

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: First Amendment to Contract with Charles King and Company for On-Call Services for Underground Wet Utilities Equipment

State Clearinghouse No.: [EPD: Enter Assigned SCH No. Here]

Project Location – Specific: Portwide

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed action authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute the First Amendment to Contract HD-25-0156 with Charles King and Company in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,500,000 for a total contract value of \$10,330,027.50 with a term ending March 16, 2027 for On-Call Services for Underground Wet Utilities Equipment. The On-Call Services contract allows the Port to perform time-sensitive and specialized wet utility work, provides a contracting resource for business continuity, and supplements capacity during peaks in workload beyond the Maintenance Division's capacity. Additional funds are required to complete upcoming repairs throughout the Port of Long Beach. Work conducted under this contract is funded from previously approved and budgeted operating funds.

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 and class: Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement and Reconstruction), Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 (Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land).
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number and type:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Amendment No. 1 increases funding for upcoming repairs at existing Pump Station No. 3 and Pump Station No. 25, as well as ongoing wet utility maintenance, with negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Categorical Exemption Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement and Reconstruction): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Work conducted under the contract includes replacement of existing wet utilities infrastructure located on the same site with substantially the same purpose and capacity as the infrastructure replaced.

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. Amendment No. 1 includes funding for construction of a new waterline for the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Tidelands Toyota Fire Water Relocation Project, constituting installation of small new equipment and facilities.

Categorical Exemption Section 15304 (Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and backfilling where the surface is restored. Wet utilities work involves trenching, excavation, and surface restoration within the existing footprint.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement and Reconstruction), Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 (Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land); 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.