

**CITY OF MORRO BAY**

**HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD**

**SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:00 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 Lynn Meissen Ron Reisner
	Absent:	Dana McClish
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Mr. Reisner thanked the Morro Bay Harbor Patrol for transporting the volunteers of Morro Bay Beautiful (MBB) to the sandspit and back for the semi-annual fall cleanup. The MBB volunteers picked up trash at several county locations including Black Hill, Arroyo Grande, and walked from Montana de Oro to the South Jetty on the sandspit during the cleanup.

Chair Eckles said his twins just celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by kayaking with him to the sandspit and enjoying the day there. He said they are grateful to live in such a special place.

Mr. Doughty reminded all boaters that big storms are on the way next week, so be sure all lines are tied securely and you have chaffing gear on the boats.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ed Molinari said he's been a Morro Bay resident since 1998, and about two months ago a boat collided with his boat on the mooring. He said he has asked the Harbor Patrol Supervisor for a collision report but still has not received it. He also said an incident with the AIS barge occurred a couple of years ago, and he still has not received the requested report. He also wanted to get clarification on the number of nights per week a person is allowed to stay on a vessel before needing to apply as a Liveaboard.

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

Ms. Meissen moved the November 6, 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:

**Recent City Council Actions:**

**Ordinance 588 Commercial Fishing Vessel Slip Qualification  
New Sublease Agreement Form for Lease Sites  
Administrative Approval Change of 7 Master Leases**

**Recent Events:**

**November 7 – Waterfowl Hunting Season Open  
November 15 – Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Open  
November 29 – Morro Bay in Bloom Surfboard Auction**

**Upcoming Events:**

**December 3-8 – Lady Washington  
December 6 – Lighted Boat Parade  
December 31 – Recreational Rockfish Season Ends  
January 1 – New Year’s Day Polar Bear Dip  
January 16-19 – Winter Bird Festival**

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**C-1 Review of Harbor Department Rules and Regulations Document and Morro Bay Municipal Code Chapter 15 for Harbor Advisory Board Input and Direction on Revising “Definitions”**

Mr. Endersby asked the Board to review the current Morro Bay harbor-related definitions in Chapter 15.04 of the Morro Bay Municipal Code as the first phase of revising the Harbor Rules and Regulations document. He asked the Board to choose from the lists of excerpted definitions and provide input to Staff.

The Board reviewed the definitions and made detailed comments and clarifications on each page of the definitions.

Chair Eckles said this first phase of revising definitions in the Harbor Rules and Regulations has been completed and the next phase would be working directly on the Rules and Regulations themselves, section by section.

**C-2 Update from the Marine Services Facility/Boatyard Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee’s Recent Activities**

Mr. Reisner said the Ad-Hoc Committee received a copy of the draft final report of the Market Demand Analysis by Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC). He said the co-sponsor of the Analysis, the Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman’s Organization (MBCFO) as well as the Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed the Analysis and provided comments back to the Harbor Director who is the liaison.

Mr. Reisner said the Ad-Hoc Committee found the Market Demand Analysis draft report incomplete and that it did not satisfy the contract deliverable elements, relative to a Morro Bay boatyard and haulout facility, in Task 6 as follows:

- Identify the most important services
- Identify the potential demand
- Identify the opportunities and constraints for marine facility operators
- Make recommendations on the viability of a boatyard and haulout facility in Morro Bay
- Make recommendations as to what types of services are likely to generate the highest demand
- Make recommendations relative to possible strategies to capitalize on trends in the market

Mr. Endersby said he will be meeting with LWC next week to look at the submitted comments by the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Further discussion by the Board. Mr. Doughty said he was opposed to the City giving any more money to LWC until the analysis as requested is complete.

**C-3 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 Tsunami Event Protocols and Public Safety Information**

Mr. Endersby presented this informational item to the Board on tsunami warning protocols for vessels and vessel owners on Morro Bay waters. He reviewed the four levels of tsunami danger: 1) Warning, 2) Advisory, 3) Watch, and 4) Information Statement. He reviewed the included brochure of Cal EMA's "How to Survive a Tsunami." He described the conditions at which the City of Morro Bay's Emergency Operations Center would be activated, and the methods that county dispatch would use (Reverse 911) to notify people.

Mr. Alward asked that the City slip holders be notified directly either by the Harbor Patrol boat or by phone, and that a list with their cell phone numbers be kept in the Harbor Office for this purpose. During the last tsunami event, he was only notified half an hour before it hit and then it was too late to take his boat out of the harbor.

Mr. Endersby said human safety is the bottom line versus saving boats from damage, but if time allowed and it was safe to do so, boat owners could be notified in order that they may go out to sea beyond the tsunami threat.

**D-2 Cancellation of the January, 2015 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Doughty moved to cancel the January, 2015 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee, and carried unanimously.

**E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board had no new Future Agenda Items to declare.

Mr. Endersby said at the November meeting, 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.

Chair Eckles thanked the Board and Staff for their dedication and perseverance throughout the last year, saying many accomplishments have been made. He said since this is the final meeting of 2014, he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.  
Submitted by,

Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department