

HARBOUR COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, August 28, 2025 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 VAN VU, Board Member MEL WILLIAMS, Board Member DIANE WOOD, Board Member

COUNCIL LIAISONS

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

STAFF

ERIC MCCOY, Fire Chief ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Division Chief KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Management Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Absent: Williams, Wood

Staff Present: Justen, McCoy, McDonald, Villa, West

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public comment: Amory Hanson reiterated his support for the Harbour Commission's proposed revisions to *Municipal Code Chapters* 13.32, 13.36, 13.40, 13.44.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Schauppner to approve the July 24, 2025, meeting minutes.

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

AYES:

Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu.

NOES:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Rotation of Harbour Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Larkin, to rotate the Commission Chair to Nielson and Vice-Chair to Vu.

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

AYES:

Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu,

NOES:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Infrastructure Ad Hoc Committee

There was no committee report.

1. Vessels and Watercraft Ad Hoc Committee

There was no committee report.

1. Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee

Nielsen reported that the committee met and discussed the possibility of a cutout basin to divert debris coming down the Bolsa Chica Channel from entering the Harbour. He provided handouts to Commissioners, including a draft report, watershed map, potential location map and pictures of debris in the Harbour. Ad hoc committee members will review data on the amount of debris collected in the Harbour and other related information and return with a proposal for Commission consideration at the September meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Schauppner asked that a thank you be provided to Police Services Manager Julie Reynolds in the Police Department for the tours of the Department she provided for Commissioners and Justen said that he would communicate this to her. He reported that he and Justen met with one of the City Attorneys to review the changes to the Municipal Code recommended by the Commission. Justen said that the recommendations will now go to the Community and Library Services Director for review, then the Fire Chief, and after that a draft ordinance will be prepared for City Council consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Vu, at 5:25 p.m. to adjourn to the September 25, 2025, meeting.

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

AYES:

Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, Vu,

NOES:

None

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harbour Commission will be on September 25, 2025, at a time and location to be announced.

H.B. Harbor Commission: Ad-hoc Committee: Water Quality.

Dee Wood, Craig Schauppner, Chris Nielsen

This Draft document is for the Harbor Commission to edit and approve for submission to the Huntington Beach Public Works to present and discuss with Orange County Public Works-Watershed Division. This is a possible solution for removal of debris from inland run-off in the Bolsa Chica Channel.

The Huntington Beach Municipal code (Municipal Code 2.65)
designates that the Harbour Commission shall serve in an advisory
capacity to the City Council in all matters related to Huntington
Beach Harbour, its beaches, facilities, and parks. The Commission
advises the City Council about Waterway Safety, General
Infrastructure (e.g. seawalls, pier headlines, bulk heads etc.),
Water Quality and Municipal Code Amendments. The Harbour
Commission also cooperates with other governmental agencies
and civic groups for the advancement of the Huntington Harbour
and recreational planning under the direction of the City Council.

- 1. The City of Huntington Beach's Huntington Harbor has been inundated with floating trash consisting of plastic bottles, discarded toys, plastic bags, leaves, branches, and other floating objects, all noted as debris. This is washed into the channels of Huntington Harbor, the Naval Weapons Station, ocean, and city beaches. This has been going on for years and continually gets worse.
- 2. Attached are photos of trash in the harbor after a storm. Attached: HH Debris 1-11. Larken.
- 3. This debris destroys the water quality for beachgoers, paddleboarders, kayakers, fouls boat propellers, migrating birds, and sea turtles. The Huntington Beach Public Works

- 7. This commission has met with the environmental engineering firms, Huntington Beach Public Works, Orange County Public Works, has studied and reviewed several trash collecting systems. The City has contracted for Trash Collecting Rovers and has placed strategically located skimmers to remove floating debris.
- 8. At the May 22, 2025, Harbor Commission meeting with Huntington Beach Public Works they indicated a Floating Trash Collection System (Water Wheel) will not be robust enough to survive the storm surges from the Bolsa Chica Channel. Public Works suggested a Cut-away or Cut-out Basin would be more effective in capturing the floating trash from the Bolsa Chica Channel.

