



Special Closed and Regular Public Session of July 26, 2022

**Santa Cruz Port Commission  
MINUTES**

*Commission Members Present:*

Reed Geisreiter	Chair
Darren Gertler	Vice-chair
Dennis Smith	Commissioner (via Zoom)
Stephen Reed	Commissioner
Toby Goddard	Commissioner

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SESSION – 6:00 PM**

Chair Geisreiter convened the special public session at 6:00 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA (hybrid meeting platform).

1. Oral Communication
2. Announcement of Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code (Ralph M. Brown Act) Section 54957.6.

At 6:00 PM, Chair Geisreiter announced that the Commission will meet in closed session to discuss agenda item 3.

**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

3. Conference with Labor Negotiations  
Agency Representative: H. MacLaurie  
Employee Organization: Harbor Employees' Association

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SESSION**

4. Action and Vote Disclosure after Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code (Ralph M. Brown Act) Section 54957.1

Chair Geisreiter announced that the Commission took no reportable action in closed session on item 3.

Chair Geisreiter adjourned the special open session following the closed meeting at 6:50 PM.

## **REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION – 7:00 PM**

Chair Geisreiter convened the regular public session at 7:00 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA (hybrid meeting platform).

5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Oral Communication

Chair Geisreiter announced that the Commission took no reportable action in closed session on item 3.

Commissioner Goddard reported that he met with representatives of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) during the week of July 18, 2022.

Commissioner Goddard stated that Senator John Laird visited the Port District on July 21, 2022, to tour the District's new patrol boat. Commissioner Goddard and Harbormaster Anderson provided a tour of the new patrol boat and discussed Santa Cruz Harbor's marine search and rescue program.

On behalf of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club, audience member Bob Dewitt thanked staff and the Commission for their support of the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on the Bay Regatta event.

Audience member, Wendy King, requested (via Zoom) that the Commission review options to restore the tsunami-damaged jetfloat at FF-Dock, noting that the jetfloat dock system is a valuable resource to the Santa Cruz Harbor rowing community.

In response to Ms. King's request, Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff is currently reviewing quotes for a new jetfloat and will be moving forward with repairs soon.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Special Public Meeting of June 7, 2022
  - b) Regular Public Meeting of June 28, 2022
8. Approval of Resolution 22-16 – Reauthorizing Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361

Commissioner Smith requested that item 7 (b) be pulled for discussion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice-chair Gertler to approve consent agenda items 7(a) and 8.  
– *Motion carried unanimously.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 7 (b). Approval of Minutes - Regular Public Meeting of June 28, 2022

Discussion: Commissioner Smith requested that a correction to the minutes of June 28, 2022, be made to reflect the following:

- Item 7 (Denial of Claim – Tomasello)
  - Commissioner Smith requested that Port District counsel perform a legal review of the District's current slip license agreement.
  - The cable depth at the time of the collision was 9' below the surface and not positioned on the channel floor.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Goddard, seconded by Vice-chair Gertler to approve item 7 (b) with the proposed amendments.  
– *Motion carried unanimously.*

### 9. Presentation by City of Santa Cruz – Regional Electric Bike Share Program

Discussion: Transportation Planner for the City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department, Claire Gallogly, provided an overview of the Regional Electric Bike Share Program, which is anticipated to launch early next year.

Ms. Gallogly highlighted the following:

- The City of Santa Cruz, in partnership with the Cities of Capitola and Watsonville, the County of Santa Cruz, UCSC, and Cabrillo College will implement a regional electric bike share program to expand boundaries beyond the Santa Cruz city limits.
- Unlike the prior e-bike program (Jump Bikes), the new program is designed to function as a dock-based system which will require riders to return an e-bike to designated docking stations only.
- Educational outreach will be performed to promote awareness of the new bike share program.

The Commission discussed the potential impacts to the harbor associated with the proposed bike share program, including safety concerns, handling of abandoned or illegally parked bikes, and increased traffic impacts (including enforcement).

