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TO: Governing Board, Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Joint Powers Authority

FROM: Douglas A. Thiessen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve New General Counsel

Article IV, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the ICTF Joint Powers Authority (JPA) provides that the Governing Board shall have the authority to appoint officers of the ICTF JPA.

The October 5, 1983 Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach for the ICTF JPA (JPA Agreement) provides that the ICTF JPA's powers and activities shall be exercised in the manner provided under the City of Los Angeles laws and procedures for exercise of similar powers and activities. Therefore, it is prudent to appoint as General Counsel of the ICTF, the General Counsel of the Los Angeles Harbor Department, as she would be familiar with and can provide legal guidance regarding the City of Los Angeles laws and procedures.

I recommend that the ICTF Governing Board appoint as the General Counsel of the ICTF JPA, Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) General Counsel Janna B Sidley. Ms. Sidley has served as LAHD General Counsel since March 4, 2013, replacing Mr. Thomas Russell, who retired in 2012. Mr. Russell also served as the ICTF JPA General Council. Joy Crose was appointed Acting General Counsel at last year's ICTF Board meeting to serve in the interim while a LAHD General Counsel successor was pending and we thank Joy for her interim service.

It is also recommended that the Board make the following finding:
 "The Board finds the activity is administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and, as such, is not a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378."

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 Executive Director