

After this staff report was posted, it was modified on 11/19/24 by deleting Exhibit 2.

address the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within the Conservancy's jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Section 31113(b), the Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to undertake projects, including those that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or address extreme weather events, sea level rise, flooding, and other coastal hazards that threaten coastal communities, infrastructure, and natural resources.

Pursuant to Section 31113(c), the Conservancy must prioritize grants for projects that maximize public benefits and have one of several purposes, including reducing hazards to harbors and ports.

Consistent with these provisions, the proposed authorization would award a grant to the City of Point Arena, a public entity, to prepare a harbor access and resilience plan. The plan will produce designs for the pier and harbor that ensure protection against severe storms, sea level rise, flooding and other coastal hazards. The plan will also make proposals to diversify the harbor's uses and income sources, by examining new approaches to protection of natural resources in the Cove, improvement of boating access, development of recreational and visitor-serving facilities. In addition, the expanded scope of the project will enable the City, a public entity, to use \$50,000 of previously granted Conservancy funds to repair or replace a boat hoist that is essential for the harbor to function, thereby addressing coastal hazards that threaten coastal communities and infrastructure. The proposed authorization is thus consistent with §31111

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY'S [2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN](#):

See Exhibit 1, and;

Consistent with **Goal 2.5.2 Recreation Facilities and Amenities**, the expanded project will result in the completion of one recreational facility to enhance coastal recreational opportunities.

CEQA COMPLIANCE:

The proposed authorization to use Conservancy grant funds to repair or replace a boat hoist is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301. This exemption is applicable to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Here, the project will repair or replace dilapidated mechanical equipment and involves no expansion of existing or former use.

Upon approval of the project, Conservancy staff will file a Notice of Exemption.