



Emergency Meeting of January 18, 2022

**Santa Cruz Port Commission
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present (via teleconference):

Reed Geisreiter Chairman
Darren Gertler Vice-chairman
Stephen Reed Commissioner
Toby Goddard Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Dennis Smith Commissioner

EMERGENCY MEETING

Chairman Geisreiter convened the emergency meeting at 2:00 PM via teleconference.

1. Oral Communication

Commissioner Smith was reported absent.

Commissioner Reed thanked staff for the effective communication and outreach to slip renters during the tsunami event on January 15, 2022. Chairman Geisreiter agreed and stated that the incident command response, including mutual aid received from outside agencies, was very well organized.

In response to a suggestion made by Chairman Geisreiter, the Commission agreed to postpone review of the draft FY23 budget to February 15, 2022, to allow staff additional time to prepare and assess tsunami-related impacts.

2. Approval of Resolution 22-02, Declaration of Emergency at Santa Cruz Harbor Tsunami of January 15, 2022.

Discussion: Port Director MacLaurie provided an overview of damage sustained during the tsunami event on January 15, 2022. She reported that the preliminary damage estimate totals approximately \$6.5 million, which includes, but is not limited to, damage to docks and pilings, utility infrastructure, restroom buildings, dredge equipment, and accelerated erosion along the east embankment (adjacent to the offseason dredge mooring).

Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff is working to pursue disaster recovery assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-chairman Gertler, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 22-02.

- *Motion carried by roll call. Commissioner Smith ABSENT.*

- *Gertler: YES*
- *Reed: YES*
- *Goddard: YES*
- *Smith: ABSENT*
- *Geisreiter: YES*

3. Approval of Resolution 22-03, Finding that an Emergency Exists that Requires the Immediate Expenditure of Public Funds to Safeguard Life, Health, and Property without a Competitive Solicitation of Bids to Respond to the Emergency; and Authorizing the Port Director to Enter into Contracts up to \$100,000 each to Address the Emergency without a Competitive Solicitation for Bids

Discussion: Port Director MacLaurie stated that this resolution will provide the necessary flexibility to expeditiously address tsunami-related impacts and repairs.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Goddard, Port Director MacLaurie confirmed that all staff time and expenditures incurred as a result of the tsunami are being captured and tracked to accurately assess impacts.

Audience member Bob Dewitt expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club for the District's response efforts during and following the tsunami advisory of January 15, 2022.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Goddard, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 22-03.

- *Motion carried by roll call. Commissioner Smith ABSENT.*

- *Gertler: YES*
- *Reed: YES*
- *Goddard: YES*
- *Smith: ABSENT*
- *Geisreiter: YES*

Chairman Geisreiter adjourned the emergency meeting at 2:31 PM.



Reed Geisreiter, Chairman