

CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

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| Present: | Members: | Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Jim Phillips |
| | Absent: | Lynn Meissen |
| | Staff: | Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant |

II. MINUTES

Mr. Eckles moved the March 1, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Carla Borchard, City Council liaison to the Harbor Advisory Board, said the memorial service for Susan Lichtenbaum on Sunday, April 1st was a phenomenal tribute to a wonderful person whom we all highly regarded and cared about. Ms. Borchard was amazed at the public turnout by the locals and fishermen, saying it was heartwarming and moving.

Ms. Borchard said at the next meeting, City Council will discuss a Resolution approving a letter opposing the extension of the Marine Sanctuaries. The second Resolution on the PG&E Seismic Study Draft EIR was pulled, as Staff requested more time to review the subject; however, all public comments and letters can be given to Council members or to the Harbor Director at this time.

Mr. Gary Hickson, local resident, said he sees the Harbor Patrol doing a great job, and he would like to become more politically involved locally. He plays guitar at GAFCO.

Mr. Darrell Terra, President of the Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Organization (MBCFO), stated the MBCFO is adamantly opposed to the Draft EIR of the PG&E Seismic Project. He cited several inaccurate calculations and flawed figures used in the report, as well as amounts of fish landings which were left out. He also referred to an article posted in the North County Times San Diego on April 2, 2012, which stated that sick and dead dolphins were turning up along Louisiana's coast leading federal regulators to curb seismic equipment usage.

Mr. Terra suggested a study be done first with a smaller operation or mock simulation with ROVs in order to study results before ever considering blasting the areas with air-guns of 240 decibels which could possibly devastate the fish populations. He recommended the public to either e-mail comments before May 3, 2012 to Jennifer DeLeon, Project Manager at Jennifer.Deleon@slc.ca.gov or attend one of the public hearings in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 2:00 PM or 6:00 PM held at the Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street.

Mr. Brian Stacey concurred with Mr. Terra, adding more observations on flawed statistics in the Draft EIR, and the negative effect on future IFQs. He said that his experience in the preliminary negotiations was very negative. He warned of the trickle down effect if this seismic project wipes out local fisheries and how this could ruin the local economy.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. South Bay Hookers License Agreement

Mr. Endersby reviewed the status of the License Agreement with South Bay Hookers. Discussion by the Board.

Motion: Mr. Doughty moved to recommend City Council approval of the South Bay Hookers Two-Year License Agreement. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Eckles and carried unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Filling Vacant Harbor Advisory Board Seat

Harbor Department Staffing Changes

Central Coast California Seismic Imaging Project Draft EIR

Harbor Patrol Boat #68

New Rescue PWCs

New Pumpout at Tidelands Dock

Lifeguards

Plover Fencing

C-MANC Washington DC Week

Salmon Season for Sport Fishing Opens April 7

State Park Marina Update

Events:

Blessing of the Fleet, April 22

Celebrate Morro Bay Parade & Morro Bay Kite Festival, April 28

Chumash Honor the Ancestors, April 29

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Doughty said this has been a very windy winter and spring and he found two boat pennant lines gone when he inspected two moorings; so be sure to check your lines.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

May: Central Coast California Seismic Imaging Project Draft EIR

Lease Sites Review

June: Harbor Department Draft Budget Review

Launch Ramp Parking Pass Review

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department