



AGENDA REPORT

PROPOSED ACTION: **Resolution:** Approve and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract to Procure a Battery Electric Dive Boat at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$300,000; Designate an Existing Gas Powered Dive Boat and Trailer as No Longer Used, Inadequate, Obsolete or Worn-Out and the Sale, Donation, and/or Other Disposition of Such Other Existing Vehicles; and Find that the Proposed Action is Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Submitted By: Bryan Brandes, Director of Maritime; Kristi McKenney, Executive Director

Parties Involved: To Be Determined

Amount: \$300,000 Capital Equipment Expenditure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Port of Oakland (Port) Staff regularly evaluate the Port's vehicle fleet and equipment to determine replacement needs based on wear and tear, miles driven or hours of usage, and years in service. Port Staff have identified a dive boat that needs to be replaced now, and a battery electric zero emission dive boat that can be a viable replacement. Port Staff is competitively soliciting bids to procure an electric dive boat based on the lowest responsible bid, anticipated to be submitted by September 11, 2025.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Vehicles and equipment are needed to support operations at the Port and are managed in accordance with Administrative Policy (AP) 750, which states that equipment and vehicles should be considered for replacement after five years or 50,000 miles (as a practical matter, most Port vehicles and equipment are retained far longer than these minimums). In addition to meeting the guidelines for replacement in AP 750, all existing vehicles are evaluated to determine need, age and condition, opportunities to improve operational efficiency, potential cost savings, and opportunities for alternative fuels or zero emission models.

The Port owns one, 24-foot gas-powered dive boat/trailer that serves the maritime area (Seaport). This dive boat has a fiberglass hull that is approximately 40 years old and has become increasingly difficult to maintain. It is regularly used to access structural pilings and conduct various diving projects throughout the Seaport area. Additionally, the dive boat is utilized to retrieve floating debris that could potentially obstruct ship docking. Port Staff recommends replacing this gas-powered dive boat/trailer with a new battery-electric model. Although the zero emission model is anticipated to cost significantly more than a gas model, Port Staff is seeking a battery-electric model that is eligible for Clean Off-road Incentive Equipment (CORE) vouchers issued by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The CORE voucher is worth up to \$265,000 and is expected to lower the Port's cost from approximately \$565,000 to \$300,000. The CORE voucher is issued to the equipment dealer; the Port is not reimbursed for this incentive, and the Port's purchase

price is net of the CORE voucher. If the CORE voucher incentive is not successful, this procurement will be re-evaluated for affordability.

In mid-August, 2025, a formal Invitation for Bid was released to solicit competitive bids for a battery electric dive boat (Bid No. 25-26/08). Upon receipt of the bids, scheduled for September 11, 2025, Port Staff will evaluate and rank responsive bids based on the lowest cost, and proceed with procurement subject to voucher availability. Upon purchase of the new dive boat, the existing gas powered dive boat/trailer will be scrapped.

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:
15301 (Existing Facilities)
- ☐ "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 FY 2026 Capital Budget includes \$180,000 for the purchase of the proposed dive boat. Port staff anticipates a purchase price of approximately \$300,000, which exceeds the FY 2026 Capital Budget for this item. However, Staff proposes to fully offset the additional cost with savings from the purchase of a battery electric water truck (refer to Item 6.8 of the Agenda for the July 24, 2025 meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners).

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: The provisions of the Port of Oakland Maritime and Aviation Project Labor Agreement (MAPLA) do not apply to this recommended procurement.

LIVING WAGE (City Charter § 728):

Applies?

No (Goods) – proposed action entails an agreement for goods, commodities, supplies, or equipment with incidental service provisions (if any) that are not covered by the Living Wage requirements.

- ☐ Additional Notes:

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES:

Applies? **Yes.**

GENERAL PLAN (City Charter § 727):

Conformity Determination:

<p><u>Reason:</u> Port Staff continually seek alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. This purchase will replace a gas powered dive boat with a zero emission battery electric model.</p>	<p>Not Required – conformity determination not required because proposed action does not change use of or make alterations to an existing facility, or create a new facility.</p>
<p><u>STRATEGIC PLAN.</u> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Capture Our Market and Grow the Economic Base <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modernize and Upgrade Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transition to Zero-Emissions and Build Climate Resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Land Use Value and Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workforce Training and Jobs Development <input type="checkbox"/> Create Opportunities for Local Businesses and Community Economic Development 	