# CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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# **ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT**

**Applicant:** Brad Hooper

**Project** Remove an existing 20'x 8' dock float and replace it with a 20'x 6' rectangular

**Description:** dock float in the same location using the existing davits on the vertical seawall, and

install a new 3'x 4' landing and new gangway.

**Location:** 200 Rivo Alto Canal, Naples Island, City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

**Executive Director's Determination:** The findings for this determination, and for any special conditions, appear on subsequent pages.

<u>NOTE</u>: P.R.C. Section 30624 provides that this permit shall not become effective until it is reported to the Commission at its next meeting. If one-third or more of the appointed membership of the Commission so request, the application will be removed from the administrative calendar and set for public hearing at a subsequent Commission meeting. Our office will notify you if such removal occurs.

This permit will be reported to the Commission at the following time and place:

Friday, November 15, 2013, 8:00 a.m. Newport Beach Civic Center 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

**IMPORTANT** - Before you may proceed with development, the following must occur:

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 13150(b) and 13158, you must sign the enclosed duplicate copy acknowledging the permit's receipt and accepting its contents, including all conditions, and return it to our office. Following the Commission's meeting, and once we have received the signed acknowledgement and evidence of compliance with all special conditions, we will send you a Notice of Administrative Permit Effectiveness.

BEFORE YOU CAN OBTAIN ANY LOCAL PERMITS AND PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED BOTH YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AND THE NOTICE OF PERMIT EFFECTIVENESS FROM THIS OFFICE.

CHARLES LESTER
Executive Director

By: Charles R. Posner

Title: Coastal Program Analyst

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** See Page Four.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION (continued):**

The Executive Director hereby determines that the proposed development is a category of development which, pursuant to PRC Section 30624, qualifies for approval by the Executive Director through the issuance of an Administrative Permit. Subject to Standard and Special Conditions as attached, said development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976 and will not have any significant impacts on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act. If located between the nearest public road and the sea, this development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3.

# FINDINGS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION:

#### A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project involves the replacement of a private residential boat dock on Naples Island in southeast Long Beach (See Exhibits). The proposed dock is associated with the adjacent single-family residence and is for boating recreation purposes. The proposed project is in Rivo Alto Canal, situated between the canal's vertical seawall and the City Pierhead Line. The rectangular-shaped dock float being replaced is twenty feet long and eight feet wide (Exhibit #4). The proposed new rectangular dock float is also twenty feet long, but only six feet wide, covering 120 square feet of the water surface (as opposed to the 160 square feet of water surface covered by the existing dock). The proposed dock float is entirely within the same footprint as the float being replaced. No piles are proposed as the dock float will be attached to the existing davits that hang from the vertical seawall. Therefore, the proposed project will not directly impact any eelgrass because no bottom disturbance is proposed or permitted.

A new 3'x 4' platform landing and 2.5'x 18' gangway are proposed to be installed in order to provide better access to the private dock than the existing ladder attached to the seawall (Exhibit #4). The proposed platform and gangway may cause minor shading impacts to eelgrass that has been mapped near the base of the seawall (Pre-construction Eelgrass Survey by Dive Works, March 4, 2013). However, the shadows of the proposed platform and gangway are unlikely to have a significant impact on eelgrass growing on the canal bottom because the platform and gangway will be attached to a south-facing seawall; the alignment that receives significantly more sunlight and less shading than the seawalls that face other directions. In addition, the proposed platform and gangway will be elevated about three feet above the Mean High Water Line, which will also minimize the potential for shading the canal bottom.

The applicant has obtained a conditional approval (Letter of Permission) of the proposed project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE LOP No. SPL-2013-00408). The ACOE Letter of Permission acknowledges that the proposed project will increase the amount of potential eelgrass habitat on the canal bottom by reducing the size of the dock float. The ACOE Letter of Permission requires the applicant to monitor the eelgrass in the project area for two years following construction in order to determine whether the proposed project causes any change to the previously mapped eelgrass beds. Special Condition Two of this permit also requires the applicant to survey and monitor the project site for two years following construction to determine if any eelgrass was adversely impacted, consistent with the terms of ACOE LOP No. SPL-2013-00408. If any eelgrass has been impacted, the applicant will be required to replace the impacted eelgrass at a minimum 1.2:1 ratio on-site, or at another location,

in accordance with the Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy. Implementation of mitigation shall require an amendment to this permit or a new coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment or new permit is required.

The proposed project will not interfere with the public accessway that exists immediately inland of the seawall in this location (Exhibit # 4). The proposed project has received an "Approval in Concept" stamp from the City of Long Beach Planning Department and the City of Long Beach Marine Bureau.

#### **B.** MARINE RESOURCES

The proposed recreational boat dock development and its associated structures do not result in the fill of coastal waters and are an allowable and encouraged marine related use. As conditioned, the proposed dock work will not have any significant adverse effect on sensitive marine resources, such as eelgrass. Therefore, the Executive Director determines that the proposed development, which is to be used solely for recreational boating purposes, conforms with Section 30224 of the Coastal Act.

