

From: [Talyn Mirzakhanian](#)
To: [Joe DeFrancesco](#)
Cc: [Nicky Petroff](#); [Jeffrey Page](#)
Subject: Re: Authorization of Emergency Action Pursuant to Section 4 of Resolution No. 12-6422
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 12:25:06 PM

So authorized.
Sent from my iPhone

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On May 20, 2026, at 12:12 PM, Joe DeFrancesco
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Hi Talyn,
For your review and approval.

JOE DEFRANCESCO



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From: Nicky Petroff <npetroff@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 12:10 PM
To: Joe DeFrancesco <jdefrancesco@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: Authorization of Emergency Action Pursuant to Section 4 of Resolution No. 12-6422

Hi Talyn,

Pursuant to Section 4 of Resolution No. 12-6422 and California Public Contract Code Section 22050(a)(1), Public Works requests authorization to proceed with emergency response actions and expenditures related to the hazardous spill incident that occurred in the downtown Manhattan Beach area on May 20, 2026.

On the morning of May 20, 2026, a 55-gallon drum of used cooking oil detached from a commercial vehicle and ruptured upon impact, releasing a substantial quantity of oil onto public roadways. The spill created an immediate hazardous condition affecting public safety, roadway operations, and potential environmental resources, requiring urgent response and remediation efforts.

The incident resulted in the temporary closure of the following roadways:

- Manhattan Avenue between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and 13th Street
- 12th Street between Highland Avenue and Ocean Drive
- Ocean Drive between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and 13th Street

The Manhattan Beach Police Department and Manhattan Beach Fire Department responded immediately and coordinated overall incident management. The Public Works Department was activated and initiated emergency cleanup operations, including containment, roadway treatment, and removal of hazardous materials. Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors was also notified regarding potential impacts to storm drains, the beach, and coastal waters.

Based upon the immediate threat to public health, safety, property, and environmental resources, and the need to proceed without delay, Public Works requests authorization to procure specialized cleanup services, equipment, labor, and materials necessary to mitigate the hazardous condition and restore safe public access without compliance with competitive bidding requirements as permitted under Public Contract Code Section 22050.

If approved, please respond to this email with "So authorized."

Thank you,
Joe DeFrancesco
Interim Public Works Director



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