

# HARBOR NEWS

SANTA CRUZ SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

MARCH 2023

## FY24 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024

In February of each year, the Port Commission reviews, deliberates, and adopts the annual budget. The new budget year starts on April 1.

The Santa Cruz Port District Commission adopted the FY24 budget at its public meeting on February 23, 2023. Adoption of the FY24 budget maintains service levels, meets reserve policy funding goals and funds approved labor contracts. Additionally, it provides funding to address storm-related damage and aligns with identified Port District priorities by funding priority capital improvement projects in FY24, including:

- Piling Repair & Replacement
- Additional Security Cameras
- Fuel System Upgrades
- Paving Repairs
- Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Equipment Upgrades
- Building Maintenance
- North Harbor Transformer Replacement / Relocation
- Restroom Building Rehabilitation
- East Access Road Embankment Assessment / Repair

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding was utilized in the current budget year to complete an extensive list of projects, including:

- Critical Pile Repair at the East Public Pier
- Installation of Additional Security Cameras
- Building Maintenance
- Refuse/Recycling Management Study
- Parking Pay Station Upgrades
- Fishery Pier Pavement Repairs (pending)

For additional information, the Port District’s operating budget and Capital Improvement Program are described in detail in the FY24 Budget Report, which is available for viewing on the District’s [website](#).

## 5% RATE INCREASE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

As part of the FY24 budget process, a 5% rate increase was approved for the following types of marina fees:

- Slip Rent
- Dry Storage
- Rack Storage
- Catamaran Storage

Please be sure to update your automatic payments to the new amount effective April 1, 2023, to avoid any late fees.

## PARKING PERMITS

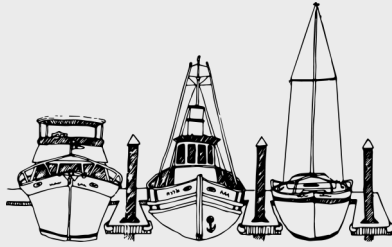
Enforcement of 2023 parking permits began on February 15, 2023. Please ensure that your 2023 parking permits are displayed correctly to avoid being issued a citation.

If you are using the optional hangtag, it must be hung on the rear-view mirror facing out.

## WAITING LIST

It's not too late to pay your 2023 waiting list renewal! Be sure to pay by March 20, 2023, to avoid being dropped from the list.

If you have any questions regarding your placement on the waiting list, please contact the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.



# TRANSITION TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

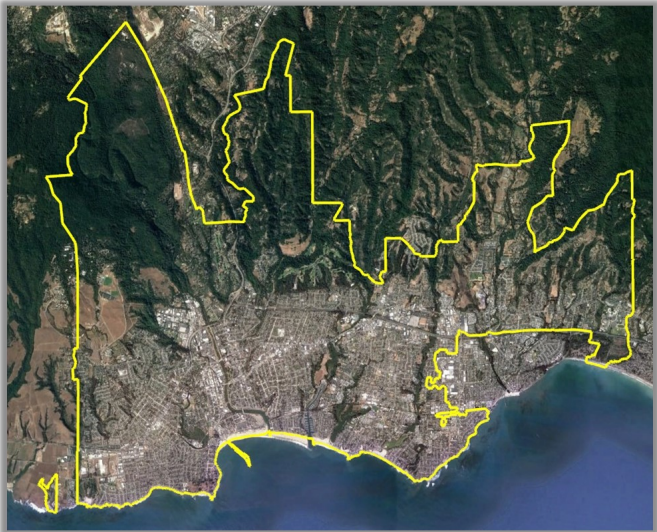
## PUBLIC HEARING #2 - MARCH 28, 2023, AT 7 PM

The Port District invites you to learn about the districting process and provide input regarding the composition of the harbor’s voting districts before draft maps are drawn. The first public hearing was held on March 6, 2023, and the second will be held on March 28, 2023, at 7 PM.

Community feedback received at the first hearing includes:

- Support for shaping districts by watersheds.
- Support for neighborhoods surrounding the harbor to be a community of interest.

*What is your community of interest and what are its boundaries? Share with us at the upcoming hearing!*



Steps	Description
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> (March 6, 2023, March 28, 2023)	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
<b>Release draft maps</b>	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.
<b>Two hearings on draft maps</b> (April 25, 2023, May 23, 2023)	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. Map may be adopted May 23.
<b>Map adoption</b> (Possibly May 23, 2023)	Map may be adopted May 23. If needed, an additional meeting will be scheduled. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

If you are interested in learning more about this transition process or influencing the shaping of the district maps, please visit the Port District’s [website](#) for additional information.

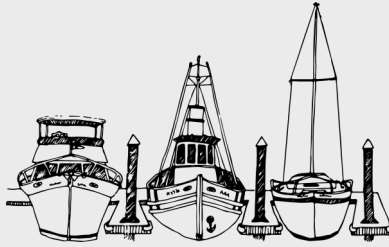
# MEET THE TEAM!

## RESCHEDULED - APRIL 13, 2023, 5 PM TO 7 PM

Harbor users and tenants are cordially invited to stop by and meet the Port District’s management team at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club (244 4th Avenue) on Thursday, April 13, 2023, anytime between 5 PM to 7 PM.

