



## Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District October - December 2020 Newsletter

**Harbor Manager Notes** - Welcome to the October – December 2020 Edition of the Port San Luis Harbor District Newsletter. This newsletter is provided to you to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.



### Upcoming Holiday Office Closures

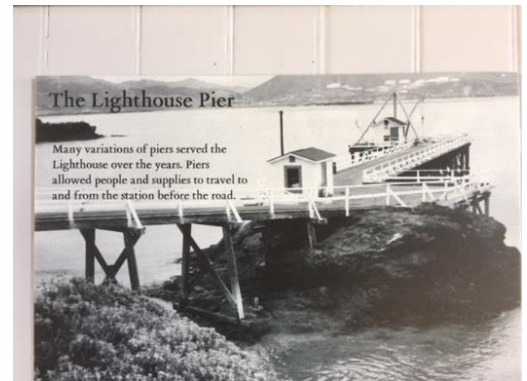
- ❖ December 24 - 25, 2020 in observance of Christmas
- ❖ January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day
- ❖ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our office remains locked and we are responding by telephone and email and practicing social distancing for those who stop by the office. In terms of closures, please check our website [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for changes.



**Action from the October 27, 2020 Commission Meeting** - The agenda and staff reports can be found here: [https://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10272020-447](https://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10272020-447)

**Closed Session** included 3 items:

- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Number of potential cases: Two (2).
- Pursuant to Government §54956.9(a): Conference with legal counsel regarding the matter of Lowry v. Port of San Luis Harbor District.
- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators. Property: Ice Facility located on Harford Pier. Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of Operating Agreement.



**Open Session** included 10 Consent items and 4 Discussion items; the discussion items were as follows:

- Avila Beach Community Services District (ABCSD): Reviewed additional information regarding ABCSD's sewer line Encroachment Permit request; continued.
- Harbor Patrol Policy Manual Update- Final Draft Review; Reviewed and approved draft policies; Resolution No. 20-19 adopted.
- Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for Harford Pier West Side Project: Reviewed CDP application; approved.
- Generators for Main Office and Lift Station #2: Grant Accepted and Budget adjusted.

**Action from the November 17, 2020 Commission Meeting** - The agenda and staff reports can be found here: <https://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/11172020-451>

**Closed Session** included 2 items:

- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Number of potential cases: Two (2).
- Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation – Harbor Manager.



**Open Session** included 7 Consent items and 3 Discussion items; the discussion items were as follows:

- Gear Storage Permits and Space Allocation Discussion: Reviewed survey results; forwarded to the PSL Commercial Fishermen's Association for input.
- 2021 License to do Business on District Property - Proposal Review: Requests for 2021 licenses and license renewals approved.
- Avila Pier Repair Plan: Reviewed and forwarded to the Avila Pier Committee.

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**Action from the December 15, 2020 Commission Meeting** - The agenda and staff reports can be found here: <https://www.portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12152020-456>

**Closed Session** included 3 items:

- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Number of potential cases: Two (2).
- Pursuant to Government §54956.9(a): Conference with legal counsel regarding the matter of Lowry v. Port of San Luis Harbor District.
- Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation – Harbor Manager.



**Open Session** included 6 Consent items and 6 Discussion items; the discussion items were as follows:

- FY 2019/20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: Report by Badawi & Associates; received and filed.
  - Water and Wastewater Rates: Adopted Resolution 20-20 approving new water and wastewater rates for a 5-year period and approval of Proposition 218 Notices.
  - Harbor Patrol Policy Manual (HPPM) Updates: Staff's procedure for future HPPM policy updates, no action needed.
  - Gear Storage Allocation/Permits: Reviewed and approved the recommendations from the Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association.
  - Gear Storage Seatrain Container Replacement: Review options for replacement of seatrains; provide direction to staff.
  - Harbor Terrace Project Liaison / Construction Observation Contract: Reviewed and approved the proposal from Eikhof Design Group.
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**HARBOR TERRACE PROGRESS REPORT** – Construction has been going for approximately 43 weeks on the Harbor Terrace project. Grading has been completed and all underground utilities have been installed on site. Specific work on the Fishermen’s Gear Storage area is taking place in order to move the Gear Storage Units from the Avila Parking lot to the Harbor Terrace site. Off-site work along Avila Beach Drive has been delayed but is expected to begin in late December and may cause some traffic congestion/delays.

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### Port San Luis **Updated COVID 19- Status**

**(as of December 15, 2020)** – Port San Luis has remained open as an essential government service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please understand that safe practices such as **face coverings, washing hands and social distancing** will help the District keep our visitors healthy and our essential workforce in place.

Here are the latest updates on services/businesses and facilities at Port San Luis, but please also check our website as closures/openings do change:



### **Businesses and Services**

- **Water taxi service** is limited to 2 patrons per run and essential trips only, face coverings required.
- **Fat Cat’s** and **Mersea’s** are happy to provide you with Take-away Orders only (at this time).
- **Avila Beach Paddlesports** is open, with some restrictions.
- **Mermaid Market** is open, with some restrictions.
- **Patriot Sportfishing** is open, with some restrictions.
- **Avila Beach Whale Watching** is open, with some restrictions.
- **SLO Tours** is open, with some restrictions.
- All **Board, Committee and Workshop meetings** will continue to be held virtually and the District has posted the Zoom meeting connection information on each agenda.

### **Facilities**

- Camping Reservation system is closed.
- 2021 Camping Reservations Release date is on hold until further notice.
- Campground is closed.
- The Trailer Boat Launch is open.
- Avila Parking lot is open.
- Hoist #1 on Harford Pier is open
- Coastal Gateway showers, laundry and restroom are open with limited hours.
- Avila Pier is open to approximately bent 58 (1/2 way down the pier).
- Fish Cleaning Station is closed.
- Swings and slide on Avila Beach are closed.
- Fire rings have been removed on Olde Port Beach

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### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**\*\*Board of Commissioners Special Meeting** – Financial Workshop, Thursday, January 14, 2021 Please see [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for specific times, Zoom link and agenda.

**\*\*Board of Commissioners Committee Meetings**– Committee meetings are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be held on January 14, 2021. Please see [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for the specific times, dates, Zoom link and agendas.

**\*\*Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting** – The Board Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Please see [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for the specific times, dates, Zoom link and agendas each month.

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### **Quote of the Month**

**“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”**

~John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America

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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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### **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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