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April 26, 2022

California State Parks  
Commissioners, Division of Boating and Waterways  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support - Ventura Port District

Dear Department of Boating and Waterways Commissioners:

I would like to formally request support of the California State Parks Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Commission staff's recommendation to award the grant from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) for Ventura Port District (VPD) in the amount of **\$890,000**.

As a "California Port", VPD is a special independent district established in 1952 under the California Harbors and Navigation Code. VPD is proud to provide the commercial fishing industry a first-class working waterfront which contributes to maritime trade services and jobs, and providing a public recreational boat launch ramp facility. Further, VPD provides public safety services through its Harbor Patrol and contracts California State Parks lifeguard services throughout the summer. VPD is 87% self-funded through operating revenues generated by the port. The District's revenues are reinvested in providing amenities to provide a safe harbor that is an inviting inclusive seaside destination with exceptional facilities for fishers, boaters, residents, and visitors.

Per the DBW staff report, the funds recommended will reimburse costs incurred to demolish and replace both boarding floats and make improvements to the boat wash station area for ADA compliance by removing and replacing the drainage pads, demolishing the curb around the boat wash island, and removing and reinstalling the existing boat wash station equipment and protective bollards. These improvements will benefit public boaters using the launch ramp and improve accessibility to the facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Assemblymember Steve Bennett  
37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District