

**BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF OAKLAND**

7/24/2025  
Item No.: 6.6  
RS/pcm



RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO (1) ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GREENBELT ALLIANCE/PEOPLE FOR OPEN SPACE TO LEAD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING FOR OAKLAND'S FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN OPTION FOR A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000; AND (2) IF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREENBELT ALLIANCE/PEOPLE FOR OPEN SPACE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST RATED FIRM(S) FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000; AND FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Port Commissioners ("Board") has reviewed and evaluated the Agenda Report for Agenda Item No. 6.6, dated July 24, 2025, and related agenda materials ("Agenda Report"), has received the expert testimony of Port of Oakland ("Port") staff, and has provided opportunities for and taken public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Climate Adaptation Planning for Oakland's Frontline Communities ("CAPOFC") is a multiyear project to study the effects of Sea Level Rise and Groundwater Intrusion changes due to climate change and to identify adaptation strategies for the Port and adjacent frontline communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2025, the Port released a formal competitive solicitation in a Request for Proposal titled Community Engagement for the Port's CAPOFC Project, evaluated and ranked the proposals, and issued a Notice and Intent to Award to Greenbelt Alliance/People for Open Space ("Greenbelt"); and

**WHEREAS**, that in acting upon this matter, the Board has exercised its independent judgment based on substantial evidence in the record and adopts and relies upon the facts, data, analysis, and findings set forth in the Agenda Report and in testimony received;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Board finds and determines that:

A. The proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed action is for basic data collection and information gathering that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

B. The proposed action is for obtaining professional, scientific, or technical services that are temporary in nature, and will not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service.

**Section 2.** The Board hereby approves and authorizes the Executive Director to:

A. Enter into a Professional Services agreement with Greenbelt to lead community engagement for the CAPOFC project for a period of up to three (3) years with an option for a one (1) year extension, and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, as further described in the Agenda Report, subject to approval as to form and legality by the Port Attorney; and

B. If negotiations with Greenbelt or any firm is unsuccessful, enter into a Professional Services agreement with the next highest rated firm(s) to lead community engagement for the CAPOFC project for a period of up to three (3) years with an option for a one (1) year extension, and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, as further described in the Agenda Report, subject to approval as to form and legality by the Port Attorney.

C. Make any additions, modifications, or corrections necessary to execute the requested agreement or to correct errors, subject to the limitations set forth herein, provided that any addition, modification, or correction does not materially differ from the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Agenda Report and are approved as to form and legality by the Port Attorney.

**Section 3.** This resolution is not evidence of and does not create or constitute: (a) a contract, or the grant of any right, entitlement, or property interest; or (b) any obligation or liability on the part of the Board or any officer or employee of the Port. This resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a contract in accordance with the terms of this resolution. Unless and until a separate written contract is duly executed on behalf of the Board as authorized by this resolution, is signed as approved as to form and legality by the Port Attorney, and is delivered to other contracting party, there shall be no valid or effective contract.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.