



**HARBOUR COMMISSION
MINUTES
DRAFT**

**Thursday, October 24, 2024
Meeting Room B-8
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

**KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Chair
CHRIS NIELSEN, Vice Chair
WILLIAM LARKIN, Board Member
CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Board Member
MICHAEL VANVOORHIS, Board Member
VAN VU, Board Member
DIANE WOOD, Board Member**

COUNCIL LIAISON

**PAT BURNS, Councilmember Liaison
GRACEY VAN DER MARK, Councilmember Liaison**

STAFF

**SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief
MARTY ORTIZ, Deputy Fire Chief
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst**

CALLED TO ORDER

Milligan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

Commissioners Absent: Larkin, Nielsen

Council Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Justen, Merid, Ortiz

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments made by Doug Misterhl and Allan Harriman. Mr. Harriman commented on electronic discharge systems in boats, stating that he does not think that they are a good way to manage waste on vessels. He also expressed concern for public safety in the Harbour, referencing three boat break-ins during the previous two months. Mr. Misterhl also spoke about public safety and referenced a recent burglary on a friend's boat. Ortiz said that staff would inform Police Department representatives and Orange County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Harbour about these concerns and ask that they work to address them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2024

MOTION: A motion was made by Vu, seconded by VanVoorhis, to approve the September 26, 2024, meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Anaheim Bay-Huntington Harbour: Trash Reduction Efforts, OC Stormwater Compliance

Merid introduced Amanda Carr, Deputy Director of Orange County Environmental Resources, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on County programs to reduce debris flow into Anaheim Bay and Huntington Harbour. Kim Buss assisted with the presentation. They gave a very detailed explanation of these efforts and answered a number of questions from Commissioners.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Harbour Commission Review of *Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, and 13.44*

Justen provided an overview of the process for the Harbour Commission to complete its review of *Municipal Code Chapters 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, and 13.44*. He said that the next agenda will include an item for final consideration of these sections, which were previously reviewed by the Commission at three monthly meetings. If the Commission agrees on recommendations, they will be provided to the City Attorney's Office for evaluation and then the City Council for consideration.

2. Scheduling of November and December Harbour Commission Meetings

Milligan recommended that the November and December meetings be cancelled and a meeting be scheduled for the first week in December. Everyone agreed that the meeting could be held on Thursday, December 5th. Justen said that he would post cancellation notices for the November and December meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

VanVoorhis said that the production of a standup paddleboard and kayak video with safety instructions should be done after the enforcement issues for these rentals is addressed.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Water quality issues were discussed during the presentation on Anaheim Bay-Huntington Harbour trash reduction efforts.

3. *Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

Vu asked that the revision of Municipal Code Chapter 13 be included on the December 5, 2024 agenda. Justen said that he would provide a summary of changes proposed by the Commission ahead of time and include this item on the agenda.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ortiz said that the memorandum from the City Manager's Office on legislation to establish a fund for projects in Huntington Harbour and surrounding environs, resourced from rental revenue collected by the State Land Commission, is being finalized and will be available soon.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Wood said that six (6) Commissioners will be attending a tour of the Orange County Sanitation District. Schauppner asked if he could obtain past monthly harbour reports and Justen said that he would email them. VanVoorhis said that he was sad to announce that OEX kayak rentals is going out of business and provided a detailed overview of kayak rentals in Huntington Harbour, adding that due to existing requirements at this time the City is not collecting any revenue from rental vendors. Milligan announced that the City Council approved the reappointment of Commissioners Vu and Wood to the Harbour Commission for another four year term, which begins on January 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Vu, seconded by Schauppner, at 6:09 p.m. to adjourn to the December 5, 2024, meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 5-0:

AYES: Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for December 5, 2024, at a time and location to be announced.

