

**CITY OF MORRO BAY**

**HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD**

**SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Luffee said he saw ten semi-trucks parked along the Embarcadero this week, and thought it was a good sign for commercial fishing businesses. Mr. Doughty said the trucks were here to load all the squid from the squid boats, and there are a lot of squid out there.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR  
A-1 MINUTES**

Mr. Doughty moved the June 7, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**A-2 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

**State Park Marina Dredging  
Live Bait Operation  
Vacant Harbor Advisory Board Seat  
Harbor Budget/Staffing  
Recent Harbor Patrol Activities  
Derelict Vessels**

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B-1 Report on Launch Ramp Annual Parking Permit Program**

Mr. Endersby reviewed the annual parking permit program from 2010 to present, saying that it appears the bugs have mostly been worked out, and that financially it is essentially at break-even. He said there has recently been some problems with trailer storage, but these have mostly been resolved. Mr. Eckles thought designated parking spaces for pass holders might be a consideration. Mr. Endersby said the number of spaces are limited, and not guaranteed for pass holders right now.

**B-2 Status Report on PG&E Seismic Testing Project**

Mr. Endersby reviewed the components of the seismic imaging surveys saying the 2-D onshore began in 2011 and have been completed, and PG&E is currently processing the data. He said the California State Lands Commission is the primary agency having jurisdiction over the offshore 3-D component and the Ocean Bottom Seismometers (OBS). He said the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Responses to Comments were delivered in two volumes to the Harbor office yesterday. There are CDs available to the public, and the volumes can be read in the office.

Discussion by the Board. Mr. Endersby said the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization hired an attorney to voice their concerns, while Port San Luis has chosen to negotiate directly with PG&E. The negotiating process for impact mitigation is ongoing.

Mr. Endersby said the State Lands Commission meeting in Sacramento on August 14, 2012 will include review of the EIR. There will be a satellite meeting room set up in Morro Bay where the live broadcast will be, along with the ability to make live comments to the Commission. He said he will let the Board and public know the location as soon as he knows.

**B-3 Report on Walter B. Jones Award for Excellence in Coastal and Ocean Management**

Mr. Endersby said Morro Bay was honored with the 2012 Walter B. Jones Award for Excellence in Coastal and Ocean Management, under the Local Government category. He said Ms. Harris, Executive Director of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program nominated Morro Bay, and she is quoted as saying, "The City of Morro Bay and local fishing groups like the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization deserve this national-level praise. They are working closely together – along with conservation groups – to address the social, economic and environmental concerns surrounding fisheries management in the U.S."

Chairman Phillips commended all the individuals involved for their work over the past several years, which generated this award.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Sept: PG&E Seismic Testing Permitting Process Update  
Development of Friends of the Harbor Dept. Non-profit Organization  
Planning for Power Plant Property**

**Future: Boat Yard/Haul Out  
Lifeguard Season Review**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.  
Submitted by,

Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department