

Mr. Algert said the only disposal site available at the time of the Draft EIR study was an upland site located in Cambria; so that was the only analyzed. He said the near-shore ocean disposal site issue is the grain size and a too-high silt amount to deposit near shore. He noted that the less costly choice for the shoreline of the sandspit would be to use riprap rather than steel sheet pile.

Mr. Algert summarized the Environmentally Superior Alternative section (Page ES-26) saying that CEQA does not require an agency to select an environmentally superior alternative. He said besides the Proposed Project, the summary offers four other Alternative Projects, one of those being No Project. He said the assessment shows the Proposed Project as having the potential for the greatest environmental impacts, whereas Alternative #4 "Minimal Improvements" which includes maintenance dredging, was expected to result in an environmentally preferred project. However, he said, the summary analysis suggests that although the Proposed Project could be mitigated to reduce or eliminate most if not all significant impacts and most are short-term impacts associated with construction, as proposed, it has the potential for the greatest overall impact to the environment.

Mr. Murphy submitted a document to staff and Board members titled, "Commentary on the Environmental Impact Report Prepared by Padre and Associates." Mr. Murphy said he would recommend eliminating Alternatives #2 and #3, believing these would be highly disruptive to the existing marina tenants and businesses. He also said he believes these alternatives are likely to be so costly that sufficient construction funding would not be found, and would also be problematic for the city to execute.

After further discussion by Mr. Murphy and the Board, Mr. Algert suggested the Board accept the DEIR commentary document just submitted by Mr. Murphy and submit the document to Padre & Associates as public comment. Mr. Doughty stated to Mr. Algert he is completely opposed to trucking the dredge spoils, and calculated several high-dollar totals for the estimated truck loads. Mr. Luffee concurred, saying that a near-shore disposal site must be a better alternative.

IV-2. City Council Direction Concerning Potential Measure D Ballot Amendment

Mr. Algert said on June 9, 2008, the City Council discussed proposing a ballot initiative to amend Measure D, which created the Commercial Fishing Zone north of Beach Street; then on June 23, 2008, the City Council continued this discussion and passed the following motion: "The City Council postpone placing Measure D on the General Municipal ballot until there has been a meeting with the stakeholders."

Mr. Algert said Council would like to have stakeholder input on the question of amending Measure D, and the Board should determine how to approach this issue. He offered several options:

- Harbor Advisory Board public hearings over the next year to formulate a recommendation to Council;
- Appoint a sub-committee of the Harbor Advisory Board to work on the issues with members of the public, business owners, etc., and report back to the Board;
- Recommendation that the City Council form an ad-hoc committee of the Council that could include members of the city's Boards and Commissions, public, boaters, and business owners.

Mr. Algert requested the Board outline the process desired to give input to the City Council on Measure D discussions.

Chairman Phillips opened discussion to the Board. Mr. Ewing said Measure D was created to protect the north end of the waterfront and fishing facilities. He suggested removing the "non-conforming" clause, and allow leaseholders to expand within their current lease site boundaries. He suggested any new lease site should be for commercial fishing purposes, with the exception of the boatyard and haul out which would be for everybody. Mr. Ewing preferred there only be one public meeting held by this Harbor Advisory Board to decide the language for Measure D, but a separate committee should not be created.

Ms. Leary said she would prefer a sub-committee of the Harbor Advisory Board be appointed for Measure D. Mr. Doughty agreed with Mr. Ewing, also suggesting the sites be designated by specific square footage which would never change. He also requested a marine research facility be included in the Measure D language. He said either the public Harbor Advisory Board meeting or appointing a sub-committee would be fine. Mr. Luffee agreed with Mr. Ewing that just one public Harbor Advisory Board be held, as this Board should be the main stakeholders on this topic. After further discussion with Mr. Algert and the Board, Chairman Phillips said a public meeting should be held first, in October, and then an Ad Hoc committee can be created after that in order to work on the language changes needed in Measure D. Mr. Algert said a notice can be put in the next newsletter to let slip holders and lease holders know about the October meeting.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Algert briefed the Board on the following topics:

Fishing Vessel St. Joseph Update

Dredge Yaquina

South T-Pier Hoist

Abandoned Watercraft Grant

Vessel Sinking – Josephine

Summer Beach Lifeguards

Fish & Game Commission Meeting on August 7-8, 2008

Upcoming Events:

Margarita/Avocado Festival on September 20, 2008

Morro Bay Harbor Festival on October 4-5, 2008

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Luffee asked Mr. Algert for an update on the boat haul out. Mr. Algert said the next step is to work on a more detailed site plan so we can submit a concept plan and apply for a permit from the Coastal Commission. Work has not yet commenced on this.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

September: State Park Marina Public Hearing

Liveaboard Ordinance Revision Committee

October: Measure D Public Hearing

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

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