



Administrative Report

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TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE

DISCUSSION REGARDING AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY AT THE WATERFRONT.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Redondo Beach is in the middle of a planning effort to establish a framework plan to improve and enhance various public amenities within the City's waterfront, commonly referred to as King Harbor. The public amenities that exist in the waterfront today were developed in a piecemeal fashion over many years and they lack the functionality necessary to provide a first-rate resident and visitor experience. Understanding that the various public amenities are interrelated and recognizing that these amenities set the framework for other public and commercial activities within the Waterfront, the City has started the process of creating a comprehensive plan for the waterfront.

One specific element of the amenities plan is to create an educational facility. Staff has invited Dr. Chris Lowe, a professor and director of the Shark Lab at California State University Long Beach, to present an oral report at the Commission hearing regarding potential ideas for an educational facility with an opportunity to field questions/comments from the Commission. The mission of the Shark Lab at Cal State Long Beach is to study the physiological and behavioral ecology of marine animals emphasizing the effect of human activity on the ocean. The lab utilizes and develops innovative technology to answer challenging questions important for the conservation and restoration of depleted shark populations.