

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: January 24, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 5, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Ed Hallett, Harbormaster, Coyote Point Marina
SUBJECT: Marina Activities Report

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND

This report covers Marina activities since the Commission's December 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION

High Winds

High winds and tides rocked the Marina on Tuesday December 30th. We experienced some of the highest sustained winds I can ever remember. A very strong Northeast wind blew at a steady 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots the entire day. From 5:00 to 6:00 pm, the winds increased to 45 knots with gusts to 55 knots. Winds remained high in the 35 knots-plus range until around 1:30 am. The winds then slowly began to drop, finally diminishing by late morning. Our new dock was solid as a rock, taking the brunt of the storm and protecting the other docks and boats behind it.

Fuel Dock Updates

Discrepancies found by our contractor in the electrical details of the project have caused delays in the start of the project. An electrical survey and demand calculation of the project area were performed by our project contractor, Paradiso Mechanical, on January 14th. The survey and demand calculations were done to determine whether the feed wire and main circuit breaker have the capacity to meet the demand loads from the source transformer to the end of the circuit (Harbor Office, Fuel Dock, Dock 10 and the Launch Ramp restrooms). Information from the survey will provide the design engineer with additional information to better understand the existing electrical facility and to provide information necessary to make revisions, if necessary, in their original electrical design for the project.

Security Decals

Over 300 of the new security decals have now been issued to Marina tenants. The new decals are replacing decals that had been in circulation for the past 15 years. The new decals are issued to current tenants only and will help improve security at the Marina. Many of the old decals were being used by non-tenants for free access to Coyote Point Recreation Area. The new decals will allow current tenants access to the Marina after hours while restricting non-Marina tenants from getting into the park without paying or after the park closes.

Sinking Vessel

A 28-foot wooden power boat, approximately 50 years old with little or no value, sank in the Marina on January 1st. Fortunately the vessel sank at the launch ramp and no one was injured. An absorbent boom and pads had been placed around the vessel and absorbed the small amount of fuel and oil that had been released when the boat sank. Very little if any fuel or oil escaped the boomed area. The vessel was refloated later that morning by a dive salvage company before any more fuel or oil was released. The vessel was then pulled up the launch ramp and contained where the rest of the fuel, fuel tanks and engines were removed. The vessel was later crushed and disposed of at the request of the owner.