

Santa Cruz Harbor Tsunami Recovery Efforts ~ Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is dock construction being performed by contractors instead of by harbor crews?

The use of contractors for large construction projects will help speed up the rebuilding process. Contract construction can be performed off-site, with limited impact to harbor users and without taking up valuable parking areas. In addition harbor crews are busy with tsunami repairs and the routine maintenance of the harbor and could potentially be reassigned to other priorities, which would delay completion of the docks.

2. Doesn't putting construction projects out for public bidding slow everything down?

Not really. If the work was going to be done by harbor crews, the Port District would still be required to solicit bids for the construction materials. The public bidding process ensures that there is competition for the work, so helps to keep costs down. Also, demolition, construction and repair projects require permits from the Coastal Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc.

3. Isn't FEMA paying for everything?

No. FEMA will pay for 75% of the eligible project costs. CalEMA will pay for 18.75% of eligible project costs. The Port District has to pay for the remaining 6.25%. In addition, FEMA/CalEMA will hold 10% of all project costs until close out, so the Port District will have to finance 15% of all of the response and repair costs until every project has been completed.

4. Will my dock be rebuilt?

Maybe. The structural analysis report has been completed and is being reviewed now. Information is currently being developed to compare repair vs. replacement costs. Some docks are already planned for replacement, including the broken dock at the fishery and V-dock. Other docks needing replacement will be prioritized depending on the extent of damage and the amount of funding available.