

**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 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. MINUTES**

Ms. Meissen moved the October 1, 2009 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Phillips acknowledged the death of Morro Bay commercial fisherman David Kubiak.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**IV-1. Anchor Environmental and State park Marina Maintenance Dredging**

Mr. Algert said that in 2008 the City certified an Environmental Impact Report for a major renovation and slip expansion project for the State Park Marina. The EIR identified disposal of dredged material from the State Park Marina in the near shore disposal site (1 mile south of South Jetty in 20-40 ft. depth) as the preferred environmental alternative, but use of this site is problematic because of the general rule that dredged material deposited in the ocean should be at least 70% beach grain size material. Mr. Algert said some areas of the State Park Marina that need to be dredged meet this standard, but other areas are as low as 50% beach grain size and 50% silt size material, but the alternative to putting the dredged material in the ocean is to truck the material to an upland site, which is expensive and involves many more air quality and traffic impacts.

Mr. Algert said early this year the City started talking with the State Department of Boating and Waterways about an interim project to do some maintenance dredging in the Marina. He said that because this property is owned by the State it qualifies for special funds at DBW. In August 2009 the City Council accepted a \$297,000 grant from DBW for Morro Bay State Park Marina dredging studies, permits and monitoring. He said the City has engaged a firm with unique sediment management/ACOE regulatory experience named Anchor QEA to obtain maintenance dredging permits for the Marina. He said Anchor is just now starting work on an addendum to the previous EIR focused on a near shore disposal site for maintenance dredging of 50-60,000 yards of material.

Mr. Algert said there still are questions of what conditions may be laid on these permits, but Anchor is relatively optimistic that they can be successful as early as next summer. Last month DBW provided the City an additional grant commitment of \$300,000 for actual maintenance dredging work. He said the City Council will be considering acceptance of that grant at their November 9, 2009 meeting, and should the City obtain permits for maintenance dredging next year at the Marina, the project would be put out to bid. Mr. Algert said costs of the dredging project will be paid through the \$300,000 DBW grant and most likely some supplemental funding from the City's Harbor Fund that will be repaid through the State Park Marina Operating agreement.

Mr. Algert reviewed a slide presentation from Anchor QEA showing the "Scope of Work" and the project description, vicinity, innovative sediment management, project tasks, and the next steps. He said the 150,000 cubic yards of sediment has been thoroughly tested and meets chemical standards as clean sediment. He said the dredged sediment is a resource, and that beach nourishment through near shore placement of sand is a well-established practice. He said recent studies have described the importance of fine sediments in offshore benthic zones in California, and the study in Santa Cruz showed a swath of silt that created a rich habitat reaching farther out on the ocean floor than sand normally does.

Discussion ensued by the Board regarding the funding, the cubic yards of materials, the area to be dredged, grant proposal writing, long-term monitoring, sampling and analysis of materials.

#### **IV-2. Sea Lion Issues in the Bay - Update**

Mr. Algert said the Board requested this item. He said sea lion conflicts with the working waterfront are greatly reduced at this time, as most of the animals seemed to have relocated, for now. He said presumably they will return again next summer. Copies of the handout from NOAA fisheries are available at the Harbor Office and also on the NOAA web site at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/deter>.

Ms. Meissen suggested this item be discussed by the Board again next year prior to the arrival of the sea lions, as this situation will probably happened again next summer with possibly more animals due to population growth. Chairman Phillips agreed.

### **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Algert reviewed the following items for the Board:

##### **Dredging**

**Lighted Boat Parade 12/05/09**

**Capsized Kayaks on Sandspit**

**Storm Conditions and Preparation**

**Lien Sale**

**Restless C II Diesel Leak 10/26/09**

**LID Boat Yard Project**

**Council Action:**

**10/26/09 – confirmed the existing zoning on the waterfront south of Tidelands Park allows marine-oriented commercial uses under certain conditions.**

### **VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

None.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**December: Central Coast Groundfish Group Presentation  
Liveboard Status**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department