

# LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

## II

### 08/20/08 Regular Meeting

*(Agenda Related Writings/Documents provided to a majority of the City Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet for the August 20, 2008 Regular meeting.)*

ITEM NO.      DESCRIPTION

<b>2.2</b>	AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHWEST WETLANDS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION'S (SWIA) 2008 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WEST COAST ESTUARIES INITIATIVE FOR THE CALIFORNIA COAST  a. Revised Staff Report. b. Revised Resolution No. 2008-6668.
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STAFF REPORT  
CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GARY BROWN, CITY MANAGER

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 20, 2008

ORIGINATING DEPT.: PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHWEST WETLANDS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION'S (SWIA) 2008 GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WEST COAST ESTUARIES INITIATIVE FOR THE CALIFORNIA COAST**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 9 administers a grant program to provide states, local governments, public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories or possessions, and interstate agencies with funds to promote and facilitate that conserve, restore and protect the water quality, habitat and environment of California coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near shore waters through comprehensive approaches to water quality management.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA) is applying for funding under the U.S. EPA Region 9 West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast grant. These funds will be used to address the severe and growing threats to water quality in the Tijuana River Estuary from environmental degradation upstream in Mexico and habitat loss within the Reserve through on-the-ground watershed improvement projects, to generate active community involvement in the protection and enhancement of the Tijuana River Estuary, and to address critical erosion and water quality problems through specific site projects within the Tijuana River watershed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The U.S. EPA Region 9 grant will provide additional funds to address the severe and growing threats to water quality and habitat loss through specific site projects within the Tijuana River watershed.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Receive the report.
2. Adopt Resolution 2008-6668 – **Authorizing** a Letter of Support for the 2008 U.S. EPA

Region 9 West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast grant application.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Department recommendation.



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Gary Brown, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2008-6668 – Authorizing a Letter of Support for the 2008 U.S. EPA Region 9 West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast Grant Application by SWIA.
2. Letter of Support for the 2008 U.S. EPA Region 9 West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast Grant Application by SWIA.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-6668**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHWEST WETLANDS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION'S (SWIA) 2008 GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE WEST COAST ESTUARIES INITIATIVE FOR THE CALIFORNIA COAST**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 9 administers a grant program to provide states, local governments, public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories or possessions, and interstate agencies with funds to promote and facilitate that conserve, restore and protect the water quality, habitat and environment of California coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near shore waters through comprehensive approaches to water quality management; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. EPA Region 9 recently announced the availability of the West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. EPA Region 9 grant funds will be used to address the severe and growing threats to water quality in the Tijuana River Estuary from environmental degradation upstream in Mexico and habitat loss within the Reserve through on-the-ground watershed improvement projects, to generate active community involvement in the protection and enhancement of the Tijuana River Estuary, and to address critical erosion and water quality problems through specific site projects within the Tijuana River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, SWIA proposes to take the lead in applying for the U.S. EPA Region 9 grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has signed a letter of support encouraging SWIA to apply for U.S. EPA Region 9 funds under the West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. **Authorize** a letter of support for the 2008 U.S. EPA Region 9 West Coast Estuaries Initiative for the California Coast grant application.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008, by the following roll call vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>

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**JAMES C. JANNEY, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JACQUELINE M. HALD, CMC**  
**CITY CLERK**

I, City Clerk of the City of Imperial Beach, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2008-6668 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach, California, **AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHWEST WETLANDS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION'S (SWIA) 2008 GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE WEST COAST ESTUARIES INITIATIVE FOR THE CALIFORNIA COAST.**

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