

**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 6, 2014 at 6:55 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Present:           Members:    Alan Alward (MBCFO Rep)  
  Gene Doughty  
  Jeff Eckles  
  Bill Luffee  
  Dana McClish  
  Lynn Meissen  
  Ron Reisner  
                          Staff:           Eric Endersby, Harbor Director  
  Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Chair Eckles announced the Morro Bay Community Foundation is presenting "Morro Bay Sings" on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Community Center featuring country music. Tickets are \$25, and proceeds go towards assisting kids in the community to pay fees for Recreation and Parks programs.

Chair Eckles said that during the public comment period of the October Harbor Advisory Board meeting some comments were made about the Harbor Patrol Officers. He said for the record, he is proud of the Harbor Patrol Officers, they have always been friendly, professional, and courteous in dealing with him as a yacht club member. He said transient vessels have often expressed without exception that the Morro Bay Harbor Patrol are the most professional and friendly on the West Coast. He thanked the HPOs for continuing to keep the harbor safe for recreational and commercial boaters.

Mr. McClish said he agrees wholeheartedly with Chair Eckles' statements about the HPOs. He also said during the boatyard/haulout facility survey, he and Ms. Meissen spoke to many transient boaters at the yacht club, and one consistent complaint was the difficulty of accessing the fuel dock. He said boaters often pass by Morro Bay and get fuel elsewhere. Mr. McClish suggested that during consideration of waterfront development that rebuilding the fuel dock access should be looked at.

Mr. Reisner said he has free tickets for the "Morro Bay Sings" program, call him 206-399-0690.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jeremiah O'Brien, commercial fisherman, said he is back in town now from fishing, and that the Economic Impact Report is available. He also said he fishes up and down the coast and often brags about this Harbor Department. He is proud of the professionalism and attitude of the HPOs. He's been here for the past 35 years and said that this has always been true and still continues. Mr. O'Brien thanked the Harbor Patrol and said to keep up the good work.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A-1 MINUTES**

Mr. McClish moved the October 2, 2014 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B-1 Harbor Department Status Report**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

**North T-Pier Maintenance and Repair Project**

**Oil Recycling Yard**

**Aquarium RFP**

**Recent City Council Actions:**

**MOU Contracts**

**LS68/68W**

**Resolution No. 71-14 DBW Equipment Grant Contract for Engines**

**Recent Events:**

**October 4-5 – Harbor Festival**

**October 12 – Person Washed Off Jetty, Injury**

**October 19 – Dive Cleanup Underneath Piers and Slips**

**October 19 – Vessel “Glowing Star” Sunk at SPM**

**November 2 - Triathlon**

**Upcoming Events:**

**November 15 – Morro Bay Beautiful Cleanup on Sandspit**

**November 1-28 – Morro Bay in Bloom Surfboard Art Festival**

**November 29 – Morro Bay in Bloom Surfboard Auction**

**December 3-8 – Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain**

**December 6 – Lighted Boat Parade**

**Training:**

**October 20 – Konrad Engines Technical Training, HPO Stein, HPO Jacobs**

**October 29 – Harbor Patrol/Coast Guard Helicopter Lift Operations**

**B-2 Lifeguard Season-End Report**

Mr. Kyle Shaffer, Lifeguard Supervisor and Reserve Harbor Patrol Officer, recapped the Lifeguard season for the Board, including thanking his staff for a job well done. He said there were higher water temps and fewer foggy days than normal; there were 129,000 beach goers during the season of 106 days of beach coverage. Mr. Shaffer listed all the statistics from the season, saying the most important numbers are zero deaths and zero drowning.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**C-1. Update from the Marine Services Facility/Boatyard Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee’s Recent Activities**

Mr. Endersby said Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC) has completed the Case Study, and the Survey is near completion with over 100 Survey results. LWC will document the results and submit them to the Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman’s Organization, and then bring the results to the Harbor Advisory Board.

**C-2. Update from the Capital Improvement Planning Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee’s Recent Activities**

Chair Eckles said the Ad-Hoc Committee has not convened since the previous Harbor Advisory Board meeting. Nothing to report.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D-1 Review of Harbor Department Rules and Regulations Document and Harbor Advisory Board Input and Direction on Sections Warranting Updating and Revision**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the Harbor Rules and Regulations and the need to identify areas to be revised, added, deleted, or organized. He asked the Board for their suggestions, saying he would incorporate the changes and then bring the updated version back to the Board, prior to submitting to City Council for approval.

Discussion by the Board. Mr. Endersby said he has started a list of possible areas in the Harbor Rules and Regulations that he feels need to be addressed. Mr. Doughty asked if Mr. Endersby could read the list aloud and the Board members can agree or disagree to discuss the areas further, with a “thumbs-up” or “thumbs-down” response tonight. Mr. Endersby agreed.

Following is the list of areas in the Harbor Rules and Regulations that the Board agreed to discuss further.

1. Requiring vessel insurance for use of City facilities.
2. Time limit on recreational vessel stay on T-Piers.
3. Use of impoundment of vessels for other than non-payment of fees as an enforcement tool.
4. Setting a definitive number on the maximum size vessel that a mooring can accommodate.
5. Allowing a limited number of commercial fishing vessels to have Liveaboard permits at the T-Piers.
6. Insurance required for Liveaboards.
7. Adding needed definitions to the Morro Bay Municipal Code.
8. Eliminating the \$1/day non-mooring holder skiff tie-up fees at City head-float areas.
9. Prohibiting careening of vessels on the sandspit except in emergencies.
10. Limiting the amount of repair on vessels in water (25%) that should go to a boatyard.
11. Specific reference to City slips for owners/crew/guests only.
12. No overhead casting in certain areas.
13. Adding/strengthening Best Management Practices.
14. Marine Sanitation Devices and discharge in the bay.
15. Cleaning up the section that mentions Associated Pacific and Jim Entwisle.
16. A defined appeal process.

**D-2 Tsunami Event Protocols and Public Safety Information**

Chair Eckles requested this Informational Item be tabled until the December meeting. The Board concurred.

**E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Eckles requested the “Changes to Harbor Rules and Regulations” Agenda Item be heard at the next Harbor Advisory Board meeting in December 2014. There was Board concurrence to hear this item in December 2014.

Chair Eckles requested the “Tsunami Warning and Emergency Notification” Informational Item, which was on the current Agenda and did not get heard, be tabled until the December 2014 Harbor Advisory Board meeting. There was Board concurrence to hear this item in December 2014.

Chair Eckles requested review of Marine Sanitation Devices and discharge in the bay at a future Harbor Advisory Board meeting. There was Board concurrence to hear this item.

Mr. Doughty requested an annual status report from Mr. Endersby on all waterfront Lease Sites. There was Board concurrence to hear this item.

In addition, the Board reviewed items previously declared for Future Agenda and there was consensus to review the State Park Marina Operating Agreement at the February 2015 Harbor Advisory Board meeting.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.  
Submitted by,

Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department