



**HARBOUR COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
DRAFT**

**Thursday, February 22, 2024  
Community Service Conference Room  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Chair  
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Vice Chair  
WILLIAM LARKIN, Board Member  
CHRIS NIELSEN, 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**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Barnes.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Nielsen

Council Liaisons Present: Burns, Van Der Mark

Staff Present: Haberle, Justen, Ortiz

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were two (2) public comments. Both are residents of Easter Circle and thanked the Harbour Commission and City staff for getting action on several issues related to problems at a residence in this neighborhood. These actions followed several complaints by area residents at the January Harbour Commission meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2024

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Larkin, seconded by Vu, to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner and VanVoorhis provided a presentation on issues related to kayak, paddleboard and duffy boat rentals on public beaches and docks in the Harbour for the Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by VanVoorhis, to recommend that the City Council direct the staff to review and update the licensing, permitting and contracting requirements for businesses that rent kayaks, paddle boards and/or electric boats (e.g., Duffy Boats) in Huntington Beach/Huntington Harbour.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

Larkin reported on a marine flair disposal program sponsored by Orange County Waste and Recycling. The program will take place between May and July and Haberle noted that it can be promoted through the Harbour Commission website and City social media.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

Schauppner provided a presentation on a comprehensive plan for improving water quality in Huntington Harbour for the Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee. He referred to it as the *Huntington Harbour Optimal Water Improvement Program*.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Vu, to recommend that the City Council adopt and direct the City to implement the *Huntington Harbour Optimal Water Improvement Program*.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

3. *Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

Vu said that there was no report for the Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

4. *Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee*

VanVoorhis said that there was no report for the Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Haberle introduced recently promoted Deputy Fire Chief Marty Ortiz, who will be working with the Harbour Commission. He said that some of the actions taken at this meeting could impact the request for Commissioners to work with Orange County Public Works officials to reduce waste flowing into Huntington Harbour that was submitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. However, he noted that Orange County Public Works staff could still be invited to attend a Harbour Commission meeting to determine common areas of interest for reducing debris flow into the Harbour. Haberle explained the process that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will follow for consideration of the item submitted by the Harbour Commission regarding obtaining Harbour related revenues that currently go to the State. He noted that this same request was considered in 2019/20 but the City Council decided to not move forward on it at that time. Haberle also thanked the Easter Circle residents who attended the January meeting and this meeting and said that he would provide them his contact information should they have additional concerns or questions. Justen noted that although staff will endeavor to keep the residents informed, some items, including those related to investigations, cannot be disclosed due to privacy requirements in the law.

## MEMBER COMMENTS

Wood thanked Schauppner for his extra efforts with the Vessels and Watercraft and the Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee reports. She also announced the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club opening day on April 20, 2024 and provided invitations to City Council Liaisons, Commission Members and staff. Vu also complimented Schauppner for his work on the presentations. Schauppner mentioned the Commission's desire to hold an upcoming meeting in the Harbour area. He also said, if possible, a flyer could be included with resident utility bills and, if not, the event could be publicized through the City's social media sites. VanVoorhis said that the Sunset Community Building should be available if another site cannot be secured. Schauppner asked if Merid could provide an update on Harbour trash collection rovers and the data pods and how much of the \$3.5 million in funding from the Monsanto settlement has been spent.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Larkin, at 5:59 p.m. to adjourn to the March 28, 2024 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for March 28, 2024 at a time and location to be announced.

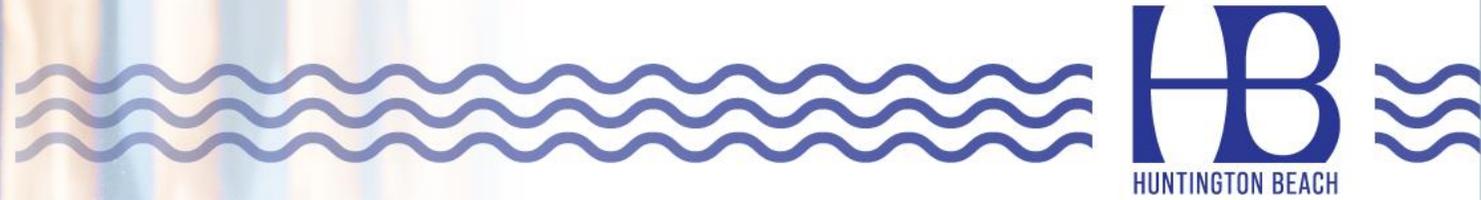
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# HARBOUR COMMISSION

