

**CITY OF MORRO BAY**  
**HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present	Members:	Gene Doughty Michele Leary Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
Absent		Roger Anderson Ed Ewing
	Staff:	Rick Algert, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**II. MINUTES**

Mr. Luffee moved the September 6, 2007 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Richard Sadowski, citizen of North Morro Bay, said with the implementation of the State Marine Reserve in Morro Bay there is a necessity to address the area's water supply and treatment needs and this could be done through the Biodiversity Action Plan Program. Ms. Marla Jo Bruton asked the Board about the no-take zones pertaining to the Ships to Reefs program; she warned against the local area becoming a dumping ground for old boats.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**IV-1. 2007 Summer Beach Lifeguard Report**

Mr. Algert introduced Cale Moore and Dmitri Jarocki, Beach Lifeguard Coordinators. Cale and Dmitri made an oral presentation to the Board, reporting the statistics from what they referred to as, "the most crowded year on record." Over a period of 88 days on duty, the crowd was estimated to be 89,414. The Lifeguards had 958 public contacts, 285 preventative actions, 20 assists, 24 rescues, and 14 medical aids, among other statistics.

Dmitri Jarocki said the Morro Bay Lifeguards are working towards meeting criteria for certification of Morro Bay as a qualified United States Lifesaving Association host for the Open-Water Lifeguard Academy. He said two pieces of equipment have been acquired, an AED (defibrillator) and oxygen administering equipment. He said one of the goals of the Lifeguards is to update the Lifeguard towers; however at a cost of approximately \$18,000, it is important to search for possible grant funding.

Mr. Phillips said he knows how very important the work is that the Morro Bay Lifeguards perform, and the many difficulties faced while saving people. He asked Cale and Dmitri to pass on the appreciation from the Board to all the Lifeguards.

#### **IV-2. State Park Marina Update & Presentation**

Mr. Algert reviewed the Item, stating that in 2002 the City entered into an operating agreement with the State Park Marina while attempting to develop a dredging and renovation project. He said under the operating agreement, Associated Pacific remains the concessionaire for operations of the State Park Marina. He said in 2005 Padre & Associates entered into a consulting agreement to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed dredging and renovation project. Mr. Algert said the RRM Design Group has developed a modified design for the basin and shore side improvements. Mr. Algert introduced Mr. Bill Dugas of Padre & Associates, and Mr. Jim Duffy of RRM Design Group, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation for the Board of the conceptual design and engineering elements of the State Park Marina project.

Mr. Duffy said the State Park Marina was originally dredged in 1949, and the dredge spoils created the current sandspit. He said after the initial assessment, the result was a high demand for additional slips, as well as the dredging of a navigable channel, as often the boats sit high and dry. He said the assessment showed the boat ramp as non-functional, the parking area drained into the bay, and there is inadequate shore side public amenities.

Mr. Duffy said the current goals for the marina are: improving boater safety, creating a navigable channel, and updating the facilities to DBW and ADA standards. He reviewed the conceptual design plans:

- Dredge basin – 100,000 cubic yards
- Storm water treatment
- Shoreline stabilization to reduce erosion and minimize infill
- Improve the kayak vendor facility
- Boat pump-out station
- Restroom and shower
- ADA accessible gangways
- Pedestrian lanes, bike lanes, benches
- Improved lighting
- Slips, gangways and boat launch up to DBW standards

Mr. Duffy presented the new design map, reviewing several sections:

- DBW standard channel
- 150 slips
- Riprap hardscape at the south end to keep existing ratio of boat size slips
- Kayak shop
- Day slips
- Boat launch ramp
- Nature trails
- Parking area and entrance improvement
- Signage
- Restrooms

Mr. Duffy listed some of the benefits and improvements of the new design:

- Accessibility to the public and boaters
- Resource protection (water quality in bay)
- Tourism
- Safety for boaters and public (against landslides)

The Board discussed several issues with Mr. Duffy. Mr. Phillips restated the date of the upcoming EIR scoping meeting to be held by Padre & Associates on October 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way. Mr. Algert said the target release date for the draft EIR would be spring 2008 with construction of the project in three to five years. Mr. Phillips opened discussion to the public.

Mr. Norm Anton, co-chair of State Park Marina Boat Owners Association, asked if the silt deposit is coming from drain pipes at the extreme end of the marina, and if the relocation of the storm drain will direct the flow out of the marina and into the bay. Mr. Algert said Mr. Anton should attend the EIR meeting and ask these detailed questions of Mr. Phillip Williams. Mr. Anton stated concerns about the dredge spoils and the deposit location. Mr. Algert said many sites have been viewed with the current site located 20-35 miles away from this area, which does make the trucking cost high, as well as raise concerns about traffic and air quality. He said these issues will be the main discussion points of the EIR.

Mr. Luffee asked which agencies need to approve the project. Mr. Dugas of Padre & Associates, said many agencies are involved such as, California Coastal Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, Fish & Wildlife, NOAA, and the Department of Fish & Game. Mr. Algert said the City of Morro Bay is the applicant, and the local use permit process is the first step in the permitting process.

#### **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **V-1. Harbor Department Status Report**

Mr. Algert Reviewed the following items:

##### **Marine Protected Areas**

##### **Harbor Festival**

##### **Ships to Reefs**

##### **Faces of California Fishing**

##### **Lien Sales**

##### **Snowy Plover Season**

##### **City Council Action**

##### **Lifeguards This Year**

#### **VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Mr. Doughty said the 24<sup>th</sup> annual long-board paddle race this Sunday at noon at Coleman Beach.

#### **VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**November:** News Racks on Embarcadero  
Presentation by Laurie French of The Faces of California Fishing

**December:** Boat Repair Yard

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM

Submitted by,

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