

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795 between the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and Bellwether Financial Group, Inc. for environmental services related to Berth 44 Boatyard Development Project and associated premises.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(f) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795 between POLA and Bellwether Financial Group, Inc. to extend the contract term by two years from April 27, 2024 through April 26, 2026, with no change to estimated cost of \$375,000 to complete the environmental assessment for the Berth 44 Boatyard Development Project in the POLA.
3. CONCUR with Board action on December 7, 2023, by Resolution No. 23-10288, authorizing the Executive Director, POLA, or designee, to execute the proposed First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795, already approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that under the Agreement terms, Bellwether Financial Group, Inc. is required to reimburse the POLA for all staff and consultant costs, and, if necessary, legal defense costs associated with the preparation of the environmental assessment for the project. The recommendations in the report and proposed actions comply with the Department's Financial Policies. There is no impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 15, 2024
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 12, 2024)**

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on February 20, 2024, your Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee considered a Board of Harbor Commissioners report relative to a proposed First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795 between POLA and Bellwether Financial Group, Inc. for environmental services related to Berth 44 Boatyard Development Project and associated premises. The proposed First Amendment would extend the duration of the existing Agreement by two years, from three years currently to five years, as proposed. No other modifications are proposed. Bellwether Financial Group, Inc. will continue to be financially responsible for the costs associated with the preparation of the project document.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the report dated February 12, 2024, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARK:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES