



Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District September 2017 Newsletter

Harbor Manager Notes - Welcome to the September 2017 Edition of the Port San Luis Harbor District Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is provided to you in an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.



Holiday Office Closures – Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th in observance of Thanksgiving

Action from September 26, 2017 Commission Meeting - The agenda and staff reports can be found here: http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_09262017-304

Closed Session included 2 items:

- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Harbor Terrace.
- Conference with legal counsel regarding the matter of Lowry v. Port San Luis Harbor District.

Open Session included 1 presentation, 10 consent items and 5 discussion items, the discussion items were as follows:

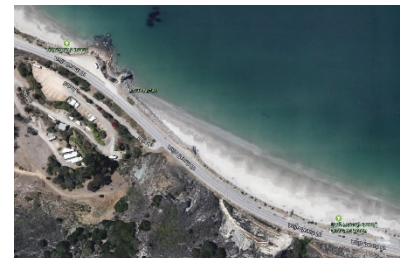
- Mersea's Restaurant Request for Additional Seating: Receive request for additional tables at Mersea's Restaurant on the Harford Pier Area; approved.
- California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways - Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) Grant Acceptance: Adopt Resolution 17-16; adopted.
- Receive updated report of vessel status for Mooring Patron 671 (Caballero): provide direction to staff; no action taken.
- Harbor Patrol Dock: Status report and discussion of options; discussion and consensus provided.
- Harbor Terrace Development: Request from Red Tail Acquisitions, LLC to extend the Exclusive Right to Negotiate for an additional 30 days; extended to October 24, 2017.



Harbor Terrace Project – if you have camped lately at Harbor Terrace or driven by you may have noticed some added activity on the site such as surveying, testing, etc. The District is working diligently to finalize a ground lease for development and operation of the site with Red Tail Acquisitions. Once constructed, the site will offer RV sites, RV Cabins, Safari Tents and over 50 tent camping sites (both car and walk/bike-in). Other amenities will include a clubhouse, swimming pool and restaurant/deli. Once the ground lease is executed, we anticipate approximately 24 months until a soft opening.

Supervising Harbor Patrol Officer Position Filled – in the 2017/18 budget process, the Board of Commissioners approved a Supervising Harbor Patrol Officer position (reclassification vs. an added position) which provides a 2nd in Command at the Port as well as potential promotional opportunities and training. We are pleased to announce that after a recruitment and interview process, Harbor Patrol Officer Jake Vierra has been promoted to this position.

Pets on Beaches – after a series of public meetings and discussions the Board of Commissioners did make a change to the Animals on District Property ordinance. The change affects Fisherman's Beach which has been designated as a pet-free beach. The District will provide signage as well as educational efforts to reflect this change in the upcoming weeks. Olde Port Beach remains open to pets at all times with Avila Beach open to pets before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. Thank you to the community for being involved with these discussions.



Upcoming Feature – Port San Luis Volunteer Showcase – beginning in the October Newsletter and each month after, we will feature one of the many volunteers that help make Port San Luis a wonderful place. Stay tuned for this exciting information and if you are a volunteer – get ready to “tell your story”!



Friends of the Avila Pier Making Progress on Board Members – we are still looking for just a few more individuals who are excited to get in on the ground floor of an effort to rehabilitate/replace the iconic Avila Pier. A nonprofit organization has been formed that will work with the Harbor District to raise awareness and funds for this project. Please contact Andrea at andreal@portsanluis.com for further information on the Board.

FAQ's – Is It Ok to Pet the Whales? – believe it or not we get these types of questions quite frequently. Summer and Fall often bring a variety of marine mammals including whales into the Port. When watching whales, NOAA Fisheries Service reminds you of the following guidelines: 1. Be alert and avoid disturbing whales and changing their normal behavior; 2. Always attempt to stay 100 yards away from a whale; and 3. If a situation arises where you cannot avoid a whale by 100 yards, make sure to not move into the path of the whale, not move faster than the whale, don't make erratic speed or direction changes, don't get between two whales, chase or feed any whales. For more information, visit <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov>. Enjoy your viewing of these magnificent creatures...from a distance!



Branded Port San Luis Wear – Come by the Harbor Office to purchase your Port San Luis hats, t-shirts, hoodies and zippered sweatshirts. If there is a style you think would be a great seller, please let us know! These also make great gifts!

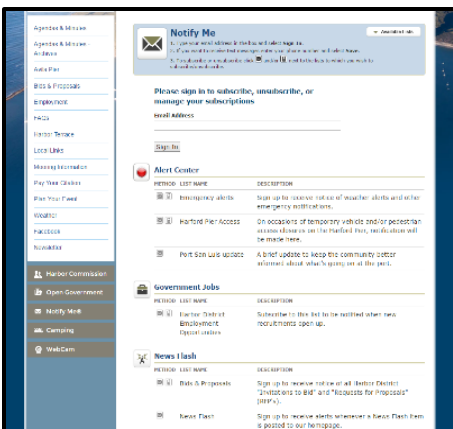
Upcoming Events:

****District Ad hoc Committee Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings** – Thursday, October 12th, check website for details.

****Board of Commissioners October Meeting** – Tuesday, October 24th, Open Session begins at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Notes – “Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.” ~ *Dr. Seuss*

Port San Luis Facebook Page – Be sure to “Like” the Port San Luis Harbor District on Facebook and you will be treated to up-to-date news, activities and wonderful photographs depicting what is happening in the Port.



Take a look at our Website – www.portsanluis.com, where you can subscribe to alerts and updates, you can also automatically be notified of Commission and/or Committee meetings, employment opportunities, bid and proposals. Click on “Notify Me” on the left-hand column to subscribe to this service.

Our Mission – To serve the public with an array of commercial and recreational boating, fishing, and coastal-related opportunities, while ensuring an environmentally responsible, safe, well-managed, and financially sustainable harbor that preserves our marine heritage and character.

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