

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
January 6, 2026	4.a

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo and City Councilors

FROM: Christina Teixeira, Grant Coordinator

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Authorizing Submission of an Oregon State Marine Board Grant Application for the Empire Boat Launch Debris Boom Replacement Project

SUMMARY:

The City Council is asked to consider adoption of Resolution 26-XX authorizing submission of a Boating Facility and Waterway Access Grant application to the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) for the Empire Boat Launch Debris Boom Replacement Project.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it please Council, adopt Resolution 26-01 authorizing the City of Coos Bay to submit a Boating Facility and Waterway Access Grant application to the Oregon State Marine Board for the Empire Boat Launch Debris Boom Replacement Project and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all related documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Empire Boat Launch is a heavily used public boating facility located at 152 S Ross Street in the Empire District of Coos Bay, with associated in-water infrastructure located on state-owned submerged lands in the Coos Bay estuary. The City operates and maintains the facility under a long-term Public Facility License (No. 26546-LI) issued by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), currently in effect through April 30, 2029.

The existing debris boom system was originally installed in the 1990s and has experienced repeated failures over time due to storm events, tidal forces, vessel interaction, and heavy debris loading. Engineering evaluations, geotechnical investigation, and documented maintenance history identify missing and failed piles, damaged connections, and reduced effectiveness of the boom system. These conditions compromise protection of the boat ramp, boarding docks, and adjacent public infrastructure, and increase safety risks for both boaters and City staff.

The proposed project will remove the existing failing debris boom and pilings and install a new debris deflection system with appropriately sized steel piles within the same functional footprint. No expansion of use, increase in over-water impacts, or change in facility function is proposed. The project is intended to maintain safe recreational boating access, reduce ongoing maintenance hazards and costs, and protect public investment in this critical waterfront facility.

The Oregon State Marine Board's Boating Facility and Waterway Access Grant application for this project was due January 5, 2026. In order to meet the application deadline, the Mayor provided interim authorization for staff to submit the application on behalf of the City. This staff report and accompanying resolution are intended to formally ratify that authorization and confirm City Council support for the City Council Meeting January 6, 2026

application and, if awarded, project implementation.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total estimated cost of the Empire Boat Launch Debris Boom Replacement Project is \$567,558.04. The City is requesting \$425,668.53 (75%), with a required local match of \$141,889.51 (25%).

The local match will be provided through a combination of in-kind labor and cash contributions:

- In-Kind Labor Match: \$13,587.62, representing approximately 151 hours of City staff time.
- Cash Match: \$128,301.89 from the Urban Renewal Projects Fund (58-945-530-3123).

Staff will pursue additional grant funding to offset the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) contribution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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