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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

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TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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General Manager

SUBJECT: STATUS OF SUBCONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CABRILLO
MARINE AQUARIUM AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT, INC.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) was one of several agencies, including the non-profit group Heal the Bay, participating in an important federal and state effort to educate anglers and their families about the health risks of DDT-contaminated fish in the Los Angeles area. The Cabrillo fishing pier is one of the highest-risk locations in Southern California, and CMA's education staff, exhibits staff, and Sea Ranger volunteer program were excellent resources to bring to this project. In this project, CMA acted as sub-consultant providing educational programming at the Cabrillo fishing pier, an educational resource kit for Cabrillo Sea Ranger volunteers and staff to use in educating anglers at the Cabrillo Pier, a traveling exhibit which is being used by a number of community based organizations to educate their audiences, and an exhibit installed at the fishing pier. Personnel and material costs incurred by CMA in completing this project were reimbursed by Impact Assessment, Inc. (IAI), a contractor to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved a sub-consultant agreement for this project on May 21, 2003 (Board Report No 03-165). The agreement was then transmitted to the Mayor and City Attorney for approval. Although the work was supposed to commence immediately, the various steps involved in the City's approval process took longer than anticipated, and the agreement was never executed. During this time, an amendment was necessary and agreed to by CMA and IAI. The amendment resulted in a reduced scope of work by CMA and smaller reimbursement of cost from IAI. All of the work has now been accomplished to the satisfaction of both CMA and IAI. Staff consulted with the City Attorney and because the City has been paid in full and the work has been completed, there are no contractual liabilities or claims that could arise. Therefore, there is no longer any need to execute the sub-consultant agreement or any amendment thereto.

With the project now complete, no further effort will be expended to execute the sub-consultant agreement or to gain approval of an amendment for work that has already been completed and paid in full.

This report was prepared by Susanne Lawrenz-Miller, Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.