



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Chris Munson, Facilities Manager  
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**DATE:** November 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Avila Pier Update

### Recommendation / Proposed Motion

- **Recommendation:** Receive and file; no action necessary

### Policy Implications

- None

### District Major Objective/Goal

Objective #2 - Maintain and enhance a boater friendly atmosphere at PSL for both commercial and recreational boaters.

### Fiscal Implications / Budget Status

The FY 2022/2023 budget includes \$1,845,000 for the Avila Pier Rehabilitation.

### Alternatives Considered

- None at this time

### Background

Since June 2015, Avila Pier has remained closed to the public. Minor repairs completed in April 2019 allowed the pier to be reopened up to Bent 58. Since its partial reopening, staff has worked with Friends of Avila Pier (FOAP), contractors, regulatory agencies, community representatives, and granting agencies toward the pier's full rehabilitation and reopening.

### Recent Milestones

- March 22, 2022 – The Board approved the scope of work for Stage 1 on the Avila Repair Plan for the initial repairs to open the pier, which includes:
  - Repairing and Replacing Piles
  - Re-decking the Roadway (bent 0-89) and Replacing the Handrails
  - Replacing and Relocating the Utility Lines, Installing New Lighting
  - Grantor and Donor Recognition

- April 26, 2022 – The non-profit Friends of Avila Pier (FOAP) made a generous \$245,000 release of donations toward meeting the Stage 1 objectives, allowing the project to proceed as planned.
- May 4, 2022 – After months of review and correspondence with District staff, the Avila Pier Project received its final clearances for grant funding at the federal level.
- May 18, 2022 – Wildlife Conservation Board issues the Harbor District a Notice to Proceed, which allows the spending of grant funds.
- June 28, 2022 – Avila Pier ITB for lumber awarded.
- July 18, 2022 – **Avila Pier repairs began.**
- July 26, 2022 – Awarding of Avila Pier Pile Repair RFP and materials order (screws).
- August 19, 2022 – County of San Luis Obispo approves Minor Use Permit, allowing storage of materials for Avila Pier in the Avila Beach Parking Lot.
- August 22, 2022 – Subsea Global Solutions (SGS) arrives on-site for pile repairs.
- August 26 – October 21, 2022 - Advantage Technical Services (ATS) conducts 5 quality assurance dives to help ensure adequate and complete pile repairs.
- September 15, 2022 – Division of Boating and Waterways issues grant agreement for \$200,000 for the Avila Pier Landing Replacement.
- October 28, 2022 – SGS completes Avila Pier pile repairs.
- November 1, 2022 – SLO County issues Encroachment Permit to allow heavy equipment passage between the Avila Lot storage yard and job site.

### **Project Status**

- The District Pier Crew has been working on replacing the decking of Avila Pier, starting at the base. They are currently up to bent 15. The pier is currently closed. The crew plans to work through winter, pending conditions.
- With the pile repairs complete, larger equipment can access portions of the pier for pile driving and deck repairs. Having completed the repairs before winter, the pier should have more resiliency, and repairs can continue farther out during the winter.
- Most of the lumber has been received and is stored on Harbor Terrace.
- A final draft of the Utility Replacement Plan has been received. After it is finalized, staff will receive quotes/bids for materials.
- With the Minor Use Permit secured, a portion of the Avila Parking Lot storage can be used for storage. Since the lumber has been stored on Harbor Terrace, the Avila Lot may only be used minimally
- Due to the delays in the release of funding, work on Stage 1 will extend through the 2023 season. Work may be interrupted due to weather and permit conditions.
- With funding from DBW secure, design and engineering of the landing can proceed
- The project has encumbered the bulk of its major expenses and staff has been diligently processing reimbursement claims to its grantors. Although some items have been more expensive than initial estimates, the project remains within budget.
- Reusable wood from Avila Pier is being sent to 777 Auctions in Atascadero.

### **Upcoming Items**

- Advertise and award Timber Pile ITB.
- Finalize Utility Replacement Plan. Advertise and award Utility Materials ITB.
- Finalize lighting design, then advertise and award lighting RFP.
- Notice to proceed on Landing Rehabilitation grant. Landing design to follow.
- Further discussions of the next stages and donor recognition