

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 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Michele Leary Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
	Staff:	Rick Algert, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

II. MINUTES

Mr. Doughty moved the September 3, 2009 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Phillips introduced Mr. David Owens, Director and CEO of the Harbor Festival. Mr. Owens gave the Board a PowerPoint presentation on this weekend's Harbor Festival events, as well as a brief history and breakdown of costs and earnings. He said this year there will be 90 new vendors and 30 entertainers on three stages, and he is expecting approximately 25,000 people to attend the Festival during the weekend.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. Beach Lifeguard Report – Summer 2009

Mr. Algert introduced Mr. Cale Moore, Morro Bay Lifeguard Supervisor. Mr. Moore reviewed the statistics of rescues, preventative actions, medical aids, swimmer assists, and animal assists. He said this season was one of the busiest on record with 160,000 patrons during the lifeguard season, which ran from May 23, 2009 through September 20, 2009. Mr. Moore reviewed the success of the first year of Morro Bay hosting the United States Lifeguard Academy (USLA) competitions.

After a few questions from the Board, Chairman Phillips thanked Mr. Moore for the good work and successful lifeguard season.

IV-2. Dredging Update Oral Report

Mr. Algert introduced Mr. Nick Tietje of AIS Construction, who was awarded the Army Corps of Engineers contract for the current dredging project in Morro Bay. Mr. Tietje said AIS Construction is out of Carpinteria with a shop in Santa Maria. He said he lives in Morro Bay, and two other employees live in town; so he was glad to have this project awarded to a local contractor this year. He said all permits for the project have been issued.

Mr. Tietje said the dredge to be used for the main entrance of the harbor is all electric; so there will be no diesel fumes or noise. He said the other dredge used for the areas farther inside the bay is an excavator/barge with scows for putting the material in the nearshore disposal site. Mr. Algert said the navigational channels that AIS is contracted to do reach back to the Inn at Morro Bay.

He outlined the schedule, which begins on Monday, October 5, 2009 with fusing pipe at the Rock parking lot. He said in the second week the pipe will be connected to the beach disposal site north of the Rock, and in the third week the pipe will go into the water; he indicated the areas on the map. He said there will be a fenced yard for the office trailer located near the Rock restrooms, and second yard at the base of Morro Rock for large equipment and an area for fusing the pipes.

Mr. Tietje said the location of the pipeline will come up north of Target Rock and will not effect the crosswalk or bike lane, and there will be pedestrian crossings every 500-feet as well as speed bumps. He said AIS is a company committed to safety first and protection of wildlife, and that all precautions will be taken. There will be a no-access area called the Kelp Zone where otters live near Target Rock that will be marked off with buoys. He said beyond that area will be a temporary dock for the surveyor and tug boats, and the overflow parking area will be used for transformers.

Mr. Tietje said the target date to fire up the dredge is the end of October, and the total number for the actual working window is scheduled for 135 days. He said the out-of-town employees will bring their families and use the hotels, restaurants, laundry, etc. which will assist the local economy. He said he is keenly aware of the impact the dredging process causes, and is always open for suggestions. He asked the Board for any questions.

Mr. Cunningham asked about the power cord usage for the electric dredge. Mr. Tietje described the type of cable that will be placed in the water on the ocean floor, running from the PG&E, and that there are multiple shut down and power kill backups in place. Mr. Cunningham asked about the Notice to Mariners. Mr. Tietje said the notice will be posted via radio by the Coast Guard and there will be postings at the Harbor Office and the Coast Guard Office. Ms. Leary suggested posting a notice at the launch ramp for new boaters, and Mr. Algert said that is a good recommendation. Mr. Tietje said there are also floating signs available, if needed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Algert reviewed the following items for the Board:

Mandatory Water Conservation Measure, Effective 10/19/09

Surplus Auction

Fall C-MANC Meeting

Harbor Patrol Training

Future Council Action:

Discussion of use of commercial boats vs. recreational boats in areas south of Tidelands Park

Resolution to accept \$300K grant from DBW for maintenance dredging in State Park Marina

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Doughty asked Mr. Algert if his interpretation of a "Commercial Vessel" would include research vessels or vessels used for aqua-culture. Mr. Algert said the definition usually refers to commercial fishing vessels, but all the vessels described would be considered commercial vessels as well.

Mr. Cunningham said he wanted to discuss the sea lion issue again, and possibly bring the topic to a future agenda item. The Board agreed by consensus to agendaize the item.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**November: Anchor Environmental and State Park Marina Maintenance Dredging
Sea Lion Issues in the Bay**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department