

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 16, 2017  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Harbor Operations Report**

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### STORM REPORT

A series of January storms pounded Santa Barbara, and though not unscathed the Waterfront fared pretty well.

After several dry winters, many boats leaked rainwater into their cabins and bilges, keeping Harbor Patrol busy pumping them out. A couple of large boats broke their tie-up lines and a couple more surged into and broke dock boxes. Some buildings leaked, too, but repairs are complete.

Storm swells also washed away most of the protective sand berm stretching from the Yacht Club to the west end of our maintenance yard. It has since been replaced at a cost of \$5,000, but sections need to be replaced again, at a cost of \$3,000.

One mooring pile on Fish Float South snapped mid-section during a significant storm surge. Staff will solicit bids for replacing it at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Finally, three out of four elevator “support cables” on Stearns Wharf broke, presumably from storm swells, and will need to be replaced.

Meanwhile, the County officially have declared a local disaster, generating hope that some costs borne by the City—at the Waterfront and other locations—may be reimbursed.

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