EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Port of Long Beach has received a grant award from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for $50 million in funds for near-zero and zero-emissions vehicles and equipment in Long Beach, Port of Oakland, and Port of Stockton. The Board of Harbor Commissioners is requested to approve a subgrant agreement with The Grant Farm in order to pass through grant funds and terms to support the execution of this project.

KEY POINTS

- The Port of Long Beach has received a $50 million grant under the Zero- and Near-Zero Emissions Freight Facility funding program (ZANZEFF). The Sustainable Terminals Advancing Regional Transformation (START) Project will deploy 102 pieces of zero-emissions cargo-handling equipment and trucks in Port of Long Beach, Port of Oakland, and Port of Stockton; deploy a near-zero-emissions tugboat in Long Beach, and deploy two Tier 3 ships - the cleanest in the world - to Long Beach and Oakland.
- The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the CARB grant agreement on December 10, 2018.
- The total project cost is nearly $103,000,000, which includes nearly $53,000,000 in matching funds from public and private partners. The Port has committed $7,891,157 in matching funds, consisting of in-kind expenditures, $496,157 in cash, and funds expected from other partners.
- CARB permits up to 5 percent of the grant award, or $2,500,000, to be used for grant administration. Given the complexity of the START Project - including the number of partners, locations, equipment manufacturers, and reporting requirements - the Port included grant administration fees in its budget proposal.
- The Port selected The Grant Farm to provide grant administration services in consultation with the Port of Oakland and Port of Stockton. The Grant Farm is currently under contract to provide grant administration services to the Port and was selected through a prior competitive process.
- The total grant administration cost is $950,000. The Grant Farm will receive $850,000 in grant funds, and the Port will provide $100,000 as match.
- The project must be completed by June 2021.
- The Port must enter into a subgrant agreement with The Grant Farm in order to pass through the grant funds and the terms and conditions of the grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a subgrant award agreement with The Grant Farm for the California Air Resources Board Zero- and
Financial Impact
The Port will pass through $850,000 in grant funds to The Grant Farm for grant administration services. The Port will provide $100,000 in match funding. These expenditures will take place largely in Fiscal Year 2020 and will be included in Environmental Planning’s yearly operating budget.

Background
The Port received a $50 million CARB grant under the Zero- and Near-Zero Emissions Freight Facility Grant program. The grant requires a 50% cost share of which 10% must be in cash. The project must be completed by June 2021. Under the START Project, operators will deploy 102 pieces of zero-emissions cargo-handling equipment and trucks in Port of Long Beach, Port of Oakland, and Port of Stockton; deploy a near-zero-emissions tugboat in Long Beach, and deploy two Tier 3 ships - the cleanest in the world - to Long Beach and Oakland.

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The Port has The Grant Farm under contract as an on-call consultant to provide grant administration services. The Grant Farm was selected through a competitive Request for Qualifications process held in 2016. In consultation with the Port of Oakland and Port of Stockton, the Port selected The Grant Farm to provide administrative services for the START Project based on the firm’s extensive experience in managing complex grant-funded projects and knowledge of CARB requirements. The Grant Farm also has offices in Oakland, Sacramento and Long Beach to facilitate coordination of project components in all key locations.

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Detailed Discussion of Current Issues
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Attachments: The Grant Farm Subgrant Agreement