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AVILA PIER – PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

PAST:

- **1908** – Rebuilt by the County of San Luis Obispo replacing the People’s Wharf destroyed in a major storm in 1878.
- **March 1983** - Since construction, the pier has sustained significant storm damage throughout the years and repaired after each event.
- **1984** - The County transferred ownership of the Beach and Pier to Port San Luis Harbor District, and the pier was re-constructed by District through 1985.
- **2000 / 2001** - Unocal replaced the base of the pier during the larger clean-up project.

PRESENT:

- **March 2014** - A storm caused damage to the pier decking and other structural members. Harbor District staff conducted a pier survey to assess the damage, and subsequently sought professional consultation.
- **Fall of 2014** - The District hired Shoreline Engineering of Morro Bay to assess the pier and develop preliminary construction plans for pile replacement.
- **June 2015** - Humpback whales visit the bay and many people accessed the Avila Pier to view the humpbacks, heightening concerns of structural integrity and public safety.
- **June 18, 2015** - Shoreline Engineering recommended a pier closure until repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction is complete.
- **June 19, 2015** – Avila Pier closed

FUTURE:

- **Time** –Time completion estimates are difficult to estimate due to funding sources and determining what additional time and costs will be incurred while working within the existing plume.
- **Funding** – The Harbor District will likely hire a consultant to assess public opinion and funding opportunities. A rough cost estimate for repairs is \$12,250,000 based on a ratio used to rebuild the Cayucos Pier. However, this does not consider what the “plume” will add to the engineering and construction costs or consideration for the total scope of work that may include adding additional commercial uses on the end of the pier.
- **Design** – The Harbor District will seek feedback from the public in the rehabilitation of the pier. Options include decommissioning the pier, shortening the pier (decommissioning the remainder), restoring to existing footprint, and possibly expanding commercial use at the base or the terminus of the pier.
- **Planning / Engineering** - The Harbor District will seek bids for the planning/engineering of the reconstruction. To extend the life of the pier and to minimize the impact of driving piles through the plume, steel piles may be used instead of the wood piles.
- **Construction** - The Harbor District will use a Public Bidding process to choose a qualified contractor.