

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 16, 2019  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On August 26, 2018, the Harbor Commission received a report on the planned replacement of the underground storage tanks (UST) that serve the fuel dock. The four single-walled USTs are located just west of the 125 building in Harbor Way. Single-walled USTs must be permanently closed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.7, Section 25292.05, by December 31, 2025.

In 2016, Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. (formerly known as McCormix) took the initiative to prepare a Preliminary UST Construction Work Plan (Work Plan) to address the replacement of four existing single-walled USTs with three double-walled USTs. The Work Plan provides details on every aspect of the project including preliminary site assessment, engineering, permitting, existing UST removal and new UST installation. The project will occur in the middle of Harbor Way immediately west of the 125 building. The Work Plan takes into consideration day-to-day operations with the goal of minimizing impacts to local businesses and public access to the harbor.

Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. renewed their lease with the Waterfront in September 2018. With approval of the lease by Council, they secured funding and committed to replacing the USTs. The project has the potential to significantly limit access to the harbor commercial area through Harbor Way. Staff recently met with Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. to discuss public outreach and the best way to inform tenants, commercial fishermen, and other harbor users of the construction details and potential impacts to typical harbor operations.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in late October 2019. This coincides with typically slower and less crowded winter months. Although the preliminary site assessment and research done by the consultant that prepared the Work Plan does not indicate contaminated groundwater or soils, the possibility that the contractor may encounter unanticipated conditions still exists, increasing the duration of the project. Construction is estimated to take 60 – 90 days, including time to address contaminated soils if encountered.

Staff recently met with Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. and decided to hold two public meetings to discuss the details of the Work Plan and construction schedule. The first public meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Waterfront Center classroom and broadly publicized at the harbor to ensure those most likely to be impacted are aware of the meeting. Staff will discuss potential impacts to harbor users related to fueling, offloading commercial fishing boats, pedestrian access, and parking. A detailed schedule for each phase of construction will also be discussed.

A second meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-September will also be held to discuss revisions to the Work Plan and remind harbor users of the pending project. Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc, and Waterfront staff are committed to minimizing impacts to harbor users while still ensuring that this critical project is completed in a timely matter.

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