November 1, 2010

To: Steve Danley, Director, Performance Audit
From: Brad Gross, Director, OC Dana Point Harbor
Subject: Response to Review of OCSD Harbor Patrol Final Draft Report

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment the Final Draft Report regarding OCSD Harbor Patrol dated 10-22-2010. Below are OC Dana Point Harbor’s responses to the 14 recommendations as identified in your report.

**Recommendation 1:** OC Dana Point Harbor supports this recommendation and will be ready to assist as requested in clarifying and potentially modifying the LAFCO conditions regarding CSA 26.

**Recommendation 2 – 7, 10 and 11:** OC Dana Point Harbor supports these recommendations.

**Recommendation 8:** OC Dana Point Harbor supports this recommendation and would like to participate in determining optimal funding scenarios while adhering to State Lands Commission requirements.

**Recommendation 9:** OC Dana Point Harbor is not familiar with the contents of the agreement between OCSD Harbor Patrol and the City of Newport Beach. However, Dana Point Harbor Tidelands Funds should not bear an incremental (or any) cost related to the provision of services at less than OCSD Harbor Patrol’s cost to provide the services.

**Recommendation 12:** OC Dana Point Harbor would like to amend this recommendation to acknowledge the fact that the Dana Point Harbor Patrol fuel tank is currently being utilized by Harbor Patrol pending an investigation of the cost to remove the fuel tank. OC Dana Point Harbor will not be able to make an informed business decision regarding the potential removal of the Dana Point Harbor fuel tank at Harbor Patrol until certain information is obtained such as an analysis of fuel purchase records from OCSD Harbor Patrol as well as consideration of environmental issues/liability of an aging tank, proximity to quay wall, and likely future costs to retain and operate the fuel tank. OCSD Harbor Patrol would have pooled purchase options at the local fuel dock located in Dana Point Harbor, policies and procedures would require coordination with OC Dana Point Harbor.

**Recommendation 13:** OC Dana Point Harbor supports this recommendation and is willing to participate in any analysis regarding the use Tidelands Funds.
**Recommendation 14:** OC Dana Point Harbor supports this recommendation to implement Option 1, and would be willing to participate in the task force identified.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly, (949) 923-3798.

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