



CITY OF MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

The City of Morro Bay provides essential public services and infrastructure to maintain a safe, clean and healthy place for residents and visitors to live, work and play.

Regular Meeting Thursday, February 1, 2024 – 5:30 P.M. Veterans Memorial Hall 209 Surf St., Morro Bay, CA

Cal Myers	Recreational Boating
Cherise Hansson	Waterfront Leaseholders
Gene Doughty	South Bay/Los Osos
Sean Green	Member at Large
Christopher Vaile	Member at Large
Mary Witkowski	Marine Oriented Business
Jeremiah O'Brien	Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization
Lori French	Alternate to Jeremiah O'Brien (MBCFO)

Public Participation:

Public participation is allowed in the following ways:

- *Community members may attend the meeting in person at the Morro Bay Veterans Memorial Hall.*
- *Alternatively, members of the public may watch the meeting and speak during general Public Comment or on a specific agenda item by logging in to the Zoom webinar using the information provided below. Please use the "raise hand" feature to indicate your desire to provide public comment.*

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- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82722747698?pwd=aWZpTzcwTHlRTk9xaTlmWVNWRWFUQT09>

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- *Members of the public may watch the meeting either on cable Channel 20 or as streamed on the City [website](#).*
- *Community members are encouraged to submit agenda correspondence in advance of the meeting via email to the Harbor Advisory Board at hab@morrobayca.gov prior to the meeting. Agenda Correspondence received at hab@morrobayca.gov by 10 a.m. on the meeting day will be posted on the City website.*

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER & COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC
OUTREACH REPORTING

PRESENTATIONS

- Update on Coleman Park improvements, Public Works Director, Greg Kwolek

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience wishing to address the HAB on Harbor business matters not on the agenda may do so at this time. For those desiring to speak on items on the agenda, but unable to stay for the item, may also address the HAB at this time.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board, the following actions are approved without discussion. The public will also be provided with an opportunity to comment on consent agenda items.

- A-1 Harbor Department Status Report.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

- B-1 Update from the Commercial Vessel Fees Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file committee update.

- B-2 Update from the Harbor Liability Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file committee update.

- B-3 Election of Harbor Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend the Harbor Advisory Board elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

D. ADJOURNMENT

This agenda is subject to amendment up to 72 hours prior to the date and time set for the meeting. Please refer to the agenda posted at the Morro Bay Harbor Department, 1275 Embarcadero, for any revisions or call the department at 772-6254 for further information.

Materials related to an item on this Agenda are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Harbor Department, 1275 Embarcadero Road, or online at www.morrobayca.gov. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board after publication of the Agenda packet are available for inspection at the Harbor Department during normal business hours or at the scheduled meeting.



AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: January 24, 2024

FROM: Ted Schiafone, Harbor Director

SUBJECT: Harbor Department Status Report

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file report.

DISCUSSION

Recent Department Activity:

Harbor Patrol statistics for **December 2023 and January 2024:**

145 bay patrols

325 land patrols

13 emergency responses

142 calls for service

63 assists of other agencies

43 enforcement contacts

22 Trainings

342 maintenance actions

24 weather warnings, and 6 hazardous bar warnings

Harbor Patrol Activity.

Training.

Harbor Patrol Supervisor, Becca Kelly attended a week-long course in December for Advanced Marina Management. This is the second class in a series she has completed to obtain her Certified Marina Manager status through the Association of Marina Industries Training Institute. Kelly also attended a multi-day course in January for Assisting Individuals in Crisis by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. This class touched on valuable skills to help communicate with staff after critical incidents that can cause significant stress or difficult processing.

Prepared By: LS/BK

Dept Review: _____

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____

Events.

Thank you to all that came to the Lighted Boat Parade and the Rotary Club for hosting the waterfront event. It was a family fun event and mother nature cooperated with a nice evening. The Harbor Patrol had two vessels working the event, one equipped with fire suppression and the other as a liaison to the event coordinator.



The World Surf League (WSL) held a seven-day surf competition at Morro Rock. Harbor Department Lifeguards provided water safety. This event was broadcasted internationally with more than 2 million views.

The Harbor Department also provided water safety to the Cayucos Polar Bear Dip on January 1st by sending our Rescue Watercraft (Jet Skis) and rescue swimmers. This is a valuable multi-agency training opportunity for Estero Bay.

Derelict Boat Removal

The Harbor Department received grant funding from the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways to remove and demolish vessels that are abandoned or voluntarily turned in by their owners that are a threat to pollute or derelict in nature. Five boats were pulled out at the launch ramp and crushed by heavy equipment.



High Surf

December 30 delivered another day of high surf. The Harbor Patrol monitored the conditions carefully and ultimately decided with Police and Fire to close Coleman Drive near the power plant out to Morro Rock. Large waves swept the beaches up into the dunes and surged into the Rock parking lot knocking over the concrete benches. Crowds of people still made their way and walked out along the path to see the waves, which were visible from up and down the Embarcadero as they exploded over the jetty. There were no emergency calls due to the surf that day in Morro Bay.



Skiff Permit Implementation

As previously discussed, the Harbor Department has not yet implemented skiff permits. An update to the timeline is provided here to help keep this program on track for the FY 24/25 fiscal year.

February 2024

- Program policy, application & forms, Municipal Codes and Harbor Rules & Regulations submitted for final approval.
- Documents are currently with the City Attorney for final review.

March 2024

- New signage for all city docks to be ordered and staff briefing for rollout of program.

April 2024

- Skiff program policy sent to mooring owners and their renters.

May 2024

- New skiff program signage installed and permits available for purchase.

June 2024

- Reminders and warnings given to all those required to purchase a permit.

July 2024

- Full implementation, permit checks and enforcement begins.



AGENDA NO: B-1

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: January 24, 2024

FROM: Ted Schiafone, Harbor Director

SUBJECT: Update from the Commercial Vessel Fees Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file committee update.

BACKGROUND, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

The Commercial Vessel Fees Ad-Hoc Committee of the Harbor Advisory Board will be presenting an oral update on their activities.

Prepared By: LS

Dept Review: LS

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____



AGENDA NO: B-2

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2023

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: January 25, 2024

FROM: Ted Schiafone, Harbor Director

SUBJECT: Update from the Harbor Liability Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file committee update.

BACKGROUND, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

The Harbor Liability Ad-Hoc Committee of the Harbor Advisory Board will be presenting an oral update on their activities.

Prepared By: LS

Dept Review: LS

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____



AGENDA NO: B-3

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: January 18, 2024

FROM: Ted Schiafone, Harbor Director

SUBJECT: Election of Harbor Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Harbor Advisory Board elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

BACKGROUND, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION:

Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair Election

Per the Harbor Advisory Board Bylaws:

At the first regular meeting in each year wherein newly appointed Members are seated, the Members shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall hold office for a period of one year.

DISCUSSION

Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair Election

After nominations are made, Chair and Vice Chair elections may be conducted.

Prepared By: LS

Dept Review: TS

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____