



AGENDA NO: 6.e

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council **DATE:** September 28, 2025  
**FROM:** Lori Thompson, Harbor Business Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution No. 53-25 Authorizing the City of Morro Bay to Enter Into a Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant Contract and Related Budget Amendment

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution No. 53-25, authorizing the Harbor Business Manager to execute and act as the City's agent for the attached FY 2025-26 Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant (BSEE) Agreement # C25L0604 with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in the amount of \$32,689.96 to purchase two replacement transom assemblies and two outdrives, and authorizing the related budget amendment.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Council could not accept this grant, and direct staff accordingly.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this \$32,689.96 grant agreement will pay for the purchase of two replacement transom assemblies and two outdrives. The labor to install the granted equipment is budgeted in the FY 2025-26 Harbor operating budget. Staff is requesting approval of Resolution No. 53-25 to authorize the Harbor Business Manager to act as the City's agent for the grant award and to amend the City's FY 2025-26 Adopted Operating and Capital Budget to reflect the receipt of grant funds and offsetting expenditures.

### **BACKGROUND**

Over the years the Harbor Department has obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in BSEE grants from DBW for patrol vessel purchases, engine repowers, rescue watercraft, trailers and miscellaneous equipment. After consulting with DBW staff, Harbor Department staff were encouraged to apply for a BSEE grant to purchase the needed equipment.

### **DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION**

The Harbor Department is requesting \$32,689.96 in funding to purchase two replacement transom assemblies and two outdrives for the Department's 2012, 26-foot Radon patrol vessel. This vessel is one of the Department's primary enforcement, search, and rescue assets, and historically conducts the highest number of patrol hours in the fleet.

The existing outdrives and transom assemblies have been deemed unserviceable by the

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Department's mechanic due to extensive corrosion from electrolysis. At present, the vessel is not recommended for emergency response in rough or open water conditions. Because it is a twin-engine vessel, both assemblies and outdrives must be replaced to return the vessel to safe, reliable service.

Maintaining a fleet of twin-engine vessels is essential to the Department's ability to respond effectively to the high call volume generated by recreational boaters and other users of the often-dangerous waters in and adjacent to Morro Bay. In 2024, Harbor Patrol responded to approximately 45 search and rescue cases, the majority occurring in open water or the surf zone. The inability to fully utilize this vessel during maintenance periods of our primary boat significantly hampers open-ocean response capability.

The waters within Morro Bay's jurisdiction often see a large number of inexperienced and under-educated boaters. Ensuring the safety of these individuals is a top priority for the Harbor Department. This is achieved through preventative education, equipment and operation enforcement, and close coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard. Restoring this vessel to full operational capacity will enable Harbor Patrol to continue proactive safety contacts, enforcement activities, and emergency responses on a year-round basis.

Having two twin-engine, all-weather patrol vessels equipped for rescue and firefighting is critical for ensuring the Harbor Department can manage multiple incidents, maintain operational readiness when one vessel is down for maintenance, and continue to protect life and property in our jurisdiction.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 53-25
2. DBW Grant Agreement # C25L0604