

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 18, 2007  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **General Lottery Drawing—East Beach Mooring Area**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Harbor Commission, via the Chair, conduct a General Lottery drawing to select and rank prospective Mooring Permittees in the East Beach Mooring Area.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

In April 2006, City Council adopted Resolution No. 06-027, subsequently replaced by Resolution No. 07-040 and by Resolution No. 09-075, establishing procedures for conducting lotteries for issuing permits in the East Beach Mooring Area, which has 46 designated sites.

Acting in accordance with Resolution No. 06-027, the Harbor Commission conducted a specialized "Grandfather Lottery" in June 2006, to accommodate vessels with a long-standing presence in the East Beach Anchorage, and conducted a General public Lottery in September 2006, with the goal of assigning remaining available mooring sites. The Harbor Commission conducted a third lottery (second general lottery) in October 2007, helping the Department assign most of the remaining 46 sites

Since October 2007, the number of mooring permittees has waxed and waned, while slowly trending downward from a high of about 42 assigned sites. Some permittees either elected to give up their permits or had them terminated for non-compliance with regulations governing participation in the mooring program, including non-payment of a \$250 annual permit fee and/or lack of timely annual inspections.

Currently, there are 30 active permits in the East Beach Mooring Area. Section 1, A.6 of Resolution No. 09-075 states, "Anytime the total number of Mooring Permits assigned in the Santa Barbara Mooring Area declines to thirty (30) or fewer, a lottery shall be held following procedures established herein. These subsequent lotteries shall be open to the general public. Such lotteries shall be conducted at the discretion of the Waterfront Director and no more frequently than one year apart."

In accordance with Resolution No. 09-075, the Waterfront Department offered a window period for submitting lottery applications beginning February 3, 2010, and closing March 3, 2010. Applications were available at the Harbormaster's Office and on the City's

website. Opportunity to participate in the lottery was advertised in Santa Barbara and Ventura newspapers and in *The Log*, a bi-weekly regional boating publication.

The Department received 21 lottery applications during the advertised window period. Staff requests that the Commission Chair randomly draw the names of all lottery applicants, one by one, and rank them for potential assignment of Mooring Permits in remaining, un-assigned Mooring Sites. After the drawing, staff will mail permit applications to the ranked individuals, who will have 14 days to return the applications or lose the opportunity to qualify for a Mooring Permit. When applications are returned, staff will discuss with each applicant the possible location of a proposed mooring, beginning with the person ranked first. While the Department retains the right to assign Mooring Permits to Mooring Sites that best serve the orderliness and safe operation of the Mooring Area, it intends, whenever possible, to meet permittees' requests. Ability to do this depends primarily on the size of vessel proposed to be moored and availability of a site accommodating a vessel of that size.

Once offered a Mooring Permit, a prospective permittee has 90 days to place an approved vessel on the Mooring Site, provide vessel ownership documentation, pay all fees due and prove compliance with minimum ground tackle specifications. The names of all ranked lottery participants who timely return permit applications will be held until all mooring sites are assigned (i.e. the Mooring Area is "full") or prospective, ranked permittees have chosen all available sites, whichever comes first. If all sites are assigned or if all available Mooring Sites are utilized before the list is exhausted, the names of remaining, ranked individuals will be discarded. Staff hopes that with completion of this process, the Mooring Area will be nearly or fully subscribed.

Attachments:     1. Resolution No. 09-075  
                      2. East Beach Mooring Area Map - Including Available Mooring Sites  
                      3. Lottery Drawing Advertisement

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