



Special Public Session of April 8, 2026

Santa Cruz Port Commission MINUTES

Commission Members Present:

Reed Geisreiter	Chair
Robert DeWitt	Vice-Chair
Toby Goddard	Commissioner
Stephen Reed	Commissioner
Bill Lee	Commissioner

SPECIAL PUBLIC SESSION – 1:00 PM

Chair Geisreiter convened the special public session at 1:00 PM at the Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365 A Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA (hybrid meeting platform).

1. 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. He stated that a written debrief will be distributed as a handout at the next regular meeting.

2. Award of Contract for Dredge Haulout Services and Authorization for Purchase of Replacement Parts (NTE \$950,000)

Discussion: Port Director MacLaurie provided an overview of the upcoming dredge haulout project, noting that extensive logistical planning has occurred over the past two years. She stated that alternative haulout locations, including the Bay Area and Moss Landing Harbor District, were evaluated, and that completing the work at the Port District's launch ramp was determined to be the most effective and cost-efficient option despite temporary impacts to parking and launch ramp operations.

Port Director MacLaurie stated that staff recommends approval of a contract with DSC Dredge (DSC) for dredge haulout services in an amount not to exceed \$675,000 (reduced from the originally proposed \$750,000). She stated that in addition to contracted services, staff requests authorization to procure replacement parts and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Facilities Maintenance & Engineering (FME) Manager Wulf stated that dredging operations are expected to conclude in May, with haulout targeted for the first week of June. He stated that planned work includes dredge disassembly, cleaning, sandblasting, painting, valve replacement, suction pipe replacement, fendering improvements, and related structural and electrical repairs. He stated that the dredge is anticipated to return to service within six to eight weeks, with completion targeted for the end of September.

Port Director MacLaurie noted that ordering long-lead time materials will be a priority immediately following contract approval.

A discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Haulout logistics and safety measures, including the use of a heavy-duty rotator tow truck, and inflatable balloons and rollers to haul out and position the dredge.
- Environmental and permitting requirements associated with performing the work at the launch ramp, including containment systems using scaffolding, sheeting, and tarps to minimize impacts from sandblasting and paint overspray.
- Temporary impacts to launch ramp operations and parking, including short-term launch ramp closures of approximately 1–2 days for dredge haulout and splash events, temporary use of about 9 long-trailer spaces and 15 visitor parking spaces for staging, and advance coordination and outreach to harbor users regarding closure notices.
- Future dredge maintenance planning, including documentation of haulout work and completion of a post-project condition report identifying vessel condition, recommended maintenance actions, and guidance to inform the scheduling of future haulouts.
- Coordination with other harbor construction projects, including the Demolition and Reconstruction of G & X Dock Project, and planned repaving of the launch ramp parking lot following completion of the dredge haulout work.

The Commission thanked staff for the extensive planning and coordination efforts related to the project.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Goddard, to authorize the Port Director to:

- 1) Execute a contract with DSC Dredge for dredge haulout services in an amount not to exceed \$675,000; and
 - 2) Approve the purchase of replacement parts and equipment necessary to support dredge maintenance activities in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- *Motion carried unanimously.*

Chair Geisreiter adjourned the special public session at 1:27 PM.



Reed Geisreiter, Chair