Pictured left to right: Harbormaster Blake Anderson, Port Director Holland MacLaurie, Administrative Services Manager Christine Bouchard, and Facilities Maintenance & Engineering Manager Carl Wulf.





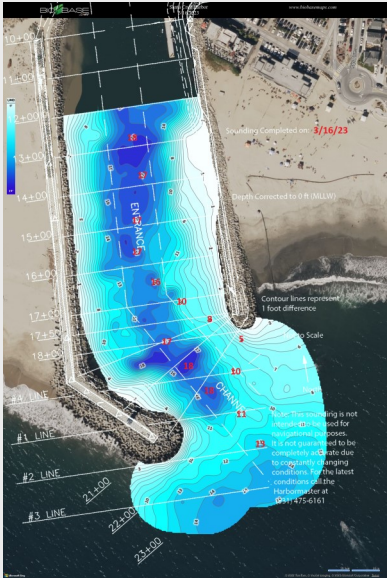
# DREDGE OPERATIONS 2022-23

## ENTRANCE DREDGING

After an onslaught of recent and relentless winter storms, the dredge crew continues working an extended schedule to maintain depths in the federal navigation channel. Prior to the completion of the season (and weather permitting), the crew will work to address the shoaling directly outside the entrance and along the interior shoulders. The season is scheduled to conclude on April 30, 2023. To view the most recent sounding, please [click here](#).

## NORTH HARBOR DREDGING

Dredging of the north harbor will continue through the permitted work window, which ends on April 30, 2023.



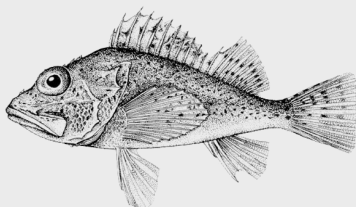
# BRIGADIER GENERAL SITE VISIT

On Monday, March 6, 2023, Brigadier General Antoinette Gant of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers toured the harbor and reviewed the District’s dredge operation. Commissioner Goddard and staff lead an informative visit, which highlighted the successful partnership that exists between the Port District and the Corps.



# NEW GROUND FISH REGULATIONS

The recreational rockfish season is scheduled to open on May 1, 2023. For the first time in over 20-years, new groundfish regulations will permit fishing to occur in previously conserved areas (50 fathoms (300 feet) and deeper) for part of the year. For additional information, see the [2023 Recreational Groundfish Regulations](#).

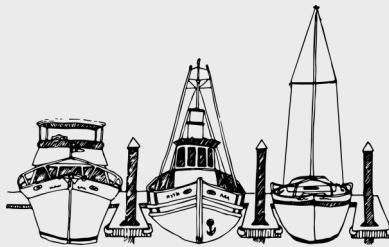


## REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

March 28, 2023, 7 PM

Join us in person at the Harbor Public Meeting Room (365 A Lake Avenue) or online via [Zoom](#)!

To review the agenda and staff reports, [click here](#).



## 2023 SALMON SEASON CLOSURE

On March 10, 2023, the [Pacific Fishery Management Council](#) announced its determination to close the 2023 ocean and river salmon fisheries in California based on the low abundance forecast of west coast salmon stock. This closure is anticipated to have significant impacts on already distressed commercial fishing fleets and fishers, as well as resident fish buyers, gear suppliers, and local ports and harbors along the California coast.

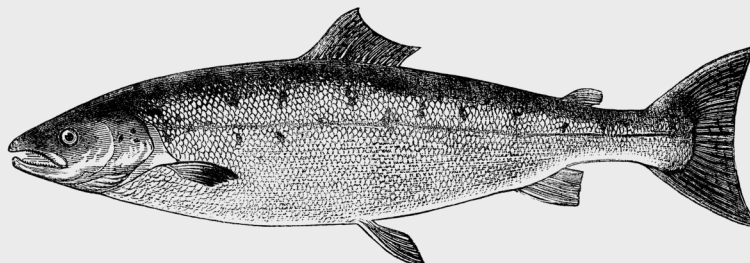
In an attempt to offset the imminent financial and economic impacts associated with a complete closure of the fishery, California Central Coast harbors have urged Governor Newsom to request that Commerce Secretary Raimondo declare a commercial fishery failure under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, which would allow Congress to appropriate funds to alleviate the financial hardship caused by the fishery disaster and provide vital economic support to the fishing communities and small businesses affected by the closure. To submit a letter of support advocating for the declaration of a commercial fishery failure, please utilize the contact information below.

By Email:

[www.gov.ca.gov/contact/](http://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/)

By mail:

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814



## FRONT DESK CUSTOMER SERVICE PART-TIME POSITION

Santa Cruz Harbor is seeking a long-term part-time employee to assist with front desk customer service duties and other office support.

Hourly Pay Range: \$15.50 – \$25.88 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

*Application Deadline: Open Until Filled.*

To apply, submit a completed Port District employment application. Application and full job descriptions are available on the Port District's [website](#).



## LOOKING FOR A FLEXIBLE SUMMER JOB?

Santa Cruz Harbor is seeking seasonal, part-time employees to assist with parking and launch ramp control, fuel sales, passenger shuttles, and other customer-service related duties for Spring – Summer 2023.

Hourly Pay Starting at \$15.50/hour.

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