

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 15, 2012
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Adopted a Resolution amending the rules and regulations for issuing mooring permits in the City of Santa Barbara mooring area, setting minimum specification for installing, inspecting and repairing such moorings.

BUSINESS MANAGER RECRUITMENT

The recruitment for the Waterfront Business Manager position closed on January 30, 2012, with 96 applications received. Due to the unexpected elimination of the City's Housing and Redevelopment Agency (RDA) effective February 1, 2012, the recruitment was cancelled and Brian Bosse, Housing and Redevelopment Manager for the RDA, has been selected to fill the Waterfront position.

Mr. Bosse has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies and has worked for the City for the past 12 years. He has been the Housing and Redevelopment Manager since January 2008 and has been responsible for development, presentation and implementation of the RDA's \$20 million annual budget for the past 11 years. Brian is responsible for overseeing 13 full time and 3 hourly employees. Additionally, he has rental/lease management experience with RDA properties including City's affordable housing program, the railroad depot (Amtrack) and the REA building (former Open Air Bicycles location) in which he recently negotiated a lease for the relocation of the Greyhound bus station.

It is anticipated that Brian will complete most of his duties with the Redevelopment Agency by May 7 and begin the transition to Waterfront at that time.

WATERFRONT VACANCIES / RECRUITMENTS

Waterfront Parking Supervisor Diana Palmer retired in December and a promotional recruitment was recently opened to fill the vacant parking supervisor position. Harbor Patrol Officer Wendy Cummings retired in February and Harbor Operations Assistant Karl Halamicek was selected to fill the position following a promotional recruitment. An open recruitment is currently underway to fill the vacant Harbor Operations Assistant position.

WINTER CMANC MEETING IN NEWPORT BEACH

On February 23rd and 24th, I attended the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in Newport Beach, California, with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Harbor/Port Directors and the City's Washington, D.C. lobbyist, Carpi & Clay. These meetings are held twice a year in order to receive the latest news on the federal budgetary process and to receive presentations on navigational issues and dredging projects statewide.

Waterfront staff has a good working relationship with the Corps and at this point there is \$2.24 million identified in the Corps budget for the Fiscal Year 2013 dredging cycle of the Federal Navigational Channel. The Federal government fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. Fiscal Year 2013 will be the third year of the current three- year contract with AIS construction to dredge the Federal channel. We will continue our efforts to work closely with the Corps of Engineers to procure funds for ongoing maintenance dredging of the harbor.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL MEETING

- Annual Clean Marina Report
- Tenant Selection: 132-A Harbor Way Offices