



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 19-450

MEETING DATE: 5/6/2019

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

PREPARED BY: David A. Segura, Fire Chief

Subject:

Approve and authorize execution of an Agreement with WeatherFlow, Inc. for a Weather Station located at Lifeguard Tower Zero

Statement of Issue:

This is a request for the City Council to approve the attached agreement with WeatherFlow, Inc. to install a weather station on Lifeguard Tower Zero and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. Approval of this agreement will provide real-time weather information for the Marine Safety Division, as well as other government agencies.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Fire Chief and City Attorney to execute the "Site Use Agreement" with WeatherFlow, Inc. for the installation of a Weather Station at Lifeguard Tower Zero.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the attached agreement and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The City Council is requested to approve the attached site use agreement with WeatherFlow, Inc. (Attachment 1). They wish to install a weather station consisting of non-penetrating mounting hardware, instruments, electronics package, and solar panel on Lifeguard Tower Zero.

This installation provides valuable weather readings that are utilized by numerous government agencies, including Huntington Beach. WeatherFlow, Inc. is a national partner with the National Weather Service and they have numerous agreements with public agencies to provide locations for weather flow monitoring equipment. This real time weather information is used by the National Weather Service to improve weather forecasting. It is a no cost agreement and this installation alleviates the need for the Marine Safety Division to maintain a weather station. In addition, it will provide enhanced and more timely water temperature and other vital weather data.

Environmental Status: None

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and modernize public safety service delivery

Attachment(s):

1. WeatherFlow, Inc. Site Use Agreement