**VESSEL & WATERCRAFT AD HOC  
RENTAL AGENCY PERMIT PROCESS**





# AGENDA

- Problem Statement
- Recommendation & Amplification
- Kayak & Paddleboard Requirements
- Duffy & Electric Boat Requirements



# PROBLEM STATEMENT

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	RENTALS OFFERED			BUSINESS LICENSE			PERMIT	RFP CONTRACT
			KAYAKS	SUPS	DUFFY	LICENSE #	STARTS	EXPIRES		
OEX SUNSET BEACH	16910 PCH	(562) 592-0800	✓	✓		A282543	02/01/24	01/31/25	NONE	YES
OC PADDLESPTS INC	16862 PCH	(714) 654-2142	✓	✓		A309567	04/01/23	03/31/24	NONE	NO
HUNTINGTON HARBOR BOAT RENTALS	16732 PCH	(562) 592-7877	✓	✓	✓	A287135	07/01/22	06/30/23	NONE	NO
PCH ELECTRIC BOATS	16360 PCH	(562) 588-1714			✓	NONE			NONE	NO
SURF CITY BOAT RENTALS	3482 Venture Dr*	(714) 390-2039			✓	NONE			NONE	NO
SUNDREAM RENTALS	3821 Warner Ave**	(949) 838-7837			✓	NONE			NONE	NO

\* FRENCH PARK PUBLIC DOCK  
 \*\* HUNTINGTON HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

## Of the Six businesses that rent kayaks, paddle boards and/or Duffy boats:

- Three stage equipment and operate from public beaches
  - One has a contract to do so and pays 10% of rental revenue to the City
  - Two are violating HBMC 13.32.040 and pay nothing to the City
- Two operate from public docks
  - In violation of HBMC 13.32.040
- Two have current business licenses
- One has a contract to stage equipment and operate on public beach
- None have permits

# RECOMMENDATION & AMPLIFICATION

## Recommendation

The Huntington Beach Harbour Commission recommends that the City Council direct the staff to review and update the licensing, permitting and contracting requirements for businesses that rent kayaks, paddle boards and/or electric boats (e.g., Duffy Boats) in Huntington Beach/Huntington Harbour.

## Amplification

The review should include consultation with the Harbour Commission Vessel and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee as well as business owners that could potentially be impacted by changes to the licensing, permitting and contracting requirements.

City staff should provide recommended updates for City Council consideration and approval for an implementation date of no later than May 27, 2024 (i.e., prior to the 2024 summer rental season).

# PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

## Kayaks & Paddleboards

- RFP requirements apply to all businesses (i.e., no opt out)
- Must provide water safety/rules of the road instructions
- Must have unique identifiers affixed to watercraft
- Must have rules of the road & map of harbor readily available on watercraft
- 7% of rental revenue required for use of public beach

## Duffy & Electric Boats

- Must maintain minimum (TBD) property and liability insurance
- Must provide water safety/rules of the road instructions
- Must provide behind the wheel training or practical exam
- Must have rules of the road & map of harbor readily available on watercraft
- 10% of rental revenue required for use of public docks



# HARBOUR COMMISSION

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR OPTIMAL  
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
(H<sup>2</sup>OWIP)





# AGENDA

- Recommendation & Summary
- Water Improvement Triangle
- Lines of Effort
- Layered Defense in Depth Strategy
- Process Cycle

# RECOMMENDATION & SUMMARY

## Recommendation

The Huntington Beach Harbour Commission recommends that City Council adopt and direct the City to implement the Huntington Harbour Optimal Water Improvement Program (H<sup>2</sup>OWIP)

## Executive Summary

H<sup>2</sup>OWIP provides a comprehensive, holistic and cost neutral program to improve water quality in Huntington Harbour and the surrounding environs by partnering with private and public entities that share a common interest in clean water and a healthy ecology

H<sup>2</sup>OWIP proposes a layered, defense in depth strategy, resourced through reliable, regular and recurring funding streams, including rental revenues collected from Huntington Harbour residents and businesses by the California State Lands Commission, Federal and State grant opportunities, County resources, and private and corporate donations to partner 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations

