



Special Closed and Regular Public Session of November 26, 2024

**Santa Cruz Port Commission  
MINUTES**

*Commission Members Present:*

Dennis Smith Vice-Chair  
Toby Goddard Commissioner  
Reed Geisreiter Commissioner  
Darren Gertler Commissioner (*Via Zoom*)

*Commission Members Absent:*

Stephen Reed Chair

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SESSION – 4:30 PM**

Vice-chair Smith convened the special public session at 4:30 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

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

At 4:30 PM, Vice-chair Smith announced that the Commission will meet in closed session to discuss agenda item 3.

**SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Designated Representative: H. MacLaurie  
Employee Organization: Harbor Employees' Association, Operating Engineers Local 3, & Harbor Management Group

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Vice-chair Smith announced that the Commission took no reportable action in closed session on item 3.

Vice-chair Smith adjourned the special open session following the closed meeting at 5:25 PM.

**REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION – 5:30 PM**

Vice-chair Smith convened the regular public session at 5:30 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA (hybrid meeting platform).

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Oral Communication

Vice-chair Smith announced that the Commission took no reportable action in closed session on item 3.

Commissioner Goddard commented on the quality and improved appearance of the recently completed exterior painting project at 2222 East Cliff Drive and thanked staff for their recent efforts in enhancing the safety of walking paths and sidewalk areas throughout the harbor.

Commissioners Goddard and Geisreiter expressed their appreciation to Vice-chair Smith and Commissioner Gertler for their dedicated years of service to the harbor community.

Commissioner Geisreiter thanked staff for the recent anchovy clean-up response efforts.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Approval of Minutes

- a) Special Closed Meeting of October 3, 2024
- b) Special Closed and Regular Public Meeting of October 22, 2024

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Gertler, seconded by Commissioner Geisreiter to approve consent agenda item 7.  
- *Motion carried. Chair Reed ABSENT.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Approval of Cash/Payroll Disbursements – October 2024 (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Geisreiter, seconded by Commissioner Goddard to approve cash and payroll disbursements for October 2024, in the amount of \$1,006,103.16.  
- *Motion carried. Chair Reed ABSENT.*

**INFORMATION**

9. Port Director's Report

Port Director MacLaurie provided an update on the City's Murray Street Bridge Project, noting that the low bid submitted by Shimmick Construction is currently being evaluated by the City and CalTrans to ensure that the necessary Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requirements are met. She stated that this review may delay project award and commencement. Additionally, she stated that the District will refrain from placing its related projects out to bid until the review is complete and the City awards a contract for the project.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' inspection of the east and west jetties on January 19, 2023. Port Director MacLaurie stated that the 2023 inspection report will be shared with the Commission.

10. Harbormaster's Report

Commissioner Goddard highlighted the large quantity of Jack Mackerel landed in the October fisheries report. A brief discussion followed regarding the shift in locally landed fish species and how the District might use this information to support local fisheries.

11. Facilities Maintenance & Engineering Manager's Report

Port Director MacLaurie stated that the final phase of the North Harbor Transformer Replacement and Relocation Project is underway and remains on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

12. Review of CalPERS Actuarial Valuation Report

Port Director MacLaurie highlighted the value of the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) report in planning and managing future liabilities. In response to a question posed by Commissioner Goddard regarding the UAL and Pension Loan Amortization Schedule on page 3 of the report, Port Director MacLaurie stated that additional information will be obtained from CalMuni.

13. Financial Reports (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

- a) Comparative Seasonal Revenue Graph
- b) LAIF and CLASS Statements

14. Delinquent Account Reporting (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

15. Harbor Patrol Incident Response Report – October 2024

A brief discussion ensued regarding Harbor Patrol and their operational parameters.

16. Port Commission Review Calendar / Follow-Up Items (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

Vice-chair Smith adjourned the regular public session at 6:00 PM.



Stephen Reed, Chair