Attached is a picture of the proposed Cut-out Basin at the end of the Bolsa Chica Channel. Attached: File: cut-out basin iii

The Huntington Beach Harbor Commission respectively requests that this proposed Cut-out Basin be modeled for flow, sediment, and debris collection. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a spatial flow program HEC-RAS, (Hydrological Engineering Center-River Analysis System) located on their website. This commission would appreciate if the results of this modeling program or a similar program be shared with Huntington Beach Public Works

Google Maps

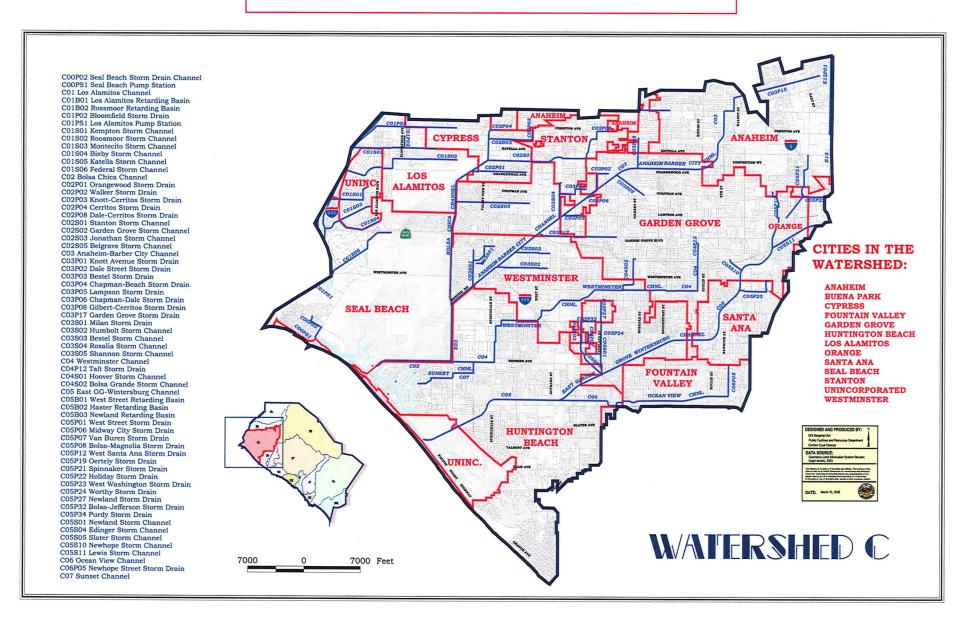


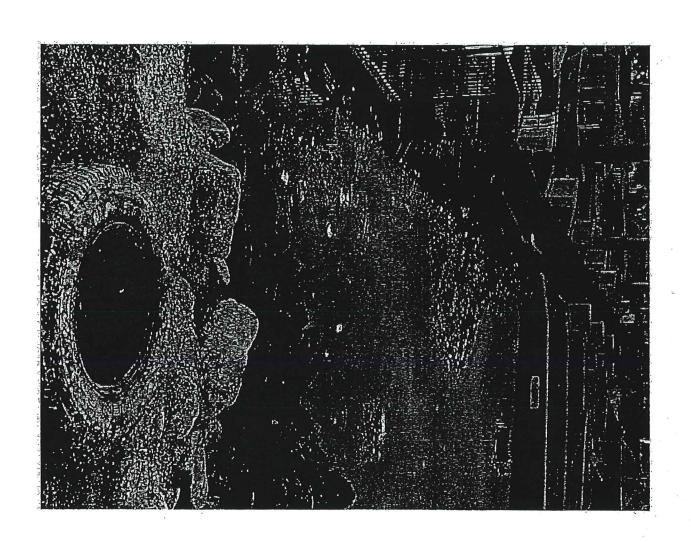
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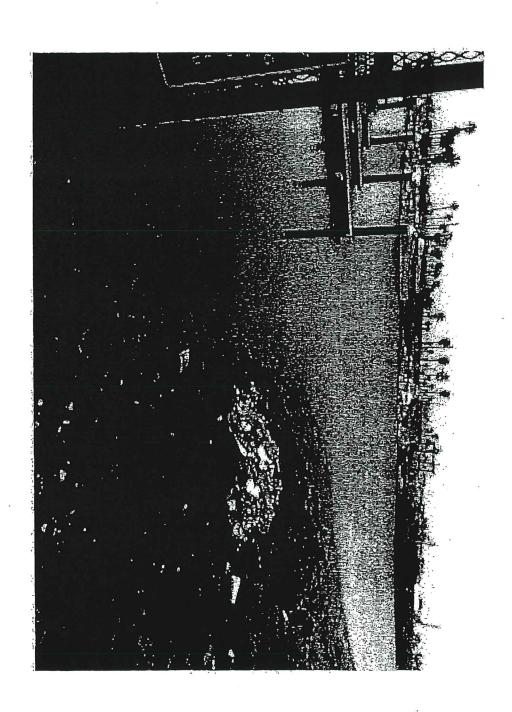
Proposed Cut-out Basin for collecting debris from the Bolsa Chica Channel. Area outline in black.

