



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2010
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Facilities Division, Waterfront Department
SUBJECT: Grant From California Department Of Boating And Waterways For Harbor Boat Launch Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Requesting Grants in the Amounts of \$350,000 and \$490,000 from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for Improvements to the Public Boat Launch Ramp Facility at the Santa Barbara Harbor, and Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Execute the Agreement Accepting the Grant.

DISCUSSION:

As part of its Local Assistance Grant Program and its Boating Trails Grant Program, the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) provides grants for the improvement of boat launching facilities for powered and non-powered watercraft. Upgrades to the launch ramp were completed in 2001 with partial funding from DBAW. The Grant Programs allow for a variety of improvements to boat launching facilities. The Waterfront Department is requesting a DBAW Local Assistance grant in the amount \$350,000 to add two lanes and a wash-down area to the westerly section of the launch ramp for powered watercraft. The Waterfront Department is also requesting a DBAW Boating Trails grant in the amount of \$490,000 for a new concrete surface and dock at the easterly section of the launch ramp to better serve non-powered watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, and small sailboats for youth sailing programs.

The application process requires that the City's legislative body adopt a resolution to formally request the grant funds.

If the grants are awarded to the Waterfront Department, construction would begin in Fiscal Year 2011 and take approximately three months to complete. Staff is in the process of completing the grant application and providing support data and required information involving use of the public launch ramp at the harbor. If necessary, staff will return to the City Council in Fiscal Year 2011 to award a contract and appropriate the funds necessary for the project.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office