

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT APPOINTING THE DISTRICT TREASURER; AND RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT DEPUTY TREASURERS

WHEREAS, the Crescent City Harbor District (the “District”) is a special district organized and operating pursuant to the California Harbors and Navigation Code; and

WHEREAS, Harbors and Navigation Code section 6071 requires the Board of Harbor Commissioners to appoint a Treasurer who serves at the pleasure of the Board and is responsible for receiving and safely keeping District moneys, complying with laws governing the deposit and securing of public funds, making authorized disbursements, and providing regular written accountings; and

WHEREAS, section 6071 further authorizes the Treasurer to appoint a deputy or deputies, for whose acts the Treasurer remains responsible, and requires the Treasurer to satisfy applicable faithful-performance protection and oath-of-office requirements; and

WHEREAS, David Negus, the District’s former Director of Operations, was previously appointed to serve as District Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, as part of an organizational restructuring intended to streamline District operations and reduce payroll expenses, the Director of Operations position was eliminated and its duties were subsumed into the CEO/Harbormaster position; and

WHEREAS, although the Treasurer responsibilities were understood by staff to be absorbed into the consolidated CEO/Harbormaster position, this has created a potentially unsustainable burden on a single employee in light of the extensive responsibilities already assigned to the consolidated position, and the Board now desires to expressly appoint an alternative District Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2026-02, the Board previously elected to maintain insurance coverage in lieu of individual official bonds pursuant to Government Code section 53226.3 and related provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ensure that the coverage maintained by the District expressly applies to the statutory office of District Treasurer, or, if necessary, that an appropriate endorsement or separate coverage is obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that formally appointing the Treasurer clarifies the District's current organizational structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District as follows:

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TREASURER.

The individual currently serving in the position of _____ for the Crescent City Harbor District shall serve as Treasurer. The Treasurer shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. This appointment does not create additional compensation unless separately approved by the Board.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS.

The Treasurer shall perform the duties prescribed by Harbors and Navigation Code section 6071 and all other applicable laws, resolutions, policies, and lawful directives of the Board. This appointment does not confer independent authority to expend, invest, transfer, or otherwise dispose of District funds except as authorized by law and Board-approved policies or actions.

SECTION 3. DEPUTY TREASURER OR DEPUTY TREASURERS.

Consistent with Harbors and Navigation Code section 6071, the Treasurer may appoint one or more qualified District employees as Deputy Treasurer(s). The Treasurer remains responsible for the acts of each deputy. A deputy shall receive no additional compensation unless separately approved by the Board. Appointment of a deputy does not alter the Board's exclusive authority to appoint or remove the District Treasurer.

SECTION 4. FAITHFUL-PERFORMANCE COVERAGE.

The Board reaffirms Resolution No. 2026-02 and the District's election under Government Code section 53226.3 to maintain insurance coverage in lieu of individual official bonds. For purposes of this appointment, the Board

determines that faithful-performance protection for the Treasurer shall be maintained in an amount of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). The District shall obtain written confirmation from its insurer or insurance broker that existing coverage applies to the District Treasurer. If such confirmation or endorsement cannot be obtained, the District shall procure legally sufficient coverage.

SECTION 5. PRIOR APPOINTMENT.

Any prior appointment of David Negus or any other District officer or employee as District Treasurer is acknowledged as terminated and is hereby rescinded to the extent any such appointment might otherwise be construed as remaining in effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 15th day of July, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Rick Shepherd
Chair, Board of Harbor Commissioners
Crescent City Harbor District

ATTESTED:

Justin Hanks
Clerk, Board of Harbor Commissioners
Crescent City Harbor District