



September 12, 2019

Ms. Sheri Pemberton  
Chief, External Affairs/Legislative Liaison  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

**RE: Request for relief from obligation to transmit gross revenue from Martinez Marina**

Dear Ms. Pemberton:

We would like to request relief from the obligation as allowed in SB 1424, as authorized under Section 7(d)(2), which states that

In recognition of the deteriorated conditions at the marina commencing June 30, 2015 and until June 30, 2021, the commission may, at its discretion, relieve the trustee of its obligation to transmit the gross revenues as specified in paragraph (1) so that the trustee can take action to address those conditions, including the dredging of sediment to restore adequate depth for launching, berthing, and safe navigation at the marina.

The City is taking action to address the deteriorated conditions at the marina which prevent the marina for enjoying fiscal stability. The City will submit to the State Lands Commission a Trust Lands Use Plan (TLUP) by October 2019. The draft TLUP accurately addresses the requirements of SB 1424, and the desires of the community for the Trust Lands.

The TLUP outlines existing and proposed uses for the Marina Trust Lands, including the Waterfront-Marina Master Plan, slated to begin in early 2020. The City Council has approved \$500,000 in the FY 2019-2021 budget for the production of this Master Plan. The TLUP and the Master Plan will jointly guide the future use and development of the marina. The Master Plan will expand and build upon the foundational TLUP and contain additional detail addressing City goals for the long-term use and maintenance of the Marina and Waterfront, focused on future land uses, economic development, infrastructure improvements, dredging options, and financing.

In addition, the City is continuing to pursue a pilot ferry program for the marina. We are in active talks with Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), the Metropolitan



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Transportation Commission (MTC), as well as the City of Antioch and Tidelines, a ferry service provider. We are hopeful that a pilot ferry program will become a reality in the next year. This will, in turn help to guide the development and use of the marina toward a more financially sound base.

Given the aforementioned actions the City of Martinez has taken to address its continuing economic challenges with the marina, including the dredging challenges, we continue to request relief for fiscal years 2018-19 from the obligation to transmit a portion of the gross revenue generated by the land grant described in SB 1424 as authorized under Section 7(d)(2). The retained revenue generated from the granted lands will be placed into the Marina Service Enterprise Fund and used toward plans to address the Marina's infrastructure and maintenance needs.

The City appreciates your consideration of this matter. Please contact Christina Ratcliffe, Community and Economic Development Director, at (925) 372-3524, if you have any further questions or require additional information. Thank you again for your continued partnership in the Martinez Marina.

Sincerely,

Eric Figueroa  
City Manager