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(SAN PEDRO, CA) – The Board of Harbor Commissioners today (May 14) ensured the continuation of the Inner Cabrillo Beach Water Quality Improvement Project between the Port of Los Angeles and California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The Port of Los Angeles will receive \$1.25 million in grant reimbursement from the State Water Resources Control Board under the California Clean Beach Initiative Program (CBI), a program designated to improve water quality at various California beaches.

Inner Cabrillo Beach, located on the inside corner of the San Pedro Breakwater, is a popular recreation and swimming area for over 300,000 people per year. The \$1.25 million grant will be used to determine viable options for increasing water circulation at the Inner Cabrillo Beach as a way of reducing or eliminating bacteria in the swimming area.

“As a steward of the environment, the Port of Los Angeles will continue to initiate projects aimed at improving the environment in and around our Port,” commented Nicholas Tonsich, Harbor Commission President.

“We’ve been working hard to find the right solution to correcting a longstanding problem at the beach. This grant will go a long way to finishing the job,” stated Port Executive Director Larry Keller.

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Working closely with the SWRCB, the Port of Los Angeles has prepared a comprehensive, multi-phased scope of work to meet the requirements of the Clean Beach Advisory Group and the SWRCB. Phase one began in July 2002 upon initial approval with the SWRCB.

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