



# CITY OF CORONADO

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

April 4, 2023

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### **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND THE CITY OF CORONADO FOR THE USE OF DOG BEACH**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the United States Navy and the City of Coronado for the use of Dog Beach and find that the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA sections 15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City has maintained a long-standing agreement with the U.S. Navy for the use of the area called Dog Beach composed of approximately 14 acres of beach land at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), Naval Base Coronado (NBC). The current license agreement expires on April 17, 2023.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

Dog Beach is a popular site for beach visitors as well as for dog owners to exercise dogs off-leash adjacent to North Island Naval Air Station. Historically, the license has been renewed annually; however, the U.S. Navy has agreed to migrate to a longer term lease to ease the administrative burden of both parties and ensure continued access to the public and Navy personnel. The initial term would be five years, with four, five year renewal terms extending through April 2048. Without the lease in place, the City would not longer have access to the area.

As part of the proposed lease agreement, the Navy has asked the City to install additional fencing to the lower section of the existing Navy fence along the eastern end to prevent passage of small dogs to the beach area, install additional signage on the fence and to update existing signage on the beach informing the public of rules of conduct while also informing them of security protocols related to the adjacent military base. Staff will work collaboratively with Navy representatives on the installation of the fence as described in Exhibit E of the attached lease and the appropriate wording of the required signage.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City expends approximately \$107,000 annually to maintain Dog Beach, which includes maintenance of the beach area, and calls for service from the Police and Fire Departments. The U.S. Navy used the City's annual maintenance expenditures to offset the fees assessed for processing the agreement in order to establish the benefit received by the Navy. Sufficient funding is budgeted annually within the each respective department budget for ongoing maintenance and response activities.

#### **ALTERNATIVE:**

The City Council could decide not to authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

This activity is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA sections 15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

No notice required.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Lease between City of Coronado and U.S. Navy for Use of Dog Beach

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