

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2019
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council approved a three-year lease agreement with Alexandra Maryanski and Jonathan Turner for second floor office space at 125 Harbor Way, Suite #21.
- Council found it in the City's best interest to waive formal bidding requirements and approve T-2 System's Luke Self-Pay Parking Stations as Standard Equipment for the Waterfront Department for the next three years, in accordance with Section 4.52.070 (L) of the Municipal Code.
- Council reduced the stage three drought declaration, which has been in effect since May 2005, to a stage one drought condition effective April 10, 2019. Council also approved a recommendation to restore water to the Dolphin Fountain as soon as staffing and workload allows. Over 50 plants have been removed from the fountain and will be relocated throughout the Waterfront to embellish the existing landscaping. The fountain should be turned back on the week of April 15.
- Council heard an appeal of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) granted by the Planning Commission for 35 N. Calle Cesar Chavez. The appeal concerned the OM-1 (Ocean-Oriented Light Manufacturing) zoning for the parcel and questioned the Planning Commissions justification for granting the CUP for a lumber yard. Although the appeal was denied, Council directed Waterfront staff to discuss commercial fishing gear storage issues and opportunities with the Harbor Commission.

MEETING WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Colonel Aaron Barta was appointed as commander of the LA District of the Army Corps of Engineers in July 2018. Col. Barta will be conducting a site visit of Santa Barba Harbor on May 21, along with a civilian member of the Corps, David Van Dorpe. Col. Barta's duties will include providing support to the Department of Veteran's Affairs and continuing the LA District's civil works programs, including dredging Santa Barbara Harbor. Col. Barta's previous experience includes leading search and rescue operations at the Pentagon following the September 2001 attacks as well as numerous deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR DREDGE FUNDING

The Waterfront's Washington D.C. lobbyist, Carpi and Clay, has been working with Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris, and Congressman Carbajal to secure funding for the Corps of Engineers' maintenance dredging of Santa Barbara Harbor. All three have submitted letters of support to key Congressional Committees supporting funding in the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill, the mechanism by which funds are appropriated for harbor dredging. Staff will continue working with Carpi and Clay to communicate the importance of regular and continued dredge funding with members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MAY MEETING

- Fuel Dock- Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement

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