

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday December 1, 2011

7:00 PM

Morro Bay Veteran's Hall

209 Surf Street

Morro Bay CA 93442

AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
 - II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Members of the audience wishing to address the Board on City business matters other than those on the agenda may do so now.
 - IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS
 - IV-1. Presentation on the Proposed PG&E Seismic Studies
 - IV-2. Presentation on the Morro Bay 2011 Commercial Fisheries Economic Impact Report
 - IV-3. Cancellation of the January 5, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting
 - V. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - V-1. Harbor Department Status Report
 - VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
 - VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
 - VIII. ADJOURNMENT
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CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
	Absent:	Mandy Davis
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Operations Manager Susan Lichtenbaum, Harbor Business Manager Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

II. MINUTES

Mr. Eckles moved the October 6, 2011 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. State Park Marina Dredging Project Update

Ms. Lichtenbaum reviewed the State Park Marina project for the Board as an informational item, saying no action is required. Chairman Phillips asked for clarification on the options for additional dredging after the first project is complete. Mr. Eckles asked about funding possibilities. Ms. Meissen asked about the grain size in regard to the area shown on the map. Mr. Doughty asked about the type of dredge that will be used in the project. Mr. Luffee asked about the depth of the Marina now compared to the projected depth after dredging. Ms. Meissen asked about the percentage of costs for permitting in the overall project, and if monitoring will take place in the nearshore dumping site in the future.

Chairman Phillips said he appreciates all the staff time that has been given to this project in the past 10-12 years, and hopes to see the State Park Marina dredging project reach some conclusion. He knows a lot of time and money has been already spent, and is disappointed in the fairly small amount of dredging that has been permitted and is economically feasible. He said the boats may be able to enter into and out of the Marina, but not get out of their slips, and if the silting continues it may stop the use of the Marina altogether.

IV-2. Summer Beach Lifeguard Report

Mr. Endersby reviewed the 2011 Lifeguard Season for the Board. There was an estimated 72,000 beach goers at Morro Bay over the summer. There was no Lifeguard Academy held this year in Morro Bay. Statistics are as follows:

118 Days
7 Rescues

Lifeguard Statistics cont'd:

248 Preventative Actions
34 Medical Aids (3 major/advanced) Many jellyfish stings
5 Lost and Found Kids
1,432 Public Contacts
318 Public Safety Lectures
30 Animal Rescues/Assists, mostly birds
0 Drowning/Near Drowning

Chairman Phillips expressed his gratitude to all the Lifeguards from the Board.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Ms. Lichtenbaum and Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Montebello Project
PG&E Seismic Studies Update
Lighted Boat Parade
Harbor Patrol Officer Training
City Council Action
New Agenda Format
Dive Clean Up November 12th
Waterfowl and Brant Season

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Ms. Borchard, City Councilmember, reviewed information on the PG&E Seismic Study and the EIR schedule. Some discussion by the Board. Mr. Eckles asked Staff if the Harbor Dept. has an educational outreach program to the high school or Del Mar Elementary. Ms. Lichtenbaum replied that the Harbor Dept. does go to local schools when asked to do so. Mr. Eckles asked what topics are covered. Mr. Endersby said all water safety topics, belly biology, etc. He said the Harbor Dept. encourages any educators to request a visit to their school.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members, Staff, and Councilmember Borchard discussed a possible future agenda item regarding mitigation by PG&E and the possibility of funding a boatyard in Morro Bay. Board consensus was to wait until more is known from the upcoming studies, meetings, and processes before agendizing the topic.

**December: Presentation on Proposed PG&E Seismic Study
Cancellation of January 5, 2012 Meeting**

**February: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
Review and Recommendation on Renewal of a License Agreement with
South Bay Hookers**

Future: MBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Update

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department

AGENDA NO. IV-1

DATE: 12/1/11 Action:

TO: HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: 11/23/11

FROM: HARBOR BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED PG&E SEISMIC STUDIES

A representative from PG&E will provide a presentation on their proposed seismic studies.

AGENDA NO. IV-2

DATE: 12/1/11 Action:

TO: HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: 11/23/11

FROM: HARBOR BUSINESS MANAGER

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON THE MORRO BAY 2011 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT**

Henry Pontarelli of Lisa Wise Consulting will provide a presentation on the Morro Bay 2011 Commercial Fisheries Economic Impact Report. This report was funded by the Central Coast Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee through a grant obtained by the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization.

A fact sheet on the report is attached.

MORRO BAY 2011

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Commercial fishing is a **\$4 billion industry** in the U.S. and **generates hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in spending and investment**. Commercial fishermen have played an important role in the Morro Bay economy for over 100 years. Below are highlights of recent economic contributions of commercial fishing to the community of Morro Bay.

HUNDREDS OF JOBS GENERATED

Between 134 and 165 active commercial fishing vessels were operated and 14,632 commercial fishing trips were conducted in San Luis Obispo County each year between 2007 and 2010. Each vessel employs a skipper and up to two deckhands. **Each commercial fishing trip drives employment** when fish are offloaded, transported, processed, and at each fuel, ice, bait, supplies and related service transaction.

