

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 18, 2016  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Director's Report**

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#### COUNCIL ACTIONS

I will attend the first FY 2017 Council Budget work session at the Chase Palm Park Center on Wednesday February 17. The primary focus will most likely be on General Fund issues such as the recent drop in Transient Occupancy Tax and Sales Tax.

#### CALIFORNIA MARINE AFFAIRS AND NAVIGATION MEETING

On January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, I attended the winter CMANC meeting in Marina del Rey with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), other Harbor/Port Directors and the City's Washington, D.C. lobbyist, RJ Lyerly of Carpi, Clay & Smith. These meetings are held two to three times per year in order to receive the latest news on the federal budgetary process and to receive presentations on navigational issues and dredging projects statewide. Topics at the meeting included an update on Marina del Rey water quality and sediment particularly as it pertains to copper hull paints, container shipping environmental reforms, and issues related to dredging and disposing of sediment in the San Francisco Bay area, among others.

I had the opportunity to meet with Steve Dwyer, Chief of Navigation and Coastal Projects of USACE Los Angeles Division and RJ Lyerly, our Washington lobbyist, and discuss with them the need for additional volume of dredging needed in Santa Barbara this cycle. They explained to me that we would likely receive some additional "work plan" money for dredging this spring, which Karl Treiberg will cover in his Facilities report.

Additionally, I spoke briefly with Jim McNally of Manson Construction, which does a lot of dredging in Ventura and Channel Islands harbors. Jim said Manson has bid on Santa Barbara dredging in the past, but they can't compete with a dredge that is basically always here, due to the need to mobilize for two cycles and transport the dredge equipment up and down the coast four times per year.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH MEETING

- FY 2017 Budget Recommendation
- Lease with Santa Barbara Water Taxi