

July 19, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
July 24, 2007

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE
SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY
TO ACQUIRE THE AES SITE FOR PUBLIC PARK USE**

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution.

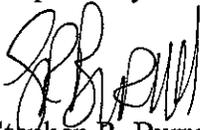
Background:

The City Council, at your last meeting on July 10, 2007, received a presentation from Bill Brand, President of the South Bay Parkland Conservancy. Following the presentation, staff was directed to prepare a resolution expressing the City Council's support for the South Bay Parkland Conservancy to acquire all or a portion of the AES site for public park and open space purposes.

The State Coastal Conservancy, Los Angeles County and other non-profit and community based groups are also supporting this effort.

A resolution is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, THE SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO PURCHASE AND RESTORE COASTAL LAND FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT (CURRENTLY DON KNABE), US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 37TH DISTRICT (CURRENTLY JANE HARMAN), CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 28, (CURRENTLY JENNY OROPEZA), CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER 53RD DISTRICT (CURRENTLY TED LIEU), TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS

WHEREAS, in an advisory vote held in March, 2005, Redondo Beach voters selected park and recreational uses as the community vision for the area adjacent to Hermosa Beach and bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, Catalina Avenue, Beryl Street, Harbor Drive and Herondo Street, and including the power generating station; and,

WHEREAS, the State Coastal Conservancy, established in 1976, is a State agency that uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore and enhance coastal resources, and to provide access to the shore, and the Coastal Conservancy works in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH HEREBY supports the direction given by the results of the advisory vote of March, 2005, and supports the ongoing efforts of the State Coastal Conservancy to study both the financial and technical feasibility of restoring this coastal resource; including the potential for parks, wetland restoration and commercial uses as needed to create a self-sustaining park management system.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of July, 2007.

PRESIDENT of the City Council and MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY