



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, October 3, 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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- *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

Waterfront Master Plan Update - Airlin Singewald, Community Development Director

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 Interim Harbor Director – Departmental Updates
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file update.

B-2 Commercial Vessel Fees Ad-Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file committee update.

B-3 Mooring Field Ad-Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file committee update.

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Pending items previously declared:

- Creation of an Embarcadero Business District to Fund Harbor Infrastructure
- TOT Derived from Waterfront to be used by the Harbor Fund
- Ironman Subcommittee
- Goals Work Planning Process - Reform Ad-hoc Committees
- Coleman Park Update
- CFAC Joint Ad-Hoc Committee
- Parking Ad-Hoc
- Waterfront Master Plan

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: October 3, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: September 26, 2024

FROM: Harbor Staff

SUBJECT: Harbor Department Status Report

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file report.

DISCUSSION

Recent Harbor Department Activity:

Harbor Patrol Statistics

<p>August 2024: bay patrols: 90 land patrols: 207 emergency responses: 23 calls for service: 138 assists of other agencies: 62 enforcement contacts: 56 trainings: 37 maintenance actions: 252 weather warnings: 14</p>	<p>September 2024: bay patrols: 59 land patrols: 193 emergency responses: 11 calls for service: 88 assists of other agencies: 35 enforcement contacts: 36 trainings: 49 maintenance actions: 210 weather warnings: 13 & 2 hazardous bar</p>
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Harbor Patrol Response Activity

8/3/24- Vessel Disoriented in Fog, Operator Arrested for BUI

Around 11:30 pm Harbor Patrol responded to a 911 call of a disoriented boater lost in dense fog approaching the Harbor mouth, outside the Rock. With Patrol Staff underway the vessel was able to enter the Harbor but with suspicion of impairment. Morro Bay Police arrested the boat operator for BUI (boating under the influence).

8/5/24- Dead Body

On the evening of August 5th, Harbor Patrol received a call from the U.S. Coast Guard regarding a body, found floating near the harbor entrance. Harbor Patrol and Morro Bay Fire Department confirmed the individual was deceased. The body was identified as a possible missing person from Tulare County, and the case was handed over to the San Luis Obispo County Coroner for investigation. Harbor Patrol assisted in recovering and securing the body for further examination.

Prepared By: LS

Dept Review: DS/BK

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____

8/13/24- Vessel Fire

At approximately 12:30 pm, the Harbor Patrol received a report of a vessel fire near the AP dock. Patrol responded underway and arrived to find multiple smaller vessels attempting to extinguish a fire at the stern of a sailboat. Patrol quickly brought the fire under control, which had been isolated to the vessel's solar panels. Patrol staff then transported two members of the Morro Bay Fire Department and the Fire Chief to the scene for further inspection. The fire was fully extinguished, and no further heat sources were found. The boat was returned to the care of its owner, who arrived shortly after.

8/13/24- Person in the Water, Fell Out of Skiff

During a routine bay patrol, Harbor Patrol responded to a distress call from a vessel reporting an unmanned skiff adrift. Upon investigation, officers spotted a person struggling in the water, attempting to reach the skiff. The individual was safely brought aboard the patrol vessel, assessed for hypothermia, and returned to their skiff without further incident.

9/17/24- Emergency Boat Tow (emergency due to wind conditions)

At approximately 3:45 pm, the Harbor Department received a distress call from a vessel with four individuals aboard, experiencing mechanical failure near Morro Rock. Harbor Patrol quickly responded and towed the vessel back to the harbor. Given the windy conditions, the boat was at risk of drifting into the surf zone near the shore. The situation was resolved without injury or damage.

8/19/24- Vessel DIW Out of Our Area of Response

Harbor Patrol responded to an emergency request from the U.S. Coast Guard, as they were unable to assist a disabled 25-foot motor vessel approximately 14 miles north of the harbor. Harbor Patrol towed the vessel back to safety.

9/18/24- Unauthorized Climbing on Morro Rock

Harbor Patrol received a report from a local bird conservationist, regarding a climber approximately 200 feet up Morro Rock, a protected area where climbing is prohibited. Harbor Patrol, along with Morro Bay Fire Department, Morro Bay Police, and State Parks Rangers, responded to the scene. Despite attempts to communicate via public address systems, the climber continued descending without responding to instructions. Once the climber reached the base of the rock, State Parks Rangers and MBFD officers cited and questioned the individual.

9/18/24- Near Collision with Unmanned Vessel

At around 8:13 am, a fisherman reported a near-collision with an unmanned vessel traveling at high speed near China Cove. The vessel came dangerously close to the reporting party's boat, causing a wake to wash over the rail. Harbor Patrol launched an immediate search, assisted by the Coast Guard. Through communications with the reporting party and others in the area, the vessel was identified. The vessel's owner confirmed that he had been below deck while the boat was on autopilot. He admitted to being unaware of the near-collision until someone yelled at him. Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard, and Morro Bay Fire Department personnel met with the owner at the harbor to issue a stern warning about the risks involved and the resources deployed during the search.

9/23/24- Vessel with Failing Mooring Tackle

Harbor Patrol was notified of a potential issue with the mooring tackle of the sailboat, due to an unsecured pin on a shackle. With unusually strong tidal flows moving at 3-4 knots, this presented an immediate risk to the vessel's stability. Harbor Patrol responded to the scene, resecured the shackle pin, and added stainless wire for additional security. The owner of the vessel and the mooring were contacted and informed of the repairs, as well as the need for further maintenance to ensure all shackles are properly secured.

