RESOLUTION 2025-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S PUBLIC RECREATIONAL BEACH IMPACT MITIGATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE SWAMI'S BEACH ACCESS STAIRCASE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Public Recreational Beach Impact Mitigation (PRBIM) Fund consists of fees collected by the California Coastal Commission through its coastal development permit process pursuant to special conditions of various permits, as mitigation for the adverse impacts on public recreational use of the beaches within San Diego County from development along the beach by shoreline protective structures such as seawalls, revetments, and bluff retaining walls; and

WHEREAS, fees collected are deposited into a special account and administered by SANDAG in cooperation with the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the fund is to aid local governments, working cooperatively through SANDAG and the Coastal Commission, in providing recreational improvements designed to enhance public recreational beach use within San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the funds are used for projects that provide public recreational improvements such as public beach access ways, bluff top access, viewing areas, public restrooms, public beach parking and public trail amenities, but not to fund operations, maintenance, research or planning studies; and

WHEREAS, projects eligible for PRBIM funding must be consistent with criteria described in the SANDAG Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which include the following:

- The project must be recommended by the SANDAG Shoreline Preservation Working Group, SANDAG Regional Planning Committee, and approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors;
- 2. Projects much provide public beach recreational improvements:
- 3. Projects must be capital projects and funds cannot be used for operations, research or maintenance of planning studies;
- 4. Projects must obtain approval from the California Coastal Commission prior to construction; and

WHEREAS, a formal Resolution is required by the City Council to be submitted to the SANDAG Shoreline Preservation Working Group in order to initiate the process of PRBIM fund allocation; and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$104,140.83 available in the SANDAG Public Recreation Impact Mitigation Fund account held for the City by SANDAG. Receipt of the requested \$104,140.00 will enable the City to complete the proposed Staircase Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Swami's Beach Access Staircase Project (CP26A) will improve the beach access stairway at Swami's Beach to ensure continued long-range public access to coastal resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Encinitas, California does, hereby, resolve as follows:

- 1. That the above recitals are true and correct; and
- 2. According to the Memorandum of Agreement between the California Coastal Commission and SANDAG, the Public Recreational Beach Impact Mitigation Fund is available for eligible projects that provide public recreational improvements; and
- 3. That the City Council makes and approves the request for funding from the Public Recreational Beach Impact Mitigation Fund for \$104,140; and
- 4. That SANDAG's Shoreline Preservation Working Group will evaluate the proposal and determine if the money from the fund should be allocated to this project; and
- 5. After recommendation by SANDAG's Shoreline Preservation Working Group, the request must be recommended by the SANDAG Regional Planning Committee for approval by the SANDAG Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2025 by the City Council of the City of Encinitas, State of California:

Bruce Ehlers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Hollywood, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tarquin Preziosi, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION: I, Kathy Hollywood, City Clerk of the City of Encinitas, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 13th day of August 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

Ehlers, Lyndes, O'Hara, San Antonio, Shaffer

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Kathy Hollywood, City Clerk