



**AGENDA NO: A-1**

**MEETING DATE: March 3, 2016**

**CITY OF MORRO BAY**

**HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD**

**SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 4, 2016 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 Bill Luffee Neal Maloney Dana McClish Lynn Meissen Ron Reisner
	Absent:	MBCFO Rep.
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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Mr. Doughty said he has been doing mooring inspections in Morro Bay for forty years, but over the past six months a new growth has appeared on the mooring chains which encapsulates all the mussels, and the mussels die. He took a specimen to be analyzed, and this is a sponge native to Baja California. Mr. Doughty showed the Board a large sample of the yellow sponge. Mr. Reisner mentioned that boaters need to check their thru-hulls and engines for growths of this sponge.

Mr. McClish said the Central Coast Maritime Museum kiosk and all vessels will soon move to their new location, approximately 60-feet away from current site. He said Meyer's Drilling has volunteered the crane work for this project.

Mr. Reisner asked Ms. Lori French to make an announcement about enchiladas. Ms. French said the Central Coast Women for Fisheries are holding their annual albacore enchiladas sale; she gave her phone number for pre-orders 748-2460.

Mr. Luffee said the Coastal Commission is holding a meeting at the Inn at Morro Bay with a possible secondary location at the Community Center, February 10-12.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Ms. Lori French said due to testing results of domoic acid by the California Department of Public Health, and on a subsequent recommendation by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the California Fish and Wildlife Commission closed the Dungeness and rock crab

fisheries as of November 5, 2015. She reviewed the testing process, saying this closure was an unprecedented, pre-emptive move by the state, which has shut down the crabbing industry.

Ms. French said commercial fishermen do not qualify for unemployment, and they have also missed all of the markets from Thanksgiving, Christmas and through the New Year. The Central Coast Women for Fisheries have set up a Crabbers Emergency Relief Fund, and donations can be sent to CCWF, 785 Quintana Road, Box 106, Morro Bay, CA 93442. She requested the Harbor Department forgive slip rent for commercial crabbers for two months, as well as exempt landings to qualify for their slips for 2016.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A-1 MINUTES**

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Mr. McClish moved the January 7, 2016 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Maloney and carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPORTS, AND APPEARANCES**

**B-1 Harbor Department Status Report**

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Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

**Coastal Commission Meeting, Inn at Morro Bay or Community Center, Feb 10-12**

**Recent Department Activity**

**Harbor Patrol 22 Emergency Responses in January**

**North Jetty Danger Area; Stay Back from Waves**

**Recent City Council Activity**

**Winter Bird Festival Month Declared for January**

**Aquarium Lease Site Consent of Landowner**

**C-MANC Washington Week Approval**

**Two Study Sessions on Objectives for FY16-17**

**Work Plan Development Structure for Advisory Bodies**

**C-MANC Washington Week March 14-18**

**Upcoming Events**

**K38 Training Feb 22-24**

**Past Events**

**NOAA Marine Sanctuary Meeting Jan 6**

**Discussion by the Board and Mr. Endersby on Hazardous Bar Closure by the Coast Guard, and Public Safety Responses by Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard, as well as the importance of local knowledge by the Harbor Patrol during rescue operations.**

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

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Mr. McClish reviewed the Ad-Hoc Committee's annual report of highlights from 2015, followed by their report on "2016 Critical Path." He concluded by saying the City's Triangle Lot site appears to the Ad-Hoc Committee as the only possible site left for an adequate Marine Facility in Morro Bay, and if the City fails to act on the recommendation regarding RRM Design Group's Concept Plan A; then the Ad-Hoc Committee feels a vital element of needed infrastructure for the future of our working waterfront and the entire Morro Bay boating community will be lost.

Discussion by the Board and Councilmember Makowetski.

**MOTION:** Mr. McClish moved the Harbor Advisory Board recommend to the City Council to employ a consultant for a feasibility study of the previously recommended Marine Services

Facility design option "A" by RRM Design Group, in a timely manner. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Reisner and carried with a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Doughty voting no.

**C-2 Update from the Finance & Budget Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities**

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Mr. Maloney said the Ad-Hoc Committee met with the Harbor Director who reviewed the fiscal year revenues for the Committee. Mr. Maloney reviewed the City Council budget schedule for 2016 with their flow sheets and work plans. He said the Ad-Hoc Committee will continue to be a sounding board for the Harbor Director in the ongoing budget process. Mr. Endersby said the mid-year budget will be reviewed at the Council's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, which includes mid-year adjustments.

**C-3 Update from the Eelgrass Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities**

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Ms. Meissen said the Committee had one meeting with NEP's eelgrass expert Jen Nix who gave the Committee an updated eelgrass report. Ms. Meissen said the Ad-Hoc Committee will be reviewing this information and will report back to the Harbor Advisory Board.

**C-4 Update from the Marine Sanctuaries Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities, Including Consideration of Ad-Hoc Committee Written Report Dated February 4, 2016**

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Mr. Reisner read the Ad-Hoc Committee's written report dated February 4, 2016 for the Board, updating the Committee's activities and containing information relative to each of the three macro areas of interest, which are Economic, Regulatory, and Local/Regional/State Control aspects.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reisner moved that the Harbor Advisory Board make a direct written request to the Morro Bay City Council that City sponsorship and promotion of additional public information forums relative to a hypothetical marine sanctuary off the coast of Morro Bay be placed on the earliest possible City Council agenda. Further, that those forums be intended to provide objective, fact-based information to the City and its citizens – information provided by City and County governments; port and harbor authorities; regional agencies; business interests and other non-government organizations (NGOs) which have lived for a period of time with a marine sanctuary on the California coast. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

**D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**MOTION:** Ron moved to recommend a public information forum at a future Harbor Advisory Board meeting, relative to the use in the Back Bay to include such uses as hunting, birding, boating and other uses. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ron moved that the Harbor Advisory Board place on the next agenda the question of moorage relief for resident crab fishermen. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**March:**

Commercial Crab Disaster Slip Fee Relief

**Future:**

Back Bay Water Use Public Forum

Coast Guard Building Location Plans  
Condition of Restrooms on the Embarcadero  
Inspecting Marine Sanitation Devices on All Vessels in Morro Bay Harbor

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by,



Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department