H<sup>2</sup>OWIP intends to maximize synergies with the neighboring Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge as well as partnering with local non-profit organizations, upland Cities and County agencies to optimize results

# HUNTINGTON HARBOUR OPTIMAL WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (H<sup>2</sup>OWIP)



## Resources

- Monetary
- Manpower

## Partners

- Public
- Private

## Strategies

- Layered
- Data Driven
- Communications

# LINE OF EFFORT - RESOURCES

- **Monetary**

- Rental Revenue from California State Lands Commission (\$600K/year)
- Monsanto Settlement Fund (\$3.5M)
- Federal and State Grants
- County Resources
- Private Foundations
- Public Charities

- **Manpower**

- City organized events
- Non-profit organized events
- Local businesses sponsored events

# LINE OF EFFORT - PARTNERS

## PUBLIC

- Federal
  - U.S. Navy
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Environmental Protection Agency
- State
  - Costal Commission
  - State Lands Commission
  - Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Water Quality Control Board
- Local
  - OC Public Works
  - Upland and Neighboring Cities
  - Port of Long Beach

## PRIVATE

- Non-Profits
  - Bolsa Chica Conservancy
  - Friends of Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge
  - OC Coastkeepers
  - Surfrider Foundation
  - Huntington Harbour Yacht Club
- Businesses\*
  - Simple Green
  - Duffy Electric Boats
  - Rental Agencies
  - Peter's Landing
  - Other

\* Perspective business partners for consideration only

Businesses listed have not been contacted by the Huntington Beach Harbour Commission or City



# LINE OF EFFORT - STRATEGIES

- **Layered Defense in Depth**

- MOUs with County and upland Cities
- Filtering foliage along storm drain channels (plants selected to minimize self-generated debris)
- Trash Wheel(s)/Collection Systems on Bolsa Chica and Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channels
- Autonomous trash collectors (e.g., Clean Earth Rover™, SeaBin)
- Ecological restoration efforts (e.g., eel grass and oyster restoral programs)
- Dredging with bulkhead sediment replenishment

- **Metrics and Monitoring**

- Baseline assessments
- Establish goals and plans
- Water quality monitoring buoys (e.g., DataPod™)
- Data collection and visualization