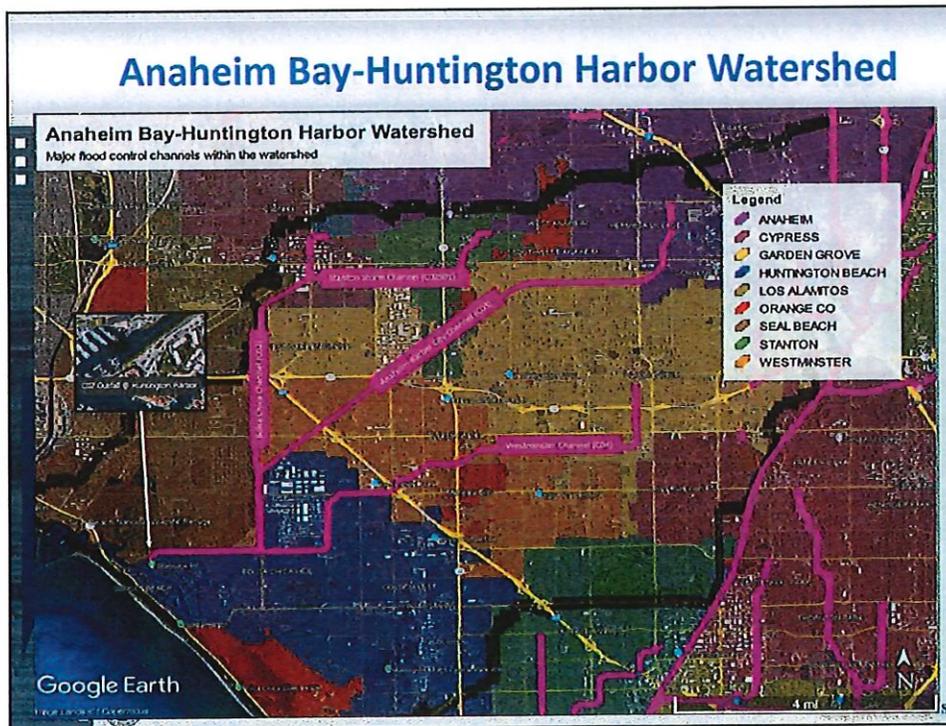
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Safety, Integrity, Quality, Teamwork, Adaptability

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Anaheim Bay-Huntington Harbour Trash Reduction Efforts

Huntington Beach Harbour Commission October 24, 2024

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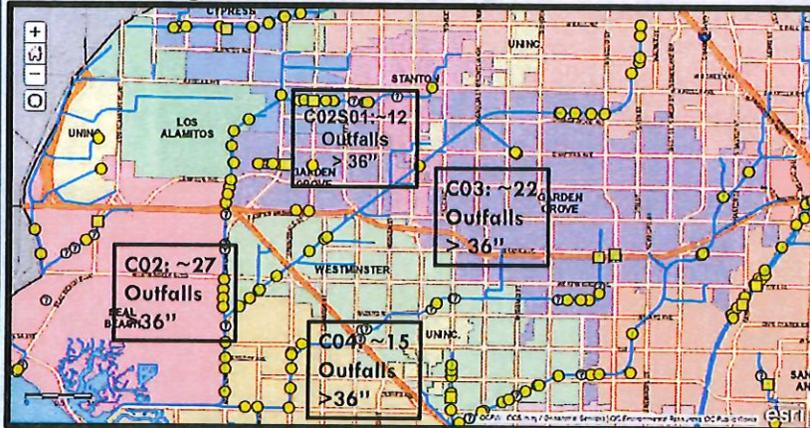
Jurisdictions w/in the AB-HH Watershed

OCFCD Channel	Drainage Area/Jurisdiction
C02- Bolsa Chica Channel	Los Alamitos, Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Cypress, and Huntington Beach
C03 - Anaheim-Barber City	Huntington Beach, Westminster, Stanton, Garden Grove, Unincorporated Orange County, and Anaheim
C04 - Westminster	Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Garden Grove
C02S01 -Stanton Storm	Stanton, Cypress, Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Unincorporated Orange County

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C02 Trash Special Study 2022-23

Trash Surveys at 60+ outfalls in the Anaheim Bay-Huntington Harbour Drainage Area



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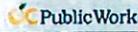


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So, what were the findings...

