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Project Title: ARC Boat Company Demonstration Project Agreement - Zero-Emission Tugboat Retrofit, Demonstration and Installation of Charging Infrastructure

State Clearinghouse No.: [REDACTED]

Project Location – Specific: 1512 Pier C St, Dock 58 – Harbor Planning District 2 – Northeast Harbor

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Demonstration of zero-emission battery electric propulsion tugboat and installation of charging infrastructure at Pacific Maritime Group's facility at Pier C. Technology Advancement Program Demonstration Project Agreement with Arc Boat Company in the amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 and a term ending on November 30, 2027 for the retrofit of the Harbor Sentinel, an existing diesel commercial tugboat into a zero-emission tugboat.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); ☐ Other:
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection)**
- ☒ Statutory Exemption. State code number: **Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)**

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project involves the installation of new small equipment and facilities at Pacific Maritime Group's facility at Pier C in the Port of Long Beach, consisting of charging infrastructure designed to provide adequate charging for the retrofit zero-emission battery electric propulsion tugboat.

Categorical Exemption Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. After the installation of the battery-electric retrofit system on the tugboat, Arc Boat Company will collect, analyze, and compile performance, operation, and charging data to be used for quarterly updates and for a final report documenting the results of the tugboat's retrofit from diesel-power to zero-emission and corresponding infrastructure charging demonstration, which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Statutory Exemption 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies): A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. Following the 12-month demonstration of the retrofit diesel-fueled tugboat with zero-emission propulsion technology, ARC Boat Company is required to prepare a final report including performance results of the battery electric tugboat operations and charging infrastructure systems, project accomplishments and emissions reductions achieved, issues encountered, lessons learned, and recommended next steps (i.e., information on future roll-out and availability of technology, business case for commercialization).

It is determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection). Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.