

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2015
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Finance Department is holding an initial FY 2016 / 2017 Council budget work session on Wednesday February 18. Although the primary focus of the work session will likely be the General Fund, the presentation will cover all departments and I will be in attendance to represent Waterfront. Any pertinent information will be presented at the Harbor Commission meeting.

DREDGE FUNDING

The President's budget, released Monday February 2, included \$2,760,000 for Santa Barbara Harbor maintenance dredging. The funding proposed in the President's FY16 budget submittal is the most proposed for the Corps to dredge Santa Barbara Harbor. The table below shows actual funding for Santa Barbara harbor dredging since 2013 (in thousands), compared to the President's proposed budget. The increase in the FY2016 budget allows the Corps of Engineers to conduct updated environmental review and permitting for harbor dredging. Additional funding also allows for preparation of new bid documents for the next 3-year dredging contract.

FY 2013 Work Plan	FY 2014 President's Budget	FY 2014 Work Plan	FY 2015 President's Budget	FY 2015 Work Plan	FY 2016 President's Budget
2087	2665	2655	2380	2530	2760

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR PAUL CASEY

Following the retirement of Jim Armstrong in September 2014, Council named Paul Casey as Acting City Administrator. After conducting a nationwide recruitment, Council selected Mr. Casey from a pool of 37 highly qualified candidates. He will be responsible for overseeing 1,015 employees in 10 departments, managing the City's \$277 million operating budget, and assisting the Mayor and Council in strategic planning and policy development.

Mr. Casey has 17 years of experience with the City of Santa Barbara, serving as the

Assistant City Administrator for the past four years. Prior to that, Mr. Casey served as the Community Development Director for eight years where he was responsible for planning and development services, building and safety, and housing and human services.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH MEETING

- Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 Budget Recommendation
- 60' Commercial fishing slip lottery