- Trash is ubiquitous throughout the C02 Watershed
- Encampments are located within outfalls and adjacent to flood control channels which contribute the majority of trash found in OCFCD right of way
- Trash entering OCFCD right-of-way ends up in Huntington Harbour

[Bolsa Chica Channel \(C02\) Drainage Area Trash Special Study](#)
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Trash Boom Maintenance - OCFCD Facilities

- Throughout the year, trash booms are cleaned as identified by area inspectors and prior to forecasted rain events.
- Each boom is also inspected after every storm during the storm season, and once a month during the dry season.
- Trash booms are also addressed as part of the Adopt-A-Channel Program, including C03

East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel (C05)
Post-storm

Anaheim-Barber City Channel (C03)
Post-storm

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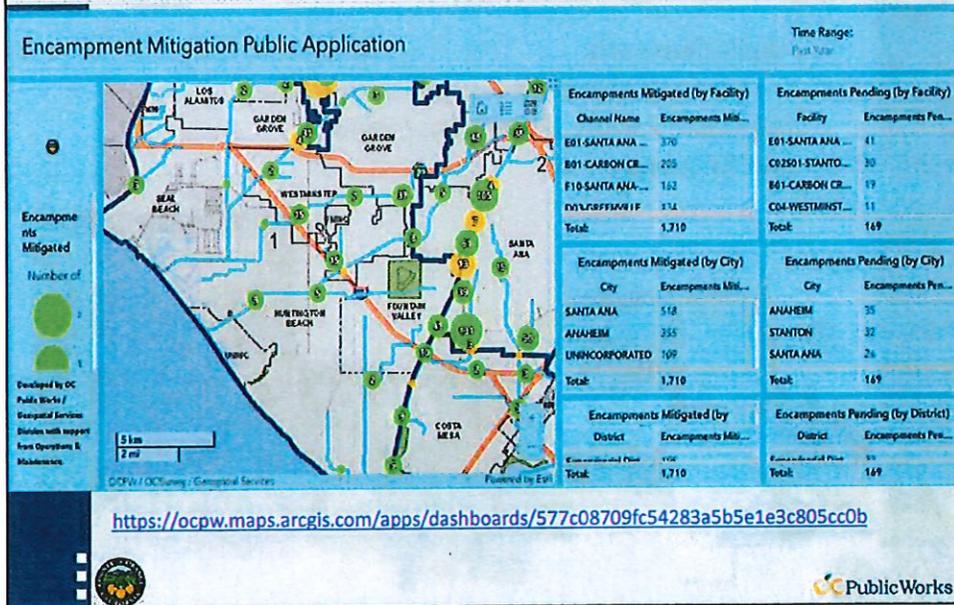
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Encampment Work

- OCPW inspects known encampment hot spots weekly.
- Inspection staff identify encampment locations within the OCFCD right-of-way [Encampment Mitigation Public App](#)
- Information tracked: inspection date, number of unhoused individuals, pounds of debris, site photos
- OCPW utilizes environmental cleanup crews to remove trash, debris, and human waste left behind.
- During FY 2022-23, 1,770 encampments within OCFCD facilities were cleared.

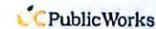


OCFCD Encampment Tracking Map



Encampment Work

- Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Behavior Health Bureau, OC Health Care Agency (HCA) Outreach and Engagement, and OC Public Works staff work together on mitigating incursions into flood control facilities.
- OCSD and OC HCA staff work to relocate persons experiencing homelessness into appropriate housing opportunities.
- The County of Orange has created an Office of Care to coordinate homelessness resources across the County (<https://ceo.ocgov.com/office-care-coordination>).



