



**HARBOUR COMMISSION
MINUTES
DRAFT**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024
Meeting Room B-8
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 5:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Haberle, Justen, Ortiz, West

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no one public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2024

MOTION: A motion was made by Vu, seconded by Schauppner, to approve the May 23, 2024, meeting minutes.

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

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

NOES: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee*

The Commission received and filed a report from the Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee.

2. *Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee*

The Commission received and filed a report from the Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee. Schauppner reported that the Commission's previous recommendation that the City Council support ACR 182 was approved by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and will be considered by the City Council on July 2, 2024. Haberle noted that there will be a working group on this legislation sponsored by Assemblymember Diane Dixon on July 18, 2024, and each Commissioner received a handout with meeting details. He also referenced a copy of a letter Commissioners received in support of the Orange County Coastkeepers Living Shoreline Project. It was requested by Schauppner and signed by the Mayor.

3. *Policy Ad Hoc Committee*

The Commission received and filed a report from the Policy Ad Hoc Committee. Nielsen said that he would like to send out the first three pages of *Municipal Code Chapter 13.32 Harbors-Generally* and ask that Commissioners review them and be ready to provide comments at the next meeting. Haberle said that Justen would be sending this to Commissioners and a separate agenda item would be included on this at the next meeting.

4. *Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee*

There was no report from the Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee.

STAFF COMMENTS

Justen said that because City Administration directed that all boards, committees and commissions rotate

their chairpersons in July, the next meeting agenda will include an agenda item on this. He also announced that the July 25, 2024, Commission meeting will be held in Administrative Conference Room #2 due to renovations to meeting room B-8. As a follow-up from last meeting, he reported that data is not collected for beach trash pickup or from the trash skimmers in the Harbour. Haberle said that the Marine Safety Division is now operating under a summer schedule, which includes over 200 additional Lifeguards, staffing at Harbour beaches, one rescue boat assigned to the Harbour, two on the ocean and much additional activity. He also said that there was a recent sighting of a 12-foot Great White Shark in the Sunset Beach area, which required the closing of the beach.

MEMBER COMMENTS

VanVoorhis reported on the marine flare recycling event in Newport Beach on 22, 2024. He said that the signage for the event could have been better. West added that marine flares can be dropped off at any time at the Orange County Sheriff's Office in the Harbour. Wood said the May 29, 2024, meeting on water quality at the Huntington Beach Yacht Club was well attended by several interested organizations.

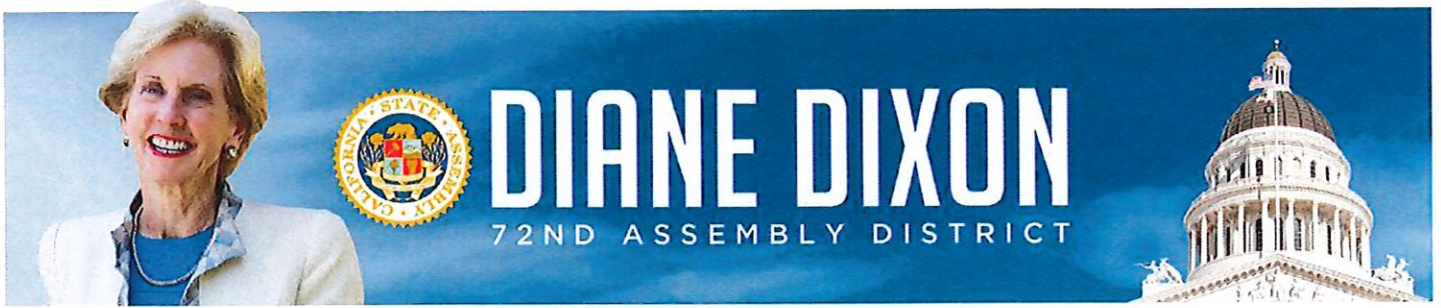
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Milligan, at 5:32 p.m. to adjourn to the July 25, 2024, meeting in remembrance of Bernadette Kubota, wife of Huntington Beach Fire Captain Matt Kubota, who recently passed away.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood
NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for July 25, 2024, at a time and location to be announced.



Great Pacific Garbage Patch Working Group

Event Date

Thursday, July 18, 2024
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location

Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

21900 Pacific Coast Hwy
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Hosted by

Assemblymember Diane Dixon & The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

Contact Information

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Collaborating to find solutions to stop the growth of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and begin environmental recovery.

Yes, I will attend

No, I will not attend



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GRACEY VAN DER MARK
MAYOR

June 25, 2024

National Climate Resilience Fund Review Committee
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1625 Eye Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Orange County Coastkeeper – Living Shorelines Project

Dear Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Orange County Coastkeeper's (OCCK) Living Shorelines Project in Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge and Huntington Harbour. This project aims to restore native oysters and eelgrass, implement an oyster shell recycling program, and introduce a shell string program, all which contribute to the ecological health and sustainability of our coastal environments.

We are confident that this project will improve the water quality and ecology of Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge and Huntington Harbour which benefits the coastal environment, community, and recreational access for all.

Thank you for considering our enthusiastic endorsement of OCCK's Living Shorelines Project.

Sincerely,

Gracey Van Der Mark
Mayor

Cc: Huntington Beach Harbour Commission