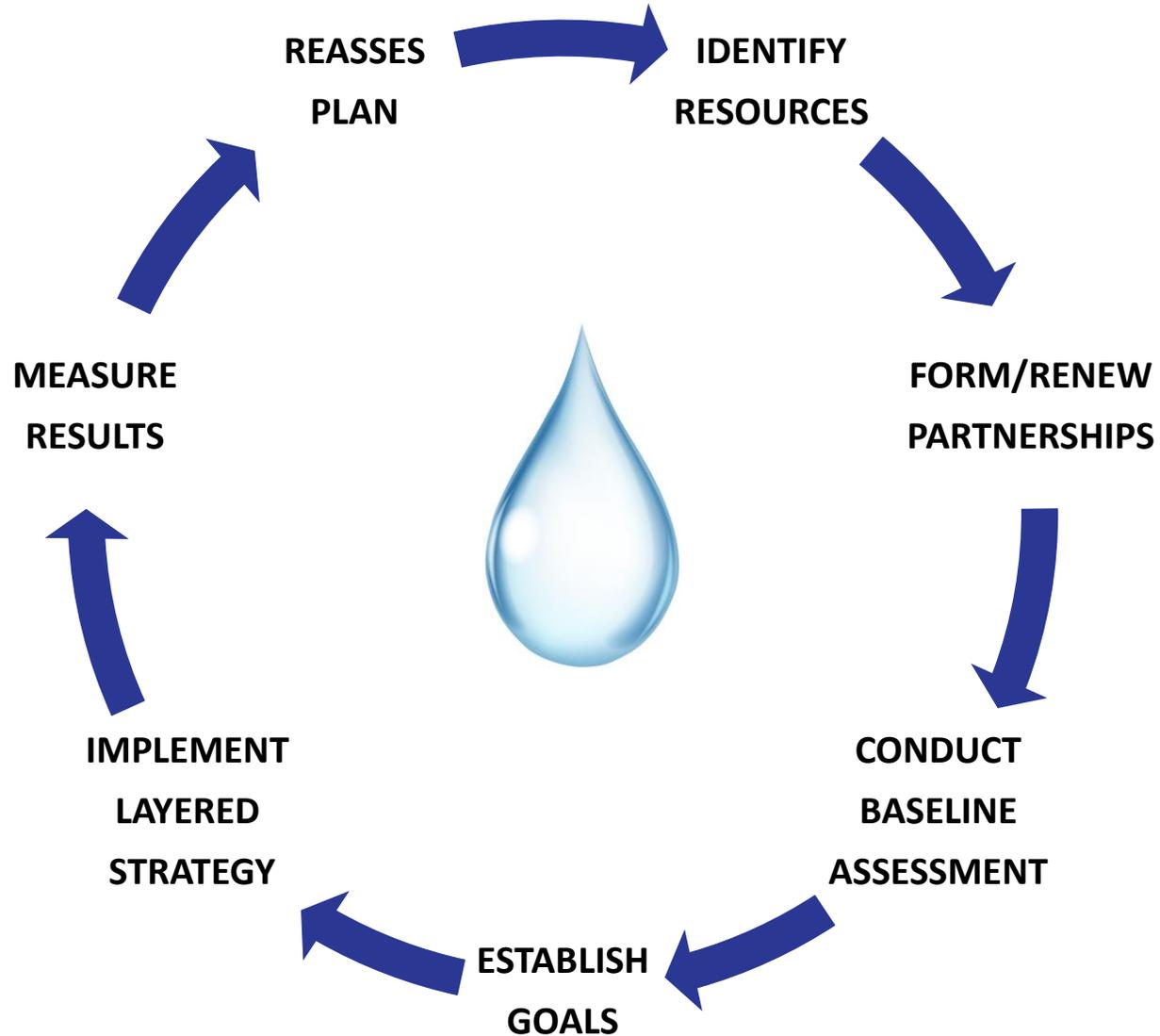
- **Strategic Communications**

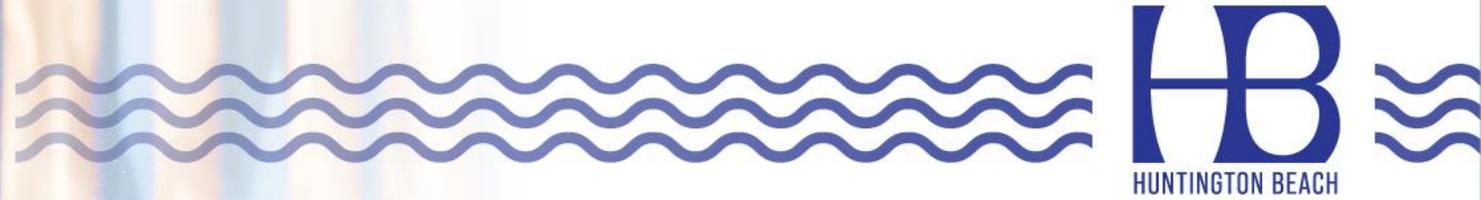
- Mailings and social media posts
- Educational and recreational events
- Help the Harbour events

# LAYERED DEFENSE IN DEPTH STRATEGY



# HUNTINGTON HARBOUR OPTIMAL WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (H<sup>2</sup>OWIP)





# BACK UP SLIDES

Recurrent Reliable Revenue  
Stream

Huntington Harbour Watershed  
Debris Collection Systems

# CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION MAIN & MIDWAY CHANNELS RENTAL REVENUE



**PCH/Peter's Landing**  
 • 9 Leases  
 • \$ 115,533

**Gilbert/Admiralty**  
 • 40 Leases  
 • \$ 96,126

**Coral Cay/Bluewater**  
 • 44 Leases  
 • \$ 121,680

**Portofino**  
 • 3 Leases  
 • \$ 38,086

**Trinidad**  
 • 18 Leases  
 • \$ 60,738

**Humboldt**  
 • 18 Leases  
 • \$ 42,260

**Davenport**  
 • 33 Leases  
 • \$ 99,384

Island/Area	Leases	Rent (per year)
PCH/Peter's Landing	9	\$ 115,533
Gilbert/Aldmiralty	40	\$ 96,126
Coral Cay/Bluewater	44	\$ 121,680
Davenport	33	\$ 99,384
Humboldt	18	\$ 42,260
Trinidad	18	\$ 60,738
Portofino	3	\$ 38,086
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>\$ 573,807</b>

Data collected from CSLC Archives at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/archives/>



# LEGISLATION PROPOSAL OPTIONS

## COA 1: Lake Tahoe Model (SB630)

- Submit legislation proposal modeled after SB630 that created a fund, resourced from Tahoe Keys rental revenue collected by the California State Lands Commission, for Lake Tahoe use.

