

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 24, 2013
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Mid-Year Mooring Program Report**

RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission:

Receive and consider a staff report on the status of the Department's East Beach Mooring Program

DISCUSSION

Established in 2006, the Permitted Mooring Area east of Stearns Wharf includes 45 mooring sites (Attachment 1). Moorings are owned by individual permittees and inspected annually by City-approved inspectors. The inspection cost is borne by the permittees, who pay annual permit renewal fees of \$250. Mooring inspectors and permittees are filing annual inspection reports and fees in a timely fashion, and, with the exception of Seaflex moorings, which the City no longer approves, moorings are holding up well. Currently, there are two remaining Seaflex systems in the mooring area, and the list of City-approved contractors includes a company qualified to inspect and repair them. Staff will keep a close eye on these installations.

Section A.5 of City Council Resolution No. 12-014 (Attachment 2) says that any time the number of Mooring Area permittees declines to 30 or fewer, the Waterfront Department may undertake a new lottery to fill the vacant mooring sites. The Department conducted lotteries in 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011 to assign vessels to available mooring sites. The current number of active mooring permits is 23 (Attachment 3). The Department plans to conduct another mooring lottery in February, 2013, with a drawing to rank prospective permittees scheduled for the March, 2013 Harbor Commission meeting.

Attachments: 1. Drawing—East Beach Mooring Area
2. City Council Resolution No. 12-014
3. Drawing—East Beach Mooring Area (as currently occupied)

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