



**AGENDA REPORT**

**PROPOSED ACTION: Resolution:** Approve and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Grant Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to Accept a \$5,000,000 San Francisco Bay Restoration Grant and Find that the Proposed Action is Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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Parties Involved:

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Amount: EPA Grant Award: \$5,000,000; Port Match: \$1,666,667 ; Total Project Budget: \$6,666,667 (operating expense)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** In May 2026, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected the Port of Oakland (Port) for a San Francisco Bay Restoration Grant (Grant) award in the amount of \$5,000,000, which requires matching funds from the Port of \$1,666,667. The Grant will contribute funds to construct and install four large full trash capture devices (the Project) in the Port’s Maritime catchments (i.e. areas that drain to the Port’s stormwater conveyance system) that discharge ultimately to San Francisco Bay.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS**

In 2021, the Port conducted a comprehensive technical feasibility and lifecycle cost-benefit evaluation (Feasibility Evaluation) to support compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board’s Statewide Trash Amendments, which requires the Port as a Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittee to achieve full trash capture by December 2030. This Feasibility Evaluation identified four catchment areas within the Seaport that would best provide a contribution towards trash load reduction through installation of large trash capture devices. These catchment areas are identified as MAR-7, MAR-8, MAR-9, and MAR-10 and are shown in Figure 1.

On March 2, 2026, the Port applied for EPA’s 2026 San Francisco Bay Restoration Grant and was notified of selection for the award on May 4, 2026. EPA has administered this grant program since 2008 to improve water quality, clean up contaminated shorelines, restore wetlands, and implement urban stormwater treatment systems. This grant award will advance the Port’s ongoing Trash Capture Program by aiding constructing of four large full trash capture systems known as Debris Separating Baffle Boxes (DSBBs) in several stormwater conveyance system areas and furthers the Port’s commitment to protecting water quality and reducing trash discharged to local waterways.

Figure 1: Map of MAR-07, MAR-08, MAR-09, and MAR-10 Catchments



**OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed action was analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was found to be:

Categorically exempt under the following CEQA Guidelines Section:

Choose an item.

"Common Sense" exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Other/Notes:

**BUDGET**

Administrative (No Impact to Operating, Non-Operating, or Capital Budgets); OR

Operating

Non-Operating

Capital

Analysis: The five-year CIP assumes \$12 million in capital expenditure needs to install stormwater treatment systems at MAR-7, MAR-8, MAR-9 and MAR-10 catchment areas. Accepting the \$5 million Grant will reduce the Port's funding contribution to the project in the form of cash or debt from \$12 million to \$7 million. When received, the Grant will be recorded as a Port non-operating revenue.

**STAFFING**

No Anticipated Staffing Impact.

Anticipated Change to Budgeted Headcount.

Reason:

Other Anticipated Staffing Impact (e.g., Temp Help).

Reason:

**MARITIME AND AVIATION PROJECT  
LABOR AGREEMENT (MAPLA):**

Applies? No (Other) - see explanation below.

Additional Notes: MAPLA is not applicable for the purposes of the execution of this grant agreement. Projects supported by this grant may include those that entail covered work on the Port's Capital Improvement Program in Aviation or Maritime areas above the threshold cost.

**LIVING WAGE** (City Charter § 728):

Applies?

No (Other) – see explanation below.

Additional Notes: Living Wage is not applicable for the purposes of the execution of the grant agreement.

<p><b><u>SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES:</u></b></p> <p><u>Applies?</u> <b>Yes.</b></p> <p><u>Reason:</u> The proposed action will improve water quality and aquatic habitat by reducing trash in state waterways.</p>	<p><b><u>GENERAL PLAN</u></b> (City Charter § 727):</p> <p><u>Conformity Determination:</u></p> <p>Maritime/Aviation – proposed action conforms to policies for transportation designation of the General Plan.</p>
<p><b><u>STRATEGIC PLAN.</u></b> The proposed action would help the Port achieve the following goal(s) in the Port’s Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Capture Our Market and Grow the Economic Base</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modernize and Upgrade Infrastructure</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transition to Zero-Emissions and Build Climate Resilience</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Land Use Value and Revenues</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Training and Jobs Development</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create Opportunities for Local Businesses and Community Economic Development</li> </ul>	