## COA 2: Newport Beach Model (Beacon Bay Bill)

- Submit legislation proposal modeled after the Beacon Bay Bill that granted Newport Beach trusteeship of the submerged tidelands in Newport Bay.

## COA 3: Hybrid Option

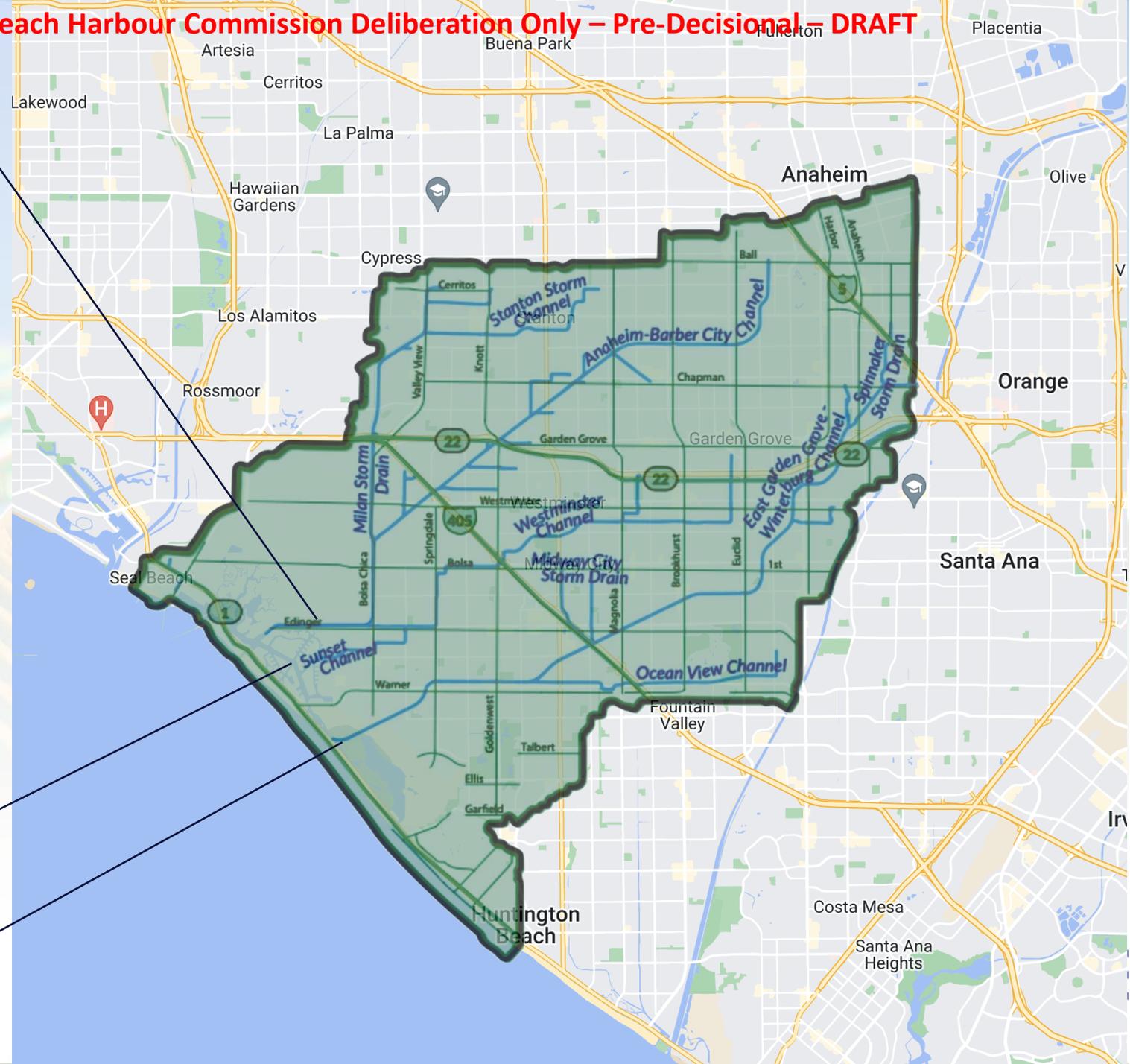
- Submit two legislation proposals as described in COAs 1 and 2 above.