# C. WATER QUALITY

The proposed dock work will be occurring on or within coastal waters. The storage or placement of construction material, debris, or waste in a location where it could be discharged into coastal waters would result in an adverse effect on the marine environment. To reduce the potential for construction related impacts on water quality, the Commission imposes special conditions requiring, but not limited to, the appropriate storage and handling of construction equipment and materials to minimize the potential of pollutants to enter coastal waters and for the use of on-going best management practices following construction. As conditioned, the Executive Director determines that the development conforms with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act.

#### D. PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION

As conditioned, the proposed development will not have any new adverse impact on public access to the coast or to nearby recreational facilities. Thus, as conditioned, the proposed development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

# E. LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

A coastal development permit is required from the Commission for the proposed development because it is located within the Commission's area of original jurisdiction. The Commission's standard of review for the proposed development is the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. The City of Long Beach certified LCP is advisory in nature and may provide guidance. The Commission certified the City of Long Beach LCP on July 22, 1980. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified LCP for the area.

# F. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

As conditioned, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Executive Director determines that the proposed project, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- 1. **Permit Compliance**. The permitted use of the approved development is for boating related uses only. All development must occur in strict compliance with the proposal as set forth in the application for permit, subject to any special conditions. Any deviation from the approved plans must be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is required.
- 2. **Eelgrass Monitoring**. The applicant shall survey and monitor the project site for two years following construction to determine if any eelgrass was adversely impacted, consistent with the terms of ACOE LOP No. SPL-2013-00408. The eelgrass surveys shall be prepared in full compliance with the "Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy" Revision 8 (except as modified by this special condition) adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and shall be prepared in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The applicant shall submit the post-construction eelgrass surveys for the review and approval of the Executive Director within thirty (30) days after completion of each survey. If any eelgrass has been impacted, the applicant shall replace the impacted eelgrass at a minimum 1.2:1 ratio on-site, or at another location, in accordance with the Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy. All impacts to eelgrass habitat shall be mitigated at a minimum ratio of 1.2:1 (mitigation:impact). The exceptions to the required 1.2:1 mitigation ratio found within SCEMP shall not apply. Implementation of mitigation shall require an amendment to this permit or a new coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment or new permit is required.
- 3. **Construction Responsibilities and Debris Removal.** By acceptance of this permit, the applicant agrees that the approved development shall be carried out in compliance with the following BMPs:
  - a) No construction materials, equipment, debris, or waste will be placed or stored where it may be subject to wave, wind, or rain erosion and dispersion.
  - b) Any and all construction material shall be removed from the site within ten days of completion of construction and disposed of at an appropriate location.
  - c) Machinery or construction materials not essential for project improvements are prohibited at all times in the subtidal or intertidal zones.
  - d) If turbid conditions are generated during construction, a silt curtain will be utilized to control turbidity.
  - e) Eelgrass shall not be disturbed.
  - f) Floating booms will be used to contain debris discharged into coastal waters and any debris discharged will be removed as soon as possible but no later than the end of each day.
  - g) Divers will recover non-buoyant debris discharged into coastal waters as soon as possible after loss.
  - h) At the end of the construction period, the permittee shall inspect the project area and ensure that no debris, trash or construction material has been left on the shore or in the water, and that the project has not created any hazard to navigation.

- 4. **Best Management Practices (BMP) Program.** By acceptance of this permit, the applicant agrees that the long-term water-borne berthing of boat(s) in the approved dock and/or boat slip will be managed in a manner that protects water quality pursuant to the implementation of the following BMPs.
  - a) Boat Cleaning and Maintenance Measures:
    - 1. In-water top-side and bottom-side boat cleaning shall minimize the discharge of soaps, paints and debris.
    - 2. In-the-water hull scraping or any process that occurs under water that results in the removal of paint from boat hulls is prohibited. Only detergents and cleaning components that are designated by the manufacturer as phosphate-free and biodegradable shall be used, and only minimal amounts shall be used.
    - 3. The applicant shall minimize the use of detergents and boat cleaning and maintenance products containing ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates or lye.
  - b) Solid and Liquid Waste Management Measures:

All trash, recyclables, and hazardous wastes or potential water contaminants, including old gasoline or gasoline with water, absorbent materials, oily rags, lead acid batteries, anti-freeze, waste diesel, kerosene and mineral spirits shall be disposed of in a proper manner and shall not at any time be disposed of in the water or gutter.

c) Petroleum Control Management Measures:

Oil absorbent materials should be examined at least once a year and replaced as necessary. The applicant shall recycle the materials, if possible, or dispose of them in accordance with hazardous waste disposal regulations. The boaters are encouraged to regularly inspect and maintain engines, seals, gaskets, lines and hoses in order to prevent oil and fuel spills. Boaters are also encouraged to use preventive engine maintenance, oil absorbents, bilge pump-out services, or steam cleaning services as much as possible to clean oily bilge areas. Clean and maintain bilges. Do not use detergents while cleaning. The use of soaps that can be discharged by bilge pumps is discouraged.

5. **Public Access along the Waterway.** The proposed project shall not interfere with public access and use of the public walkway situated in the vicinity of the project.

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

- 1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.** The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date this permit is reported to the Commission. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. **Interpretation.** Any questions of intent or interpretation of any term or condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 4. **Assignment.** The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.** These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERMIT RECEIPT/ACCEPTANCE OF CONTENTS:

I/We acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of this permit and have accepted its contents including all conditions.	
Applicant's Signature	Date of Signing

# **City of Long Beach**





