

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2012
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Adopted a Resolution requesting a \$7.3 million loan from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for Phases 5-8 of the Marina One Replacement Project in the Santa Barbara Harbor.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET WORKSHOP

On March 29, Facilities Manager Karl Treiberg and I attended a Project Budget Workshop at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Headquarters. Corps staff presented information on their budget development process, budget cycle/timeline, and criteria used for funding its many civil works projects. Breakout sessions were held to discuss Flood Risk Management, Ecosystem Restoration/Water Supply, and Navigation / Dredging.

Faced with declining budget appropriations, the Corps is directing the majority of its funding toward operations and maintenance (O&M) projects instead of construction projects or investigating new projects. The workshop once again confirmed how important it is to have a Coast Guard presence and a viable commercial fishing industry to secure dredge funding for Santa Barbara. Waterfront staff will continue to work with the Corps Project Manager to update the Corps' list of budget item justifications for the harbor.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY MEETING

- Paddle Sports Lease
- Waterfront Department Budget Reserves