

## **Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District January 2016 Newsletter**

Welcome to the January 2016 Newsletter. Provided to you in an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.

These Newsletters will be sent out once or twice a month and will include:

- The link to our next Harbor District Board Meeting and a list of Discussion Items;
- What you might see when you come out for a visit; and
- Notes on projects/programs.

If you have questions about one of the items, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please feel free to forward this on to others or let me know of others who want to be added on the e-mail (this is a work in progress list) and finally, let me know if you would like to be removed from the list.

**Harbor Manager Notes** - We've officially entered into the Winter Storm season with a couple of days of large swells and waves finding their way into the Harford Landing Parking lot. To keep the community and visitors informed, we have placed a portable Electronic Message Board at the entrance to Harford Landing and we activate the "Warning, High Surf Conditions" as the conditions warrant. We hope this helps alleviate the visitor that may park right next to the revetment and then experience an unintended dousing of sea water.

## **Port San Luis Commission Meeting Agenda**

The agenda and staff reports can be found here: <a href="http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01262016-165">http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01262016-165</a>.

Scheduled for Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. We have 9 discussion items, including; Presentation from SLO County on the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Coastal Path, Harford Pier Ice House RFP, Avila Beach CSD Waste Water Violations/Fines, 2015 Public Safety/Harbor Patrol Department Review, Harbor Patrol Department/Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations, Extension of the ERN for the Harbor Terrace Project, Harbor Manager Recruitment and CMANC participation. We also have a number of consent items. Please click on the link above for the staff reports.

**No Tobacco Use and Other Smoking Material** – Passed in December 2015, the ordinance prohibits use of any tobacco or other smoking material or operation of any electronic smoking device on Harbor District beaches, wharves, within District owned and operated buildings, within 30 feet of District owned and operated buildings or any other location within the District where the smoke or vapor is likely to interfere with the publics enjoyment.... District staff has been working on educating the public, pier patrons and community about new ordinance.

**Avila Pier Rehabilitation Project** - The District received 4 proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Public Relations firm. The firms will be interviewed in early February with a recommendation likely considered at the February Commission meeting. The RFP focused on determining a scope of work and funding mechanism for the Avila Pier Rehabilitation Project.



And a Second Note on Storms (photo from March 2014) — I've received a number of inquiries about what the District does in preparation for storms. So to answer, District Staff is constantly keeping an eye on the weather forecast, approaching storms, swell direction/size, wind speed/direction and barometer readings. Staff has prepared a storm matrix that addresses tasks that need to be completed prior to storm season (during October, November and December) as well as during storm season and as storms approach (3 days before, 2 days before, 1 day before, etc.). The matrix is a living document that will be amended and changed as needed, but provides a good template for duties and action.

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## Closing Notes -

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain." -- Vivian Greene

## **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.