

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 19, 2021  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Harbor Operations Report**

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#### **2021 CLEAN AIR GRANTS MARINE DIESEL ENGINE REPOWER PROGRAM**

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District has grant funds to benefit public health by replacing old, high polluting engine(s) with new, cleaner engine(s) sooner than required per regulations or through normal attrition.

This program follows the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) 2017 Carl Moyer program. The grant funds come from CARB, Community Air Protection Program, and California Department of Motor Vehicles surcharge revenue. All funded projects must meet and comply with the requirements found within these guidelines, including cost-effectiveness thresholds.

#### Eligible Vessels:

- Non-regulated commercial marine vessels such as charter fishing, commercial fishing, pilot, work, and research;
- Regulated commercial marine vessels, such as barges, crew & supply, dredges, tugboats, and towboats that comply with the in-use requirements of the CARB Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation; and
- Recreational and non-diesel vessels are NOT eligible for grant funds.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, August 2, 2021, through Friday, September 3, 2021. For more information on the District's program and to apply online, visit [www.Grants@sbcapcd.org](http://www.Grants@sbcapcd.org)

#### **EAST BEACH MOORING PERMIT RENEWAL UPDATE**

The Waterfront Department is coming to the end of a 10 year Mooring Permit with the State Lands Commission (SLC). Staff is currently in the process of reapplying for another 10-year Permit for the mooring field off East Beach, which is split into 45 mooring sites. The Permit with the SLC is for the water space outside the City's State Tidelands Grant boundary. The City of Santa Barbara holds another Permit with the City of Santa Barbara's Planning Department, for City waters inside that boundary line.

Last year, Harbor Commission received an update on the East Beach Mooring Permit Program, which was originally established in 2006. As outlined in the update, the

Program meets the primary intent of providing an alternative and more secure means of mooring vessels off East Beach compared to anchoring, resulting in a tremendous reduction in grounded vessels. Nevertheless, lack of demand for mooring permits by boaters and recent inquiries from commercial fishermen for storing seafood products on moorings prompted staff to add revisions to the Program to include alternative use in specified areas of the Permit renewal. The California Coastal Commission reviewed the amendments to the permit and have requested more information, specifically, to health permits and added water quality monitoring to specific sites.

The City's application (Application No. A3085) for the East Beach Mooring Program has been received and is being processed by State Lands Commission staff and is anticipated to go before the Commission for consideration at its October 2021 meeting. The exiting expired lease is currently in a valid month-to-month holdover status until a new lease is issued.

Staff will revisit alternative uses and make amendments to the mooring permit once it has been officially renewed by the State Lands Commission.

## **20-FOOT SLIP PERMIT LOTTERY UPDATE**

At its May 20, 2021 meeting, Harbor Commission conducted a lottery in order to rank 289 individuals for assignment of two available 20-foot slip permits. The individuals who ranked #1 and #3 have been issued slip permits, while the person in the #2 position declined the offer because they were not ready to purchase a vessel. The two new slip permittees are now searching for new vessels to register to their slips. Municipal Code allows a 90-day timeframe to register a vessel to slip permits from a waitlist, and if either fails to bring a vessel by the deadline, their permit will be cancelled and will be offered to the next person on the list.

Our new slip permittees have been great to work with and seem excited to be part of the local boating community.

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