# ANAHEIM BAY HUNTINGTON HARBOUR WATERSHED

Bolsa Chica Channel

Huntington Harbour

East Garden Grove  
Wintersburg Channel



# NEWPORT BEACH TRASH INTERCEPTOR



# CLEAN EARTH SYSTEMS

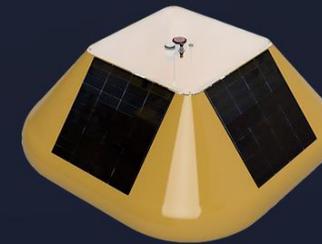
## ROVER



**The Rover™**

A versatile autonomous vessel capable of debris cleanup, oil spill response, facility and site inspection, and robust data monitoring.

## DATA POD



**DataPod™**

- Measures 7 key water metrics
- Low-voltage operating system
- Visualize Geotagged, historic, and time-stamped water quality data

# SEABIN PROJECT



CAPTURE 3/4 TONS OF DEBRIS PER YEAR



CATCH BAG CAN HOLD UP TO 20KG OF DEBRIS



RUNNING COST LESS THAN 1\$ A DAY, WORKING 24/7



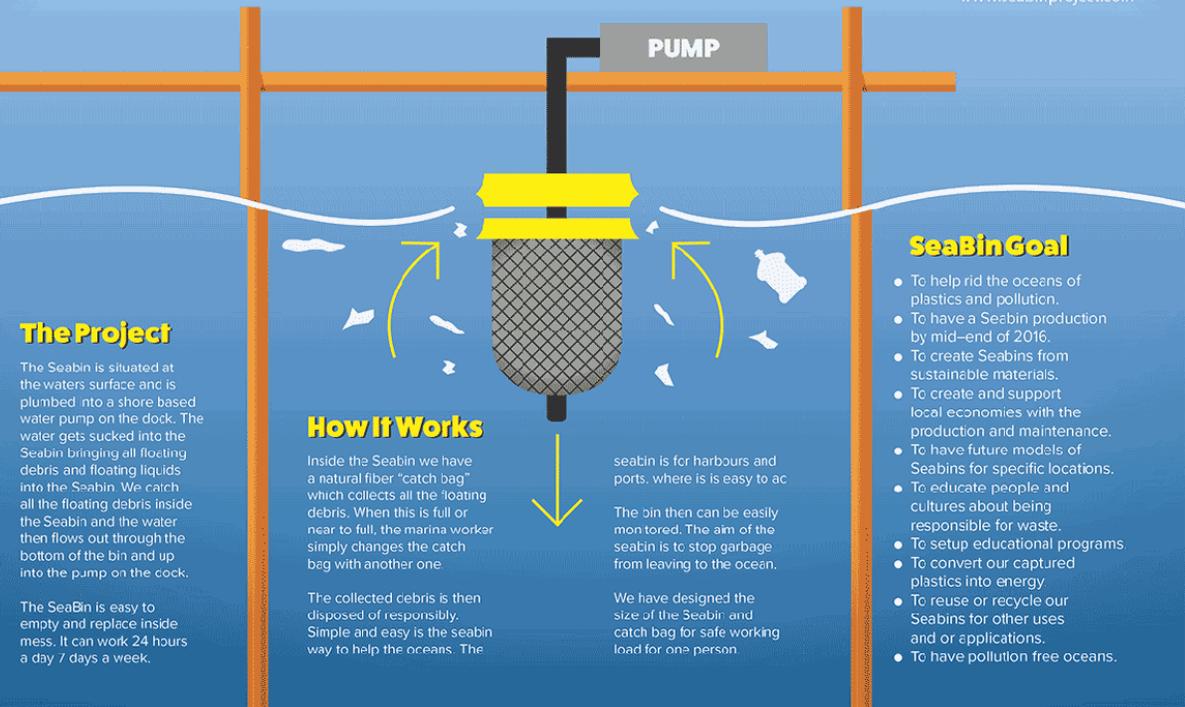
SEABIN'S CONSTRUCTION IS 100% RECYCLABLE\*



## SeaBin Project



www.seabinproject.com



# VOLUNTEERS

