

The City Manager analyzed the Harbor Department structure and discussed operational options with key personnel, and proposed that Council not refill the retiring Harbor Director position, but instead recommended that key elements of the Harbor Director position be taken on through revision of the Harbor Operations Manager position and changing the Harbor Business Coordinator to a new Harbor Business Manager position. In conjunction with this, one Harbor Patrol Officer will be promoted to a new Harbor Patrol Supervisor position and an additional part-time Office Assistant IV will be hired to take on some of the more routine duties of both the Harbor Business Manager and Harbor Operations Manager position.

Chairman Phillips asked if the Office Assistant IV has been hired. Ms. Lichtenbaum said Lori Stilts who also works half-time for the Police Department has been hired, and her other half-time position in the City Finance Department will end. Mr. Cunningham asked which Harbor Patrol Officer was promoted. Ms. Lichtenbaum said the period to apply has just closed, and interviews will take place after Mr. Endersby returns from vacation. Mr. Doughty congratulated Ms. Lichtenbaum on her promotion.

IV-3. Update on State Park Marina Project

Ms. Lichtenbaum reported that Anchor QEA is finalizing the amendment to the EIR for the State Park Marina dredging project. The amendment focuses on the new dredge footprint and addresses reductions in required mitigation measures due to the smaller dredge footprint, decrease in upland work components, and the use of the near shore sediment placement site rather than trucking for removal of the dredged material. The Planning Commission will review the EIR amendment within the next month.

Ms. Lichtenbaum reviewed various possibilities of the project, including funding by Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for repair of the State Park Marina kayak launch ramp. She said Anchor QEA is working on an expedited process of obtaining the necessary permits as soon as possible to ensure completion of the project. Copies of the proposed dredge footprint and the schematic for the kayak launch ramp project were included.

The Board discussed the topics of separating the kayak launch ramp project from the dredging project, the timeline for completion of the entire project, permitting deadlines, funding from grants, and eel grass mitigation. Chairman Phillips opened the topic to public comments.

Mr. Steve Zawalick, boat owner in the State Park Marina, asked Ms. Lichtenbaum for more details of the proposed kayak launch ramp project and stated his concern that the original project should not be derailed. Ms. Lichtenbaum said this is a DBW granted boating facility and project, and explained how the Harbor Department needs to defer to them, but expects that issues will be resolved within a couple of weeks, and that the project will continue to move forward.

Chairman Phillips referred Mr. Zawalick to the group called State Park Marina Association as a good contact.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Ms. Lichtenbaum briefed the Board on the following topics:

Launch Ramp Parking

Fourth of July

Rock to Pier Run

Dredge Update

MBNEP/EPA Meeting

St. Joseph

Space Ex

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Doughty said he is seeing more bait and more sea lions in the bay. Discussion ensued by the Board on a future boat yard in Morro Bay. Chairman Phillips reminded Board members this topic will be on a future agenda, and can be fully discussed at that time.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sept: Harbor Department Budget Adopted

Annual Launch Ramp Parking Pass

Future Boat Yard in Morro Bay

Oct: SLOSEA Dean Wendt Presentation

Nov: Sea Scouts in Morro Bay

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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