

**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, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Dana McClish Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Mr. McClish said there will be day races this Saturday at the Morro Bay Yacht Club, as well as a youth sailing event on Sunday. Ms. Meissen inquired about the pump-out barge and if they have a business license. Mr. Cunningham reminded the public of the Harbor Fest this weekend with the commercial fishermen albacore barbecue. Chair Phillips welcomed Mr. McClish as the new member of the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Carla Borchard, said that Morro Bay was well represented at the Sunset Savor the Central Coast last weekend, including the local fishermen, and there were good displays of local products from Morro Bay. She said people enjoyed the Back Bay Oyster Tour as well.

Ms. Mandy Davis announced the formation of a single-issue alliance group called the Coalition in Opposition to Acoustic Seismic Testing (COAST). She described the group as being composed of regular business people, commercial fishermen, activists, and the general public who are opposed to the permitting of PG&E to perform seismic testing off the Central Coast. Ms. Davis said the meetings are being held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. either at the Vet's Hall or the Community Center. She read the entire Mission Statement of the organization; then informed the public of the rally/protest that will be happening this Saturday in Morro Bay during the Harbor Festival, which will include a water flotilla starting from the launch ramp at 1:30 p.m.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**A-1 MINUTES**

Mr. Eckles moved the September 6, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B-1 Lifeguard Season End Report**

Mr. Kyle Shaffer, Morro Bay Lifeguard Supervisor, recapped the 2012 Lifeguard season for the Board, saying it has been a busy year but a good year. The pro-active patrols of the Lifeguards, he said, helped to keep the number of rescues low. Of the 68,000 patrons, there were only two rescues and three swim assists, along with 134 preventative actions, 95 enforcement actions, and over 500 public safety contacts. Most importantly, there were zero drownings, zero deaths.

Mr. Shaffer asked the Board for comments or questions. Mr. Eckles questioned the Lifeguard responses to dogs off leash. Mr. Endersby said the Lifeguards are to call Harbor Patrol to respond and enforce the City Ordinance, since watching the water is their number-one priority. Chair Phillips thanked Mr. Shaffer and his Lifeguard crew for their excellent service and hard work, as well as the good record this season.

**B-2 Harbor Department Status Report**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

**State Park Marina Dredging**

**Army Corps of Engineers' Eelgrass Mitigation**

**Joint Fire Training with MB Fire**

**Vessel Fire – King Kamehameha II**

**Vessel Sinking – Allison C**

**Other Training News**

**C-MANC Washington Week Cable Committee Grant**

**Harbor Patrol Reserve Staffing**

**Upcoming Events**

**Harbor Festival October 6**

**Morro Bay Triathlon October 13**

**MOTION:** Mr. Eckles moved that a letter be sent to the Cable Liaison Committee signed by the Harbor Advisory Board, thanking them for funding the Harbor Department and City Manager for the C-MANC Washington Week annual trip. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried unanimously.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**C-1 Receipt of Harbor Advisory Board Letter Commenting on PG&E Seismic Testing and Update on Project Status**

Mr. Endersby told the Board that the City Council voted unanimously to pass Resolution 49-12 opposing the Central Coastal California seismic imaging project. He reviewed the recent Fish and Game Commission meeting results in Sacramento, saying the testimony presented were unanimously in opposition to seismic testing on the Central Coast. Mr. Endersby said several regulatory meetings and comment periods are coming up and it is important for the public to research the project and make their comments. He said the City of Morro Bay website is being updated nearly daily with the latest information. Discussion by the Board.

Mr. Eckles thanked Mr. Endersby for writing and sending the well-crafted letter on behalf of the Board, which expressed the Board's opposition to the project.

Mr. Eckles asked Mr. Endersby to let the Board know what the Council decides about the Board's recommendation to reconvene the NEW Futures Ad-Hoc Committee.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D-1** None.

**E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Nov: Boat Yard/Haul Out  
Map and Clarify Property Lines from Harbor Office North to Morro Creek**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.  
Submitted by,

Polly Curtis  
Harbor Department