(August-September 2024)- Medical Aid Responses

Harbor Patrol responded to 15 medical aid incidents during this period, providing essential support to individuals in need of emergency medical care.

Harbor Patrol Training

8/21/24- Rescue Board and Tube Training & Annual Swim Test

Full-time Harbor Patrol Officers successfully completed their annual 500-yard swim test in the bay, which must be finished within 10 minutes to maintain their certification as Rescue Watercraft (RWC) operators. Additionally, Harbor Patrol Officer and Lifeguard Supervisor Jeremiah Jacobs provided training to other officers on rescue board and rescue tube techniques, along with various rescue scenarios.

September- New Reserves

In early September, the department welcomed three new Reserve Harbor Patrol Officers. Over the past few weeks, full-time Harbor Patrol Officers have been training the new reserves, with many more weeks of instruction ahead. This training covers various critical aspects of the role, including towing, de-watering, fire system operations, and familiarization with procedures, among other responsibilities.

9/25/24- Joint Medical Training with MBFD

Harbor Patrol Officers and Reserve Officers took part in joint medical training with MBFD, focusing on cardiac arrest, drowning, and a refresher on High Performance CPR (HPCPR), a specialized technique used by EMS personnel. The training included a lecture led by MBFD Paramedics, followed by a Q&A session, and concluded with hands-on, scenario-based exercises. This collaborative training enhances the ability of Fire and Harbor staff to work as a cohesive team when responding to medical emergencies on our beaches and waterfront areas.

Community Activities

9/21/24 Beach Cleanup

Harbor staff along with Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department partnered with ECOSLO to participate in the 40th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. The focus for the Harbor Department was Bayshore Bluffs Park, where more than 30 volunteers showed their spirits to remove debris and abandon skiffs & Kayaks.

Around California volunteers gathered at beaches, shorelines and inland waterways, cleaning up locations in nearly all of California's 58 counties stretching across the state's entire coastline and as far inland as Lake Tahoe. California's event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy. With 60% of the cleanup sites reporting, the statewide count stands at 28,751 volunteers. Those volunteers picked up 242,312 pounds of trash and an additional 12,461 pounds of recyclable materials, for a total of 254,772 pounds or 127 tons.



Council Activity

August 13, 2024

Council adopted Resolution No. 53-24 approving a Major revision #MAJ24-001 to Conditional Use Permit #CUP22-09 at 801 Embarcadero for redevelopment of the Libertine Brewing site (Lease site 86/86W) and public access improvements.

August 27, 2024

Council adopted Resolution No. 57-24 Approving Amendment # 1 to the Master Lease Agreement with WBAM LLC, Lease Site 30W-33W, Bayfront Marina located at 201 Main Street.

September 10, 2024

Council approved the updated Harbor Vitality Director classification and job description, revised pay schedules, and amendment to compensation and benefits resolution for City Department heads to reflect updates.



AGENDA NO: B-1

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: September 24, 2024

FROM: Chief Dan McCrain, Interim Harbor Director

SUBJECT: Harbor Department Updates

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file committee update.

BACKGROUND, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

Since the last HAB meeting, Harbor staff have been working on multiple projects. The department recently hired three Reserve Harbor Patrol Officers. The new officers are Amanda Watson, Jacob Clemens, and Sean Martin. The department also hired a new full time Office Assistant Emily Flanagan. Harbor Patrol Supervisor Becka Kelley attended the CMANC conference in Santa Cruz, California.

As part of evaluating harbor operations and identifying areas to make improvements, we have made some policy changes to improve our data collection, and to ensure adequate documentation of incidents and events. Harbor Patrol Officer Dana Stein has been working with the County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Agency to register the Harbor Patrol as an official AED provider agency, and a Public Safety-First aid and CPR Provider. We are in the process of developing a release of liability form that can be utilized for service assists such as boat tows, vessel pump outs, etc. The intent is to have a digital form that can be accessed and signed on a mobile device prior to initiating services unless in an emergency. We are also in the process of upgrading our access to dispatch information to see real-time updates for response information that will be available on the Patrol Officers cell phones.

The Morro Bay City Council approved the updated job description for the new Harbor Vitality Director. This job announcement is available on the city's website at the following link https://www.morrobayca.gov/832/Employment-Opportunities?gh_jid=4402663006. The first review of applications is scheduled for October 14th, it seems like we are having a positive response to the recruitment. In addition to the recruitment for the new Harbor Vitality Director, we are working with the SEIU labor union, Harbor Staff, and Human Resources to reclassify the Harbor Business Coordinator position to a Harbor Business Manager position. We are also adding a Harbor Operations Manager position that will oversee and support the Harbor Patrol Supervisor and Harbor Patrol Officer positions. These new positions are intended to better define the roles of the Harbor management team with the new Harbor Vitality Director.

Prepared By: DM

Dept Review: _____

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____



AGENDA NO: B-2

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: September 25, 2024

FROM: Lori Thompson, Harbor Business Coordinator

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: _____

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____



AGENDA NO: B-3

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2024

Staff Report

TO: Harbor Advisory Board

DATE: September 25, 2024

FROM: Becka Kelly, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

SUBJECT: Update from the Mooring Field Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file committee update.

BACKGROUND, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

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

Prepared By: LS

Dept Review: _____

City Manager Review: _____

City Attorney Review: _____