In response to a question posed by Vice-chair Gertler, Ms. Gallogly stated that while there are no plans to install a docking system in the harbor currently, if the Commission would like to consider a location in the future, it can be accommodated. She noted that Port District approval would be required prior to installing any docking system on Port District property.

Audience member Bob Dewitt expressed his support for the new e-bike share program and stated that it may reduce impacts to slip renter and visitor parking in the harbor.

10. Approval of Resolution 22-17 – Authorizing the Port Director to Execute a California State Lands Commission General Lease

Discussion: Port Director MacLaurie stated that the District's current general lease with the California State Lands Commission for annual maintenance dredging is set to expire on February 21, 2023. She stated that a board resolution designating authority to the Port Director for the execution of a new 10-year general lease is required by the State Lands Commission.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Goddard, Port Director MacLaurie stated that the general lease allows the District to dispose of dredged material from the harbor entrance onto Harbor Beach. She stated that this lease is unrelated to the granted state lands in the north harbor.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Goddard to approve resolution 22-17.  
– *Motion carried. Commissioner Smith ABSENT*

11. Approval of Cash / Payroll Disbursements – June 2022

Discussion: In response to a question posed by Commissioner Goddard regarding warrant # 56775, Port Director MacLaurie stated that the Port District's Regional General Permit (RGP) application is pending final approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) and California Coastal Commission.

Port Director MacLaurie stated that although the process to obtain the RGP has had unanticipated regulatory delays, once it is approved and issued, it will provide significant benefits to the District.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-chair Gertler, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve cash and payroll disbursements for June 2022, in the amount of \$793,174.97.  
– *Motion carried. Commissioner Smith ABSENT*

## **INFORMATION**

### 12. Port Director's Report

Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff is currently working to obtain additional information from CalOES to help guide tsunami recovery efforts after the District's application for CDAA funding was denied.

### 13. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Anderson stated that the Santa Cruz Yacht Club will host its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on the Bay Regatta benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County on Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Harbormaster Anderson stated that there was a large south swell event from July 17, 2022, through July 20, 2022. He stated that impacts were mitigated by performing boater outreach and dock walks.

Commissioner Goddard expressed his support and appreciation for staff's continued participation in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.

### 14. Facilities Maintenance & Engineering Manager's Report

Facilities Maintenance & Engineering (FME) Manager Wulf stated that staff has been focused on cleanup efforts to remove graffiti markings from various locations in the harbor.

FME Manager Wulf stated that *Squirt* will be splashed on August 9, 2022, in preparation for north harbor dredge mobilization.

FME Manager Wulf stated that a semi-permanent work area canopy has been constructed in the dredge yard.

### 15. 2021-22 Dredge Report

FME Manager Wulf stated that despite the tsunami event of January 15, 2022, the 2021-22 dredge season ended with favorable entrance channel depths.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the new standby generator that was installed aboard *Twin Lakes*. FME Manager Wulf stated that staff will be utilizing a protective cover and heater to keep the unit dry to mitigate moisture and corrosion issues.

### 16. O'Neill Sea Odyssey Annual Report

Port Director MacLaurie reviewed the annual O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) report. In response to a question posed by Commissioner Goddard, Port Director MacLaurie stated that the use percentage is calculated by the number of operating hours reported for classes/charters.

Tracey Weiss, Executive Director of the O'Neill Sea Odyssey, introduced herself and thanked the Commission for their support of the OSO Program.

17. Financial Reports (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)
  - a) Comparative Seasonal Revenue Graphs
  - b) Preliminary Year-End Budget as of June 30, 2022
  - c) Employee Count as of June 30, 2022
  - d) Quarterly Boatyard Report
  - e) Quarterly Fuel Sales Report
  - f) Quarterly Concession Percentage Rent Report
  - g) LAIF Statement & PMIA/LAIF Performance Report
18. Delinquent Account Reporting (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)
19. Harbor Patrol Incident Response Report – June 2022 (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)
20. Written Correspondence (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)
  - a) Email to Port Commission from B. Naef
21. Port Commission Review Calendar / Follow-Up Items (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

Chair Geisreiter adjourned the regular public session at 8:03 PM.



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Reed Geisreiter, Chair