



Regular Public Session of April 28, 2026

## Santa Cruz Port Commission MINUTES

### *Commission Members Present:*

Reed Geisreiter	Chair
Robert DeWitt	Vice-chair
Toby Goddard	Commissioner ( <i>Via Zoom</i> )
Stephen Reed	Commissioner
Bill Lee	Commissioner

### **REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION – 5:30 PM**

Chair Geisreiter convened the regular public session at 5:30 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA (hybrid meeting platform).

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Oral Communication

Vice-chair DeWitt reported that he attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Days held in Sacramento on April 7-8, 2026. A written debrief prepared by Vice-chair DeWitt was distributed as a handout at the meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Regular Public Meeting of March 24, 2026
4. Award of Contract for 555 Brommer Street Metal Roof Coating Project (NTE \$30,000)

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-chair DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve consent agenda items 3 and 4.  
- *Motion carried unanimously.*

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

5. Award of Contract to Flowbird for Concession Lot Parking Access and Revenue Control System (NTE \$75,000)

Discussion: Harbormaster Anderson provided an overview of Flowbird as the proposed concession lot parking access and revenue control system to replace the existing Scheidt & Bachmann equipment. He noted that the Scheidt & Bachmann system, installed in 2020, has experienced ongoing issues, frequent breakdowns, and increasing warranty costs. He stated that staff recommends replacing the current

system with a Flowbird-operated system. Additionally, he noted that Flowbird is a subsidiary of Arrive, which also owns ParkMobile and Cale, providing consistency across the District's parking systems.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed Flowbird-operated system and Harbormaster Anderson confirmed the following:

- The system would operate similarly to the existing control lot configuration, including pay-on-foot stations and a pay-at-exit option through the exit gate.
- The system incorporates automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) in addition to traditional paper ticketing, providing additional payment options in cases of lost or damaged tickets.
- The expected service life of the Flowbird system is approximately 8–10 years with regular maintenance.
- Parts support is provided through a California-based technician, with primary inventory and manufacturing in Tampa and a backup warehouse in New Jersey.
- The system includes an intercom assistance feature at pay stations and exit stations, with calls routed to the Harbor Office, Parking Operations cell phone, and Harbor Patrol cell phone as needed.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice-chair DeWitt, to authorize the Port Director to execute the contract documents with Flowbird for the concession lot parking access and revenue control system in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

- *Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Authorization of Additional Contingency Funds – Demolition and Reconstruction of G & X Dock Project

**Discussion:** Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff work diligently to provide accurate project estimates, but as construction planning has progressed and submittals have advanced, the contractor has identified several necessary modifications not fully captured in the initial design phase.

Port Director MacLaurie highlighted the following anticipated change orders:

- Upgraded/stronger dock system: approximately \$450,000
- Electrical system modifications: approximately \$250,000
- Increased pile lengths from 55'/60' to 80': approximately \$1,200,000

Port Director MacLaurie stated that the changes are necessary to ensure the long-term durability, safety, and functionality of the dock system. She stated that staff recommends increasing the project contingency by \$750,000 to help absorb these additional costs and provide flexibility for any unforeseen conditions during construction, bringing the revised construction cost to \$11,625,458.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the electrical system modifications, increased pile lengths, and proposed dock system upgrades, and it was noted that the contractor will document all change orders for inclusion in the as-built plans.

Commissioner Goddard expressed concern regarding the design and engineering work completed by Transystems Corporation and stated that staff should communicate these concerns to the consultant.

The Commission expressed support for the staff recommendation to authorize the additional contingency funding in order to maintain the project schedule and support completion of the work.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Goddard, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to authorize an increase in contingency of \$750,000 for the Demolition and Reconstruction of G & X Dock Project  
- *Motion carried unanimously.*

7. Approval of Resolution 26-02 – Adoption of the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update

Discussion: Port Director MacLaurie stated that the District has participated in the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update since late 2024.

In response to a question posed by Chair Geisreiter, Port Director MacLaurie confirmed that inclusion in and adoption of the Plan is required for the District to become eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation grant funding opportunities.

Port Director MacLaurie stated that participation has been funded through a County-obtained grant, and results in no direct cost to the Port District.

Port Director MacLaurie stated that the Commission previously reviewed the draft annex and identified minor revisions. Those revisions, along with any new items identified during tonight's review will be forwarded to the County's consultant for inclusion.

