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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: **Staff Report and Recommendation on Contracts for Public Access Improvements**
(For Commission consideration on March 4, 2010)

Summary and Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts for approximately \$130,000 with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and the City of South San Francisco so that funds provided by the California Department of Transportation and a private party can be used to improve shoreline public access. The staff further recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contracts as necessary, including revising the amount of the agreements, so long as the amendments do not involve substantial changes in the scope of the agreements.

Staff Report

On May 6, 1999, the Commission approved BCDC Permit No. 20-98 to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to authorize widening of the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge. Special Condition II-B-11 of this permit required Caltrans to mitigate the adverse impacts of the project, in part, by depositing \$100,000 into an interest bearing account in the Commission's name to be dispersed, in its entirety including principal and interest, solely to the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) for the purpose of implementing HARD's property enhancement plan. The condition requires that some portion of the funds be used for public access improvements.

In 2005, the Commission issued a contract to HARD for approximately \$53,000 to undertake repairs of a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail in Hayward Shoreline Park. Since that time, erosion of the Hayward shoreline has necessitated the need for additional repairs to the Bay Trail within the Park. The staff intends to provide approximately \$69,676 (the current balance of the fund with accrued interest) to HARD to fund the planning and implementation of public access improvements, specifically the design and engineering of improved levees throughout the property using approximately 470 tons of rock riprap. The proposed work is consistent with HARD's property enhancement plan.



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On October 19, 1993, the Commission approved BCDC Permit No. M93-40 to Dobbs International Services, Inc. to authorize construction of a commercial building and parking lot on the shoreline adjacent to Colma Creek in the City of South San Francisco. Because it was determined that onsite public access would potentially harm wildlife and because adjacent development prevented continuous access in the project vicinity, Special Condition II-E of the permit required the permittee to deposit \$12,625 into an interest bearing account in the Commission's name to be dispersed, in its entirety including principal and interest, for public access improvements or land acquisition for public access purposes in the vicinity of Colma Creek.

The staff intends to provide \$61,634 (the current balance of the fund with accrued interest) to the City of South San Francisco to undertake improvements of the San Francisco Bay Trail in South San Francisco. Specifically, the City intends to reconstruct, widen and improve approximately 1,200 linear feet of Bay Trail from Haskins Way southward, ending approximately 1000 feet from the mouth of Colma Creek.

Both Permit No. 20-98 and Permit No. M93-40 allow the funds to be disbursed at the discretion of the Executive Director, but state contracting procedures require the Commission to approve any contract that exceeds \$5,000. Therefore, the staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a \$69,676 contract with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and a \$61,634 contract with the City of South San Francisco to conduct public access improvements on the San Francisco Bay shoreline.