

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 21, 2017
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council found it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (k), and authorized the General Services Manager to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$62,000 to Metropolitan Transit District for Cruise Ship Shuttle Service for Fiscal Year 2018 (AKA "Booster Shuttles").

MEETING WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

On Tuesday, August 1st, Karl Treiberg and I went to Los Angeles to meet with David Van Dorpe of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), who is the Deputy District Engineer for the Los Angeles District. Along with several of his key staff, we discussed the feasibility of realigning the dredge pipe in the vicinity of the Mission Creek Lagoon where restoration efforts are underway related to the recently completed Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. The Waterfront and USACE will look at alternative dredge pipe alignments prior to the next 3-year dredge contract. The preferred alternative is to align the pipe immediately adjacent to the new bridge, in order to eliminate impacts in the habitat restoration area and improve visual aesthetics.

We also discussed issues related to dredging the shoal area located between the Federal Channel and West Beach. Although the USACE does not fund dredging areas outside of their authority (the Federal Channel) they will allow the City to contract directly with USACE's dredge contractor. This makes the formal bidding process unnecessary and avoids mobilization costs which can be very expensive.

In addition, we also discussed the possibility of a USACE study to identify improvements to harbor works related to coastal hazards. Upon completion of the City's Adaptation Plan, the Waterfront may pursue federal authorization to initiate a study. This will allow congress to appropriate funds as part of a future budget process.

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN SALUD CARBAJAL

On Thursday, August 17th, Karl Treiberg and I met with Congressman Salud Carbajal and members of his Washington D.C. and Santa Barbara staff. We toured the harbor

and discussed several federal programs located in Santa Barbara and supported by the Waterfront including the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), NOAA, and oil spill response vessels.

We also discussed the Waterfront study, "The Economic Impacts of the Santa Barbara Harbor on the U.S. Economy". The study from the California Economic Forecast outlines the economic benefit of a variety of businesses located in the harbor such as commercial fishing, cruise ship visits, sport fishing, and recreational boating, that provide an economic benefit of over \$133 million (in 2014) to the local, state, and federal economies.

Congressman Carbajal sits on the Budget Committee. On the advice of our Washington D.C. lobbyist, Julie Minerva of the firm Carpi & Clay, we also discussed the importance of Congressman Carbajal reaching out to other congressional representatives with common federal interests (USCG, cruise ships, commercial fishing, etc.). In addition, Ms. Minerva recommended reaching out to Appropriations Committee members to emphasize the economic importance of Santa Barbara Harbor and the need for continued dredge funding.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

- Lease Agreement with Santa Barbara Shellfish Company