



December 17, 2021

California State Lands Commissioners  
Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor, Chair  
Betty T. Yee, State Controller, Member  
Keely Bosler, Director of Department of Finance

Dear State Lands Commissioners:

As you consider the distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to California ports to mitigate the impacts COVID-19 pandemic, I want to formally request support of the State Lands Commission staff's recommendations to aid the in economic recovery of Ventura Port District (VPD) in the amount of **\$1,060,484**.

As a "California Port", VPD is an Independent Special District established in 1952 under the California Harbors and Navigation Code. VPD takes pride in providing the commercial fishing industry a first-class working waterfront contributing to maritime trade services and jobs. In addition, VPD provides public safety services through the Harbor Patrol and contracts California State Parks to provide lifeguard services throughout the summer. VPD is 87% self-funded through operating revenues generated by the port. Consequently, the VPD relies heavily on visitor-based revenues and therefore was disproportionately impacted by the pandemic's effects on visitor-related industries.

As stated in VPD's application, the funds requested will reimburse costs incurred and revenues lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the funds received will strategically support the economic recovery of VPD.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 805-642-8538 or [bpendleton@VenturaHarbor.com](mailto:bpendleton@VenturaHarbor.com). I look forward to hearing the State Lands Commission meeting and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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General Manager