The Commission expressed concern that sea level rise, tsunamis, and king tides were not adequately addressed in the Plan and requested a chart illustrating sea level elevation changes and projections.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve Resolution 26-02.  
- *Motion carried unanimously.*

8. Approval of Cash/Payroll Disbursements – March 2026 (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-chair DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Goddard, to approve cash and payroll disbursements for March 2026, in the amount of \$1,610,734.88.

- *Motion carried unanimously.*

## **INFORMATION**

9. Port Director's Report

Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff received positive feedback following a recent visit by representatives from CalOES and noted that the District was recognized for its timely submittal of project materials, organized documentation practices, and responsiveness throughout the reimbursement process.

Port Director MacLaurie provided an update regarding dredge reimbursement funding. She stated that funding has been secured for FY26 in the Corps' workplan and that efforts are underway to secure FY27 funding.

10. Harbormaster's Report

Harbormaster Anderson stated that salmon season is underway and that current fishing activity has not yet reached projected quota levels. He stated that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has reported fewer than 1,000 fish counted to date.

Harbormaster Anderson stated that training for new water taxi operators is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026. He stated that annual vessel maintenance has been completed and that water taxi operations are anticipated to commence on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the implementation of ParkMobile for harbor-wide visitor parking. Harbormaster Anderson stated that ParkMobile will replace coin-operated meters, reducing reliance on cash handling and improving operational efficiency. He noted that visitors will be able to pay for parking using the ParkMobile application, QR code scan, or text-to-park functionality. Cale machines will remain in place and continue to accept cash payments.

11. Facilities Maintenance & Engineering Manager's Report

Port Director MacLaurie stated that dredging operations are scheduled to conclude on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, with demobilization activities to follow. She stated that the dredge is expected to return to its mooring location in the north harbor in May.

Port Director MacLaurie stated that the timeline for the dredge haulout remains tentative, with a preliminary target date of June 9, 2026, subject to favorable low tide conditions and contractor availability.

12. Murray Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit & Barrier Replacement Project Update

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Lee, Port Director MacLaurie stated that once decommissioned as part of the Murray Street Bridge project, the existing sewer pipeline will remain buried in place on the harbor floor. She stated that the buried pipeline does not present any significant risk of electrolysis.

13. Annual Review of Slip Vacancy / Waiting List Statistics – 2025

In response to a question posed by Chair Geisreiter, Harbormaster Anderson stated that the reported vacancy rate for the North Harbor 45-foot category is attributable to the slips lost during the storm surge event on December 23, 2024. He stated that the vacancies are expected to be filled immediately upon completion of the G & X Dock Replacement Project.

14. Biannual Sea Scouts' Report

Regarding the Sea Scouts' request to waive or reduce slip fees, Commissioner Lee expressed support for revisiting the prior Port Commission action adopting a standardized 50 percent discount structure for qualifying public benefit operators.

Regarding the Sea Scouts' request for landside storage, Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff advised the Sea Scouts to submit a detailed proposal for consideration of the requested 20-foot storage container.

15. Financial Reports

- a) Comparative Seasonal Revenue Graph
- b) Quarterly Comparative Budget Report
- c) Quarterly Employee Count
- d) Quarterly Fuel Sales Report
- e) Quarterly Boatyard Report
- f) Quarterly Concession Percentage Rent Report
- g) LAIF & CLASS Statements

In response to a question posed by Chair Geisreiter, Finance Officer Eldridge stated that the District's auditors will be on-site in the coming weeks for year-end closing procedures.

16. Delinquent Account Reporting

Harbormaster Anderson stated that the collections process for delinquent accounts remains ongoing and that most accounts are ultimately resolved through payment arrangements; however, some accounts are determined to be uncollectible and result in revocation.

17. Harbor Patrol Incident Response Report – March 2026 (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

18. Written Correspondence (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)
- a) CSDA Call for Nominations – Board of Directors, Seat C
  - b) Letter from Commissioner Geisreiter to the California Fish and Game Commission
  - c) Letter from Barry Whittall and Andreas Kesting to the Port Commission
  - d) Letter from Port Director MacLaurie to the Moss Landing Harbor District Board of Commissioners
19. Port Commission Review Calendar / Follow-Up Items (*There was no discussion on this agenda item*)

Chair Geisreiter adjourned the regular public session at 6:15 PM.



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Reed Geisreiter, Chair