



## Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District October 2016 Newsletter

**Harbor Manager Notes** - Welcome to the October 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.

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**Port San Luis Commission Meeting Agenda** - The agenda and staff reports can be found here <http://portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/10252016-247>. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 and below is a list of the agenda items.

**Closed Session** includes 4 items:

- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Harbor Terrace.
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- Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Harbor Manager.
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Regarding receipt of a claim pursuant to the Tort Claims Act.

**Open Session** includes 15 consent items and 2 discussion items, the discussion items are as follows:

- Parking Plan/Costs for Harbor Terrace/Babe Lane.
- Public Hearing to Consider Amending Chapter 4 – Fees, Tariffs and Other Changes, to allow the sale of Port Merchandise.

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**Interim Chief Harbor Patrol Officer** – Dean Hileman joined the Port San Luis team in early October as the Interim Chief Harbor Patrol Officer. Dean will be working as the Interim until a permanent replacement can be found. The Port is very pleased to have Dean take on the Interim position, he comes to the Port with over 30 years' local experience including his time as a sergeant with the Morro Bay Police Department as well as his last position as a lieutenant with Fish and Wildlife. The recruitment for the permanent chief is underway and specific information



can be found here: <http://www.portsanluis.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=63>. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

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**Fire Rings Removed for Olde Port Beach** – due to high tides and larger swell, the Port removed the fire rings located on Olde Port Beach on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The very popular rings will be returned to Olde Port Beach in March of 2017 (weather permitting).



**Sea Lions on Boats** - We continue to note sea lion activity on and around boats, and remind mooring patrons and vessel owners to check their vessels regularly. If you receive a call from Harbor Patrol advising of a sea lion problem we ask that you come down and check as quickly as possible to assess your situation. While the Harbor Patrol does daily patrols, vessel owners should take appropriate actions to prevent sea lions from gaining access to their vessel. We had a boat capsize this year from sea lions and want to prevent any future issues.

The following document has a list of “potential methods” and “deterrents to avoid” for ideas to protecting your property and/or fishing gear and catch from nuisance Pacific harbor seals, California sea lions, and eastern U.S. stock steller sea lions. We also will remind everyone that sea lions are wild animals and best viewed at a distance.

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/protected\\_species/marine\\_mammals/pinnipeds/sea\\_lion\\_removals/112515\\_potential\\_deterrence\\_methods.pdf](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/protected_species/marine_mammals/pinnipeds/sea_lion_removals/112515_potential_deterrence_methods.pdf).



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**Electronic Message Board** – within the next few weeks, District staff will be re-installing the message board at the entrance to Harford Landing. The board will be activated with important messages, usually regarding conditions such as high surf.

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### **501c3 for the Avila Pier Rehabilitation Project/Feasibility Study –**

The Harbor District continues to make progress on the set-up of the nonprofit agency to accept donations and work on the rehabilitation of the Avila Pier. The District is also working with Netzel Grigsby Associates <http://www.netzelgrigsby.com>. – a firm located in Santa Barbara who will be conducting a feasibility study on the fundraising capacity for the pier rehabilitation. For up-to-date information on the project, please visit the District’s website at [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) and click on the Avila Pier icon.



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**Port San Luis “Sprucing Up” in Progress** – Fall allows the Port to concentrate on some projects that aren’t able to be done during the busy summer months. A number of these projects have been completed this Fall and may not be immediately obvious, but definitely make the Port a more beautiful place – some examples include: trimming of shrubbery along Babe Lane, adding flowers near the Coastal Gateway building, painting the tops of trash receptacles and refurbishing/repainting a number of Port Signs and other signage.

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**Upcoming Events** – Along with the setting of the Great Pumpkin, keep posted for **Snow on the Pier** and the **Holiday Boat Parade** brought to you by the Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen’s Association, tentatively scheduled December 10<sup>th</sup>, more details to come.

The Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers will be holding their annual Holiday event **Make Merry** on December 17<sup>th</sup>, additional information will be available soon on their Facebook Page and at [www.pointsanluislighthouse.org](http://www.pointsanluislighthouse.org).

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**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.



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**Closing Notes** - “I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.” ~Henry David Thoreau~

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### **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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