

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2019
To: Harbor Commission
From: Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director
Subject: **Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission receive an update on a proposed plan to replace four underground fuel storage tanks located in Harbor Way.

DISCUSSION:

At the July 2019 Harbor Commission meeting, staff reported on a public meeting with tenants from the harbor commercial area regarding the proposed Underground Storage Tank (UST) Replacement Project. Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. is responsible for replacing the USTs located in Harbor Way and has worked diligently on finalizing the replacement plan and obtaining the required approvals from the City and County of Santa Barbara.

Originally, Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. proposed replacing the four existing 10,000 gallon tanks with three 12,000 gallon tanks. As their plans progressed, it became apparent that the fueling needs of vessels in Santa Barbara Harbor would be better met with two 20,000 gallon tanks. Although this facilitates construction, it requires additional review and approval by the primary regulatory agency responsible for these type of projects, Santa Barbara County's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). Revised plans have been completed and final CUPA approval is expected soon.

The City of Santa Barbara's Building and Safety Division, as well as the Planning Division, reviews UST replacement projects. The revised plans has resulted in a delay in the City's review process possibly postponing the original construction commencement date of October 22 by a couple of weeks. A building permit must be obtained before construction can begin.

The USTs are located in the middle of Harbor Way immediately west of the 125 Building. Construction and staging will significantly impact harbor operations for the duration of the project. Nevertheless, the harbor commercial area will be open for business during construction and staff has prepared a detailed Sign Plan identifying the location of a variety of signs directing the public to harbor businesses. The Sign Plan also identifies traffic patterns that allows for deliveries, fuel trucks, and trucks associated with offloading fish from the City Pier during construction.

Staff and the UST contractor have identified the location and limits of the construction site and staging areas in Harbor Way. Another meeting will be held with harbor commercial area tenants before construction begins to obtain feedback on the Sign Plan and provide them with a more detailed construction schedule. Despite delays obtaining the final approvals, the UST contractor believes the major construction activities (removal and installation of USTs) will be completed by early December, essentially returning Harbor Way to business as usual during the busy holiday season.

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