



Santa Cruz Port District
Newsletter - March 2021

Announcements

FY22 Budget Highlights

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

The budget review includes a look at the current year. Though this year's operating income is projected to be down significantly due to impacts the Coronavirus pandemic has had on restaurant, parking, and RV park revenue, expense and staffing reductions were quickly put in place which helped offset losses. A bright spot on the revenue side is directly attributable to our boaters – slip rent, visitor berthing, and launch revenues have exceeded budget expectations and we expect that trend will continue into the coming year.

Following a review of the draft FY22 budget proposal, the Port Commission directed staff to make a number of changes that will ensure the harbor continues to be upgraded, repaired, and maintained to provide our users with a fully functional marina facility. Highlights of the adopted budget follow:

- **No Slip Rent Increase:** Staff and the Commission will continue to monitor quarterly budget reports to determine if a mid-year increase may be needed to meet required debt service ratios; however, for now, slip rent rates will remain static
- **\$500,000 contribution to Capital Improvement Plan:** Funding provided for priority projects including pavement repair, boater, and public restroom rehabilitation and building restoration and maintenance
- **\$272,762 contribution to the Dredge Intermediate Fund:** Funding for critical dredge system equipment repair and replacement
- **2% increase for landside leases:** CPI increase in accordance with existing lease agreements effective April 1

Additionally, the FY22 budget restores some part-time staffing for operational support, though full-time staffing continues to be reduced by one position. The budget fully funds Reserve and Election Funds and approved labor contracts.

For additional information, the Port District's operating budget and Capital Improvement Program are described in detail in the FY22 Budget Report, which is available for viewing on the District's [website](#).



Pictured on the left: Supervising Harbor Maintenance Worker Nick Gullo and Harbor Maintenance Worker Jose Vera replacing damaged siding at 333 Lake Avenue. Not pictured, Harbor Maintenance worker Randy Marty.



Pictured on the right: Boatyard Crewmember Kevin Melrose and Facilities Maintenance and Engineering Manager Carl Wulf, cross-training on performing vessel haul-outs at the boatyard.

Parking Stickers

Slip renter parking stickers are now available for pickup. As a reminder, all licensees must pick up the 2021 parking stickers in person at the harbor office. Only the slip licensee of record may pick up the parking permits. **Proof of current vessel insurance must be on file with the harbor office to obtain stickers.**

Your current 2020 parking sticker will remain valid until March 31, 2021.

Waiting List

It's not too late to pay your 2021 waiting list renewal! Be sure to pay by March 20, 2021, 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.

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Federal Entrance Channel Dredging

The dredge crew continues its work to restore depths in the federal navigation channel. Over the past two days, you may have observed the dredge *Twin Lakes* well out beyond the jetty mouth working to restore depths in the outer channel. Many thanks to the crew for their excellent planning and mobilization, which has allowed them efficiently address the shoaled conditions this season!

Boater Advisory! Dynamic ocean conditions can quickly shift sand and negatively impact channel depths. Boaters are advised to carefully plan excursions by checking [tide, surf height, weather, and wind forecasts](#), and the [current sounding](#). If you have any questions about the condition of the channel prior to transit, please contact the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.

Contact the Dredge before Passing! When dredging is underway, contact the crew for passing instructions on VHF channel 8. Pass *Twin Lakes* on the east side (Crow's Nest side) of the channel unless otherwise marked. Stay at least 50' from the dredge.

North Harbor Dredging

Dredging to restore depths in the northernmost portion of the north harbor will continue through the permitted work window which ends on April 30, 2021.



Pictured above is the District's dredge, *Twin Lakes*, at her typical mooring after a day of digging.

Santa Cruz Harbor BOATYARD



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