

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

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

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#### **Council Actions**

- Approved a four-year lease agreement with Santa Barbara Fish Market, Inc., for approximately 734 square feet of office space at 132-B Harbor Way, at a base rent of \$1,995 per month, with annual Consumer Price Index adjustments, plus a \$110 monthly utility charge.
- Approved Fiscal Year 2013 Budget June 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Department of Boating and Waterways Update**

Despite opposition from several boating groups and a consortium of coastal cities, the Little Hoover Commission forwarded the Governor's Reorganization Plan to the legislature, where it became law on July 1, 2012. The Plan merges the function of the Department of Boating and Waterways into the State Department of Parks and Recreation as a *Division* and eliminates the Boating and Waterways Commission. The actual reorganization becomes effective July 1, 2013.

Meanwhile, legislation (AB 737) is being fast-tracked that would re-establish the Commission—or a form of the Commission—and will likely be signed into law. As proposed, the "Harbors and Watercraft Commission" would be placed in a Division of Boating and Waterways with the Department of Parks and Recreation. As drafted, the bill would require that Commissioners be selected "because of their interest in boating and waterways."

While continuation of this oversight body is good news, its advisory role relating to boating loans and grants remains unclear. Equally unclear is how monies that were formerly held in the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (from marine fuel tax, vessel registrations and debt service on boating infrastructure loans) will be managed.

We will continue to report to the Commission as news evolves on this important topic, which will affect the way harbors statewide meet their capital infrastructure needs, as well as obligations to train harbor patrol officers, remove derelict boats from the ocean, and re-equip enforcement vessels—functions previously funded by loans and grants through the Department of Boating and Waterways.

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**Tentative Agenda Items for the August Meeting**

- Brophy Bros. Lease Agreement
- Clean Seas Lease Agreement
- FY 2012 Budget Review