

BOARD OF DIRECTORS*Francisco G. Santos, Chairman**Christine Won Pat Baleto, Vice Chairperson**Timothy T. Kernaghan, Member**Oscar A. Calvo, Member***Resolution No. 2014-10****RELATIVE TO SEEKING FEDERAL TECHNICAL AND FUNDING
ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS BREAKWATER MODIFICATION AND
SHORELINE EROSION ISSUES AT THE AGAT MARINA****BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO
COMMERCIAL PORT:**

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam's small boat marinas, to include the Agat Marina, serve an important role in our recreational, fishing and commercial boating community, providing safe harbor for our boaters, and staging areas for first responders conducting life-saving search and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, the Agat Marina is a valued component of our tourism industry (boating activities have consistently received high ratings in visitor satisfaction), provides our off-shore fishermen with import substitution opportunities for the estimated \$3 million in seafood imported annually, and promotes the preservation of the seafaring tradition of the Chamorro people that has existed for millennia; and

WHEREAS, the Agat Marina was designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the authority of Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1960. The project was completed in March 1989, and construction of shore-side facilities by the Government of Guam was completed in September 1990; and

WHEREAS, since that time, no major capital improvements have been made to the Agat Marina until the receipt of a \$250,000 grant under the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Sustainable Fisheries Fund, which, combined with \$282,100 of port funds, resulted in repairs to Dock A at the Agat Marina, for a total project cost of \$532,100, which were completed in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Tropical Storm Wipha, in October 2013, Dock D at the Agat Marina suffered damage to 65% of the structure, and the high rain, winds and currents caused the dock to split in half. Also, a slip at Dock C was fully submerged; and

WHEREAS, to repair the damaged docks, and ensure the safety of the users and boaters, PAG funds in the amount of \$653,724.00, in combination with the Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs grant funds in the amount of \$934,848.00, for a total of \$1,593,208.00, is authorized for Agat Marina for the replacement of existing unsafe wooden finger slips structures on Dock "C", "D", & Floating Dock of the marina facility. The replacement is to upgrade the docks to a low-level maintenance facility with the use of no-rot recycled plastic composite material, marine grade aluminum frames & stringers, stainless steel components & accessories. The designed dock system is to withstand the combination of loads without damaged to the structure throughout the minimum of Twenty (20) years on dock design life and components; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2013, PAG sent a letter to U.S. Army Corps Honolulu District requesting their assistance in addressing the breakwater modification at the Agat Marina and the shoreline erosion, that may have resulted from the construction of the marina. On July 10, 2014, PAG received favorable notification from U.S. Army Corps' Honolulu District that funds have been identified to conduct the feasibility study for the breakwater modification and shoreline erosion issues; and

WHEREAS, there still remains a need to address the issues resulting from the existing breakwater design which include wind-driven wave surges resulting in strong current flow into the marina, impacting marina operations, dock infrastructure, the safety of the users and boats that are moored at the facility, and resulting in significant sediment accumulation making access to docks difficult, and in some areas, unusable, as well as the causes for shoreline erosion immediately adjacent to the Agat Mariana; and

WHEREAS, given the dire condition of the Agat Marina facility, for which the Port has now invested a total of \$2,125,308.00, in combined federal grant funds and Port funds for repair and replacement of Docks A, C, and D at the facility, and the initiation of investigations by the U.S. Army Corps to seek a solution to the wave driven currents that have been shown to be hazardous to both the docks and boats moored in the Agat Marina; and

WHEREAS, the earliest opportunity for funding the Specifically Authorized (SA) Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps' Agat Marina project, under a U.S Congressional Authorization, is Fiscal Year 2017 for a new start Reconnaissance Study after which it would take approximately 5 years to reach the construction phase; now therefore be it


RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors seeks the further assistance of the U.S Army Corps of Engineers moving forward with a Specifically Authorized (SA) Civil Works project that will implement the follow-on phases of the SA, consisting of a Reconnaissance Study, Feasibility/NEPA study, Design, and Construction to address breakwater modification and shoreline erosion issues at the Agat Marina; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAG request the assistance of Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to support obtaining funding under Specifically Authorized (SA) Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps' Agat Marina project in a Congressional Authorization for Fiscal Year 2017 to assure Federal funds continue through construction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman certify to and the Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas D. Asbery, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District, Commander U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, and the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Governor of Guam.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.**


**FRANCISCO G. SANTOS
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**


**CHRISTINE WON PAT BALETO
VICE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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