INCREASED INDUSTRY EARNINGS

At the dock in Morro Bay, **earnings for fishermen have jumped to \$4.3 million** in 2010 from a 20 year low of \$1.7 million in 2007, **an increase of over 250%**. Earnings are translated into wages for crew, purchases of fuel, ice, supplies, offloading fees, bait and baiting services, as well as vessel and gear repair, gear purchases, association dues and slip fees.

LOCAL EARNING, LOCAL SPENDING

Central Coast Seafoods and Tognazzini's continue the tradition of local businesses purchasing and processing locally caught seafood, keeping earnings for transport, processing and sales in the County.

NEW BUSINESSES AND INVESTMENT

Several **businesses have expanded and new businesses have been established** in Morro Bay in the last four years, including:

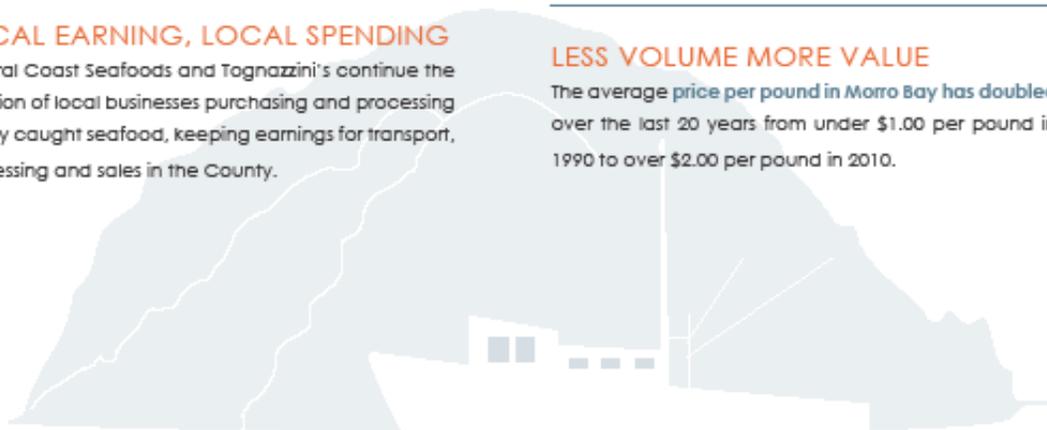
- A new offloading 1,000 lb. hoist at Tognazzini's
 - A new marine supply store on Scott Street, Jerry's
 - The expansion and move to the City dock facility by Morro Bay Fish Company
 - Bayshore Sea Food Company taking over 715 Embarcadero
 - A new 2,000 lb. hoist at DeGarimore's
 - SLO Fresh Catch establishing a CSF that delivers local seafood to 99 local shareholders
 - A hook baiting service that employs up to 15 workers
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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Morro Bay commercial fishermen participate on the executive boards and as members of international, national and regional industry organizations focused on guiding regulatory policy and marketing groups.

LESS VOLUME MORE VALUE

The average **price per pound in Morro Bay has doubled** over the last 20 years from under \$1.00 per pound in 1990 to over \$2.00 per pound in 2010.



AGENDA NO. IV-3

DATE: 12/1/11 Action:

TO: HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: 11/23/11

FROM: HARBOR BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 5, 2012 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Traditionally we have cancelled the January Harbor Advisory Board meetings due to the proximity to the New Year's and Christmas holidays. This year the January Harbor Advisory Board is scheduled for January 5, 2012 and staff recommends the Board take action to cancel this meeting.

TO: HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: HARBOR BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBJECT: HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

DATE: 11/23/11

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE: The lighted boat parade will be held this coming Saturday, December 3 starting at 6:30 p.m.

HUNTING SEASON: As a reminder, hunting is allowed in Morro Bay under the Department of Fish and Game Regulations. This year the hunting season is as follows:

Brant: November 12 – December 11, 2011

Waterfowl: November 12, 2011 – January 31, 2012

CAROLING COPS: Morro Bay Neighborhood Watch and the Morro Bay Police Department are once again decorating the trolley and providing a police escort for Santa throughout the city to give out toys. This year's dates are December 6, 7, and 8.

POLAR BEAR DIP: The annual Cayucos Pier Polar Bear Dip will be held Sunday, January 1, 2012 – a bracing way to start the New Year! Traditionally the Morro Bay Harbor Patrol assists with water safety for the event as a joint inter-agency training exercise.

WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL: The 16th annual Winter Bird Festival will be held in Morro Bay from January 13-16, 2012. The Festival includes guided tours of the estuary and bird watching field trips as well as lectures. Information on the programs, schedules and registration is available online at www.morrobaybirdfestival.org. You can also call for information: (805) 275-4143 or (866) 464-5105.

WINTER STORMS: Just a reminder, our stormy season has begun and with it comes days when the harbor entrance can be hazardous. Please remember to check weather conditions prior to getting underway. Also a reminder to boaters, when storms are predicted, please remember to check your boats and make sure your lines are secure and that your vessel is braced for the winds before the storm arrives.

ANNUAL SLIP QUALIFICATION: City slipholders must provide proof of fishing every calendar year to maintain their slip assignment. The qualifications are due in to the Harbor Office by December 31, 2011. Vessels may qualify by providing \$1,000 of fish tickets for each net ton of the vessel for documented vessels or with \$5,000 of fish tickets for state registered vessels. Contact the Harbor Office for information on the rules for the annual qualification or check the City's web site at:

<http://www.morro-bay.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=429>