: Support for Los Angeles regional proposal “Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region”**

Dear Selection Committee,

On behalf of Heal the Bay, a non-profit environmental organization with over 15,000 members dedicated to making the Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters and watersheds safe and healthy for people and local ecosystems, we are writing to express our support for the Los Angeles regional proposal. We intend to collaborate on the joint Los Angeles regional proposal “Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region” submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. The goal of this project is to develop and implement a regional sea level rise adaptation planning process to build capacity, acquire vital scientific information, enhance collaboration and integrate sea level rise considerations and adaptation strategies into local plans and policies in the Greater Los Angeles region.

The United States Geological Survey’s Coastal Vulnerability Index rates most of the Southern California coast as “highly vulnerable” to coastal change due to sea level rise and climate change. Approximately 85% of California’s residents live or work along bay or coastal areas and are facing sea level rise without the means to adjust to expected impacts.<sup>1</sup> As higher sea levels, increased storm surges, and inland flooding coincide, projected inundation is likely to impact water supply canals, wastewater treatment plants, power plants, and other critical infrastructure throughout California.<sup>2</sup> Heal the Bay plays an active role in supporting and encouraging local jurisdictions and state agencies to develop coastal development policies that employ adaptation strategies to sea level rise that protect public safety and the environment.

Adaptation and preparation for the effects of climate change, especially shoreline changes and sea level rise, is imperative as sea level rise will continue to impact coastal areas and communities. Developing assessments to identify and adapt to the impacts of climate change and related coastal hazards are integral to ensuring the health and economic well-being of coastal communities. Addressing climate change impacts regionally builds opportunities for cooperative and mutually beneficial planning and increases efficiency, especially when acquiring scientific information. South Coast governments and communities have already started climate change-related planning efforts, such as Adapt-LA, a local stakeholder group in which Heal the Bay participates, that is developing a vulnerability assessment for the City of Los Angeles.

As a partnering organization, Heal the Bay plans to engage on the project in several ways. We will conduct outreach about local climate change impacts, the need for adaptation, and the work conducted through the proposed project. We will build understanding and support among Los Angeles area communities for coastal climate change adaptation planning at the local level. We plan to assist with information gathering and review of research conducted through this proposal, as well as track and educate about related coastal climate change research. We have deep experience in the advocacy arena, and will advocate for the adoption of climate change adaptation policies at the local and state level, including through LCP

<sup>1</sup> “Considering sea level rise as a coastal hazard,” Proceedings of Coastal Zone ’07 Portland, OR, (July 22-26, 2007); California Climate Adaptation Strategy at p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> California Climate Change Center, “The Impacts of Sea-Level Rise on the California Coast,” (May 2009), available at [www.pacinst.org/reports/sea\\_level\\_rise/report.pdf](http://www.pacinst.org/reports/sea_level_rise/report.pdf); CA Climate Adaptation Strategy, p. 65, 68.



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development, updates, and amendments developed through this partnership. We will also leverage our strong contacts with state agencies and local stakeholders to communicate updated information about the work conducted through this project, as well as gather new and relevant information from these parties to bring back to our collaborative.

This proposed project is the first of its kind in the region and will move sea-level rise adaptation planning forward significantly. Regional sea level rise planning is critical for establishing coordination among the many stakeholders and is an important opportunity for Southern California to continue to demonstrate its leadership in climate change adaptation planning efforts. It has the promise to serve as a model not only statewide, but also nationally and internationally. We look forward to working with our local jurisdictions and project partners on this sea level rise adaptation planning process for the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan region.

We urge the Coastal Conservancy's full support of this project and look forward to having this project support and inform our coastal climate change adaptation work. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

Sarah Abramson Sikich, MESM  
Science & Policy Director, Coastal Resources

Dana Roeber Murray, MESM  
Marine & Coastal Scientist



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July 15, 2013

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Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my intent to collaborate on the joint Los Angeles regional proposal “Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region” submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. The goal of this project is to develop and implement a regional sea level rise adaptation planning process to build capacity, acquire vital scientific information, enhance collaboration and integrate sea level rise considerations and adaptation strategies into in local plans and policies in the Greater Los Angeles region.

The City of Santa Monica is committed to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. We are dedicated to enhancing collaboration in climate action and sustainability in the Greater Los Angeles region, and are an active member of the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC). Addressing climate change impacts regionally builds opportunities for cooperative and mutually beneficial planning and increases efficiency, especially when acquiring scientific information.

This proposal is particularly salient for Santa Monica because this project would contribute significantly towards the development of Santa Monica’s climate adaptation strategy which was identified in the recently adopted 15X15 Climate Action Plan as a priority for future climate action planning efforts in our community.

Santa Monica is enthusiastic about this regional proposal. The sea level rise research and planning efforts outlined in this proposal is vital to our local and regional planning. This proposed project is the first of its kind in the region and will move sea-level rise adaptation planning forward significantly. Regional sea level rise planning is critical for establishing coordination among the many stakeholders and is an important opportunity for Southern California to continue to demonstrate its leadership in climate change adaptation planning efforts. It has the promise to serve as a model not only statewide, but also nationally and internationally. We look forward to working with our neighboring jurisdictions and project partners in developing this sea level rise adaptation planning process for the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan region.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Parry in the Office of Sustainability and the Environment if you have any questions or would like further information. She can be reached at 310.458.2227 or [shannon.parry@smgov.net](mailto:shannon.parry@smgov.net)

Sincerely,



Rod Gould  
City Manager  
City of Santa Monica

Department of Water and Power



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June 28, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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Subject: Support Letter - Development of a Sea Level Rise and Coastal Storms Study for Los Angeles County

Dear Reviewers:

I am writing to express the support of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and California Ocean Protection Council joint funding of the development of a sea level rise and coastal storms study. This study would examine coastal erosion and shoreline change along the Los Angeles County coastline and provide formal training on climate change planning for the region's coastal managers and planners. This work will build upon preliminary sea level impact studies performed for the City of Los Angeles to provide a more complete, region-wide impact assessment. This information is critical to the protection of the people, economy and resources of the Los Angeles region.

The Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC) will lead this effort. The LARC was developed by the City and County of Los Angeles, along with a number of additional cities, business, academia and non-profits to foster the development of regional solutions to climate change. There are 88 cities in Los Angeles County and it only makes sense for those cities to combine resources and work together on region-wide initiatives to reduce the impacts of climate change. The LARC was formed for this purpose. LARC is currently undertaking an adaptation planning effort on the issue of sea level rise and the further development of a shoreline model is integral to this work. LARC will utilize this model in addition to the enhanced understanding of climate science, adaption strategies, modeling, and vulnerability assessments for region-wide collaborative adaptation planning to mitigate the coastal impacts of climate change.

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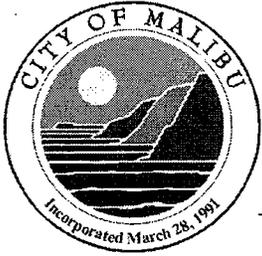
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Beth Jines  
Director of Strategic Initiatives  
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July 10, 2013

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RE: Support for the Los Angeles regional proposal "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region"

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express the City of Malibu's support for the City of Santa Monica's grant application, "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region" submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program.

We believe that the South Bay coastal region including our city will benefit from the proposed regional coastline assessment, training and outreach on climate science, vulnerability assessments and methods, and development of adaptation strategies. The study to be performed will help the City create a baseline of existing conditions, data and infrastructure that potentially will be impacted by sea-level rise and extreme weather events.

We are dedicated to enhancing collaboration in climate action and sustainability in the Greater Los Angeles region, and are committed to participating as a cooperating entity in this project. Although due to time limitations we are not able to provide an adopted City Council resolution by the grant application deadline, a City Council resolution supporting the application is scheduled for adoption on August 5, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Participation in the Los Angeles regional grant proposal *“Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region”***

Dear Selection Committee,

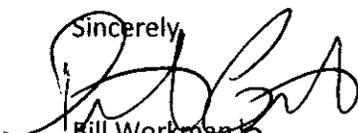
I am writing to express the City of Redondo Beach’s intent to participate in the Los Angeles regional grant proposal *“Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region”* to be submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. We believe that the South Bay coastal region, which includes our city, will benefit from the proposed regional coastline assessment, training and communication on available climate science, investigation of infrastructure vulnerabilities and mitigation methods, and the development of adaptation strategies.

This proposal is particularly important and relevant to the City of Redondo Beach because the City has approximately 3 miles of coastline and a number of coastal infrastructure amenities that could be impacted by sea-level rise and extreme weather events. The proposed study will help the City create baseline data for our existing coastline conditions and an inventory of municipal infrastructure to be affected by sea-level rise. The grant will also provide modeling of various sea-level rise, weather event, and climate change scenarios that will assist in the City’s general emergency preparedness, identify vulnerabilities to the City’s infrastructure, and help the City plan for infrastructure maintenance, repair, upgrade and/or replacement cycles.

We are dedicated to enhancing regional collaboration in climate action and sustainability in the Greater Los Angeles area, and are committed to participating in this project. Due to time constraints we are not able to provide an adopted City Council resolution on the subject by the grant application deadline, but we are planning to propose a City Council resolution for adoption in August.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact our City Engineer, Wisam Altowaiji at (310) 318-0661, extension 2431 or wisam.altowaiji@redondo.org.

Sincerely,



Bill Workman  
City Manager



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT BESTE  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

July 11, 2013

State Coastal Conservancy  
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**RE: Los Angeles Region Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program**

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of Torrance recently became aware of the subject grant program. Torrance is interested in participating in the regional grant application, pending approval of the enclosed draft Resolution. The draft Resolution will be considered for approval by the City Council at an upcoming Council Meeting. If approved, the City can then participate in the grant program.

If you need additional information, please contact me at (310) 618-3054 or by email at [cbilezerian@torranceca.gov](mailto:cbilezerian@torranceca.gov).

Sincerely,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN, P.E.

Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Enclosure



July 15, 2013

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RE: Participation in the Los Angeles regional proposal "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region"

Dear Selection Committee,

Los Angeles World Airports is pleased to support and intends to participate in the joint Los Angeles regional proposal. We fully support the "Capacity Building and Information Acquisition for Sea-level Rise Planning in the Los Angeles Greater Metropolitan Region" grant application submitted to the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program. We believe that the coastal region including Los Angeles World Airports will benefit from the proposed regional coastline assessment, training and outreach on climate science, vulnerability assessments and methods, and development of adaptation strategies.

LAX, part of the Los Angeles World Airports regional airport system, is the sixth-busiest airport in the world and over 63 million passengers passed through its doors last year. LAX lies just a few hundred feet inland of the Pacific Ocean and our infrastructures and amenities may potentially be impacted by sea-level rise and extreme weather events. The study to be performed will help us to create a baseline of existing conditions, and data and infrastructure that potentially will be impacted by sea-level rise and extreme weather events. The grant will also provide modeling of various sea-level rise and climate change scenarios that will assist in determining vulnerabilities to the infrastructure and can help us plan for our infrastructure and future needs.

We are dedicated to enhancing collaboration in climate action and sustainability in the Greater Los Angeles region, and are committed to participating in this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information. I can be reached at 424-646-7690 or ckoontz@lawa.org

Sincerely,

Christopher Koontz  
Chief of Airport Planning I

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