



Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District January 2017 Newsletter

Harbor Manager Notes - Welcome to the January 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.

Harbor Office Closures – The Harbor Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents Day.



Action from the January 24, 2017 Commission Meeting - The January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, the agenda and staff reports can be found here, <http://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01242017-258>

Closed Session included 3 items:

- Real Property, Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: Harbor Terrace.
- Conference with District Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation: Alcove Unique Gifts, Inc. v. Port San Luis Harbor District.
- Conference with District Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation: Leckenby v. Port San Luis Harbor District.

Open Session included 14 consent items, 1 presentation and 9 discussion items, the presentation item and discussion items are as follows:

- Presentation: A short documentary called “A New Harbor” which detailed a 1960's plan for Port San Luis.
- Welcome of Newly-Elected Officers: Welcome Bob Vessely, Bill Barrow and Jim Blecha, new and returning Commissioners to the Board
- Election of Officers: Election of President-Mary Matakovich, Vice President-Drew Brandy and Secretary-Bob Vessely for 2017.
- Point San Luis Lighthouse: The Harbor District sponsored 2 Trolley Days with the Lighthouse Keepers.
- Harbor Terrace Development: The Exclusive Right to Negotiate (ERN) Agreement was extended for an additional 36 days.
- Ice Facility Operations: The Ice Facility Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Michael Cohen was approved.
- Harford Pier: The Commissioners agreed to hold a workshop to look at the options for Harford Pier, date TBD.
- Bank Authorization: Amendment of Authorized Signers to District Bank Accounts.
- Standing & Ad-hoc Committee Assignments: Input was provided, assignments to be completed at the February Commission Meeting.
- California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference (CMANC) Washington Week: Commissioner Brandy and Harbor Manager Lueker will attend the 2017 CMANC Washington, DC week.

Mooring Patrons – Please Check Your Boats – Winter weather is in full swing at the Port and with that comes strong winds and large swell. Our Harbor Patrol Officers and Mooring Crew keep a sharp eye on the mooring field and the vessels therein, but we also strongly encourage owners to regularly come out to the Port and check on their vessels. We thank you in advance!





Advocacy for Port San Luis Harbor District Projects - In the FY 2016/17, the Board of Commissioners determined it was important to increase the advocacy efforts for Port issues with our State and Federal partners. In early January, Commissioner Brandy and Harbor Manager Lueker traveled to Washington D. C. and met with the US Army Corps of Engineers, House Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee staff, Director of the National Marine Sanctuaries - NOAA, Office of Senator Harris, Office of Senator Feinstein, US Department of Transportation, and we were honored to be the first Constituent Visit to Congressman Carbajal.

FAQ's/ Bonfires on the Beach

Bonfires are allowed seasonally on Olde Port Beach in the District provided fire rings only. Please no outside fire rings. The District's fire rings are generally available from the first Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November (weather permitting). Please feel free to contact the Harbor office prior to your visit to verify if the fire rings are on the beach, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (805) 595-5400 or admin@portsanluis.com.

Please keep in mind the following:

- No burning of trash or other materials; only wood and charcoal are allowed.
- No chemically treated wood, pallets or other wood with nails may be burned.
- Bonfires are not allowed on Avila Beach or Fisherman's Beach.
- In case of inclement weather, the fire rings may be removed without prior notice to prevent the rings and/or debris from being swept into the ocean.

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



Upcoming Events

Avila Beach Civic Association's Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night 2/3/2017 – Join your neighbors and friends for a night of B I N G O and pasta. \$10/adults, \$5/children (8 and under) which includes dinner and your first bingo card. Additional cards are \$1. Beer and wine as well as other beverages available. Avila Beach Community Center, 191 San Miguel Street. For more information, <http://www.avilabeachcc.com/Schedule.html>

Avila Beach Public Art Lifeguard Tower Murals Community Celebration 2/18/ 2017 - Due to inclement weather, this event was rescheduled from the original date to Saturday, February 18th. Join the Avila Beach Community Foundation & ARTS Obispo to celebrate the completion of the Avila Beach Public Art Project Lifeguard Tower Murals by artist Colleen Gnos. Meet on the Promenade in front of Custom House in Avila Beach at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Weather permitting, plan to walk the beach to view each tower and hear from Colleen about the art. For more information <http://www.artsobispo.org/>.



A Word about Dogs on District Property – In the last few weeks, there have been a few headlines in the local paper that have resulted in a rise in concern regarding dogs on district property. We thank you for your comments and provide the following in terms of what has happened and future process. A standing committee (the Property Committee) comprised of 2 Harbor Commissioners met on 1/12/17 to take a very preliminary look at the District's current ordinance

regarding dogs on District property. At that meeting, the Committee made no recommendations, took no action and asked that the item be returned for further discussion. Several of the items discussed at the meeting included:

- working with a volunteer group to help with education
- a look at different/better signage
- a review of locations of Mutt Mitt containers and trash cans
- a review of the existing ordinance
- a discussion of the beaches and what is currently permitted at each beach.

This discussion will come back before the Property Committee in February or March and at some point, the Property Committee will likely make a recommendation to the Harbor Commission and the item will be presented before the entire Board of Commissioners. Please know there may or may not be changes suggested for the ordinance or use rules, but prior to anything changing, there will be a series of opportunities for members of the public to participate.

We encourage you to stay informed on this issue, by signing up for the Notify Me program on our website which will alert you to the Committee and Commission meetings. Here is the link <http://www.portsanluis.com/list.aspx>.

Closing Notes - "To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it. But we must not drift or lie at anchor." ~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.



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.

If you know someone who would like to be added to the **Newsletter list** or if you no longer wish to receive this e-mail, please let me know at AndreanL@portsanluis.com. You can also sign up for the Port San Luis Update on the website through Notify Me, then you will automatically receive the Newsletter each month.

The screenshot shows the 'Notify Me' section of the website. It includes a 'Sign In' button, a 'Please sign in to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your subscriptions' message, and an 'Email Address' input field. Below this is the 'Alert Center' section, which displays a table of alerts:

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Emergency alerts	Sign up to receive notice of weather alerts and other emergency notifications.
	Harford Pier Access	On occasions of temporary vehicle and/or pedestrian access closures on the Harford Pier, notification will be made here.
	Port San Luis update	A brief update to keep the community better informed about what's going on at the port.

Below the Alert Center is the 'Government Jobs' section, which displays a table of job opportunities:

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Harbor District Employment Opportunities	Subscribe to this list to be notified when new recruitments open up.

Finally, there is the 'News Flash' section, which displays a table of news items:

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Bids & Proposals	Sign up to receive notice of all Harbor District "Invitations to Bid" and "Requests for Proposals" (RFP's).
	News Flash	Sign up to receive alerts whenever a News Flash item is posted to our homepage.