

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