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OCFCD/Unincorporated OC Trash Actions

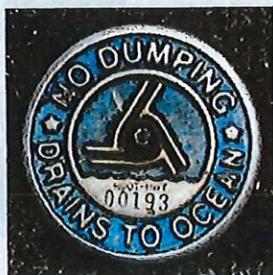
- Public Outreach
- Commercial Industrial Inspection Program
- Municipal Facility Inspections (O&M)
- Spill Response



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Municipal Facilities (O&M)

- BMP implementation, installation, and maintenance
- Inventory management (CPS, CDS Units, etc.)



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Spill Response/IDDE

- OCFCD maintains Water Quality Ordinance Implementation agreements with 31 of Orange County's cities to respond to spill events into storm drains/flood control channels (Anaheim, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach maintain their own IDDE programs).
- County of Orange maintains a 24/7 Spill Response Team.
- 24/7 Pollution Hotline and Reporting Website.
- Maintains contracts with spill cleanup contractors to assist with pollution response.
- Coordination with local sewer agencies, OC Health Care Agency, and regulatory agencies to clean up pollution events.

IDDE = Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

- 24-Hour Pollution Hotline ☎ 877-89-SPILL ☎ 877-897-7455
- 24-Hour Reporting Website myOCeServices.ocgov.com

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Public Education - Adopt A Channel (AAC)

- Adoption of OCFCD Flood Control Channel segments by members of the community
 - *Disneyland Resort* - Anaheim-Barber City Channel (C03)
 - *Boy Scout Troop 555* - Fountain Valley Channel (D02)
 - *Surfrider Foundation* - Santa Ana River Channel (E01)

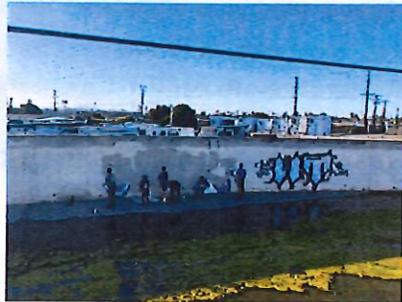


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Adopt A Channel (AAC)

- Regularly scheduled removal of trash and debris
- Removal of graffiti and associated trash
- Since 2015 the AAC Program has removed over **52,400 pounds** of trash; **23,344 pounds** in the past three years



Here's how to become an Adopter: AdoptAChannelOC.org



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Work Continues... But Good News!

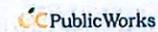
Heal the Bay – 2024 Honor Roll

HONOR ROLL 2023-2024

BEACH NAME	COUNTY
Dana Point Harbor Fuel Dock	Orange
Huntington Harbor, Seagate Lagoon	Orange
Huntington Harbor, Trinidad Lane Beach	Orange
Newport Bay, Promontory Point	Orange
Dana Point, South Capistrano Bay Community Beach	Orange
Riviera Beach	Orange
Emerald Bay Beach	Orange
Marine Science Institute Beach (SERRA)	Orange
Salt Creek Beach	Orange
Point Loma, Lighthouse	San Diego
Encinitas, Moonlight Beach, Cottonwood Creek	San Diego
County Line Beach	Ventura

“Orange County also dominated the Honor Roll with 9 beaches making the list.”

Source: Heal The Bay: 2023-2024 Beach Report Card



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Questions?

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Huntington Harbor Statistics 09/23/2024 - 10/22/2024

- ❖ Aquatic Rescues -10
 - Kayak: 10
- ❖ Boat Assists - 3
 - Boat Tows: 2
 - Boat Other: 1
- ❖ Enforcement – 1
 - Private Dock:1
- ❖ Hazard Removal-1
- ❖ Enforcement - 1
 - Private Dock:1

WATER QUALITY REPORT

- Currently no advisories or closures in effect
- OC Healthcare Agency
 - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/>
- Water quality testing
 - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/faq/>

