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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with the Port of San Francisco for Amending the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan* to Accommodate America's Cup Events
(For Commission consideration on June 2, 2011)

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Port of San Francisco for the purpose of providing the Commission with up to \$50,000 for assistance in developing and considering amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan* to accommodate America's Cup events. The staff also recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.

Staff Report

On July 20, 2000, at a joint meeting with the San Francisco Port Commission, the Commission adopted amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan* (SAP) and the *San Francisco Bay Plan* and rescinded the *San Francisco Waterfront Total Design Plan*. The amendment process began formally in 1996 with input from a number of stakeholders, including Save the Bay, San Francisco Tomorrow and members of the communities surrounding the northeastern waterfront. The amendments to the SAP encompass the area between Pier 35 and China Basin and identify the location and conditions for the placement and removal of fill, new public plazas and public access; designate areas as open water basins that provide views of the Bay and space for water recreation; establish a strategy to achieve historic preservation; and provide policies regarding parking, transportation and waterfront design.

The proposed amendments would likely involve the following issues and projects: the temporary use of two open water basins--Brannan Street Wharf Open Water Basin and Rincon Point Open Water Basin--to allow the mooring of boats associated with the 34th America's Cup events to be held in 2012 and 2013; the permanent use of one or both of these open water basins for marina purposes at the conclusion of the America's Cup events; and the establishment of a new area or areas to be designated within the northeast waterfront as open water basins.

The Commission's regulations require that whenever a party other than the Commission or the Executive Director proposes an amendment of the Commission's planning documents, that party must pay for the Commission's costs of processing and acting on the application. Accordingly, the staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute a contract with the Port of San Francisco under which the Port of San Francisco will provide up to \$50,000 to the



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Commission for the staff's assistance in developing and considering amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan*, an element of the *San Francisco Bay Plan*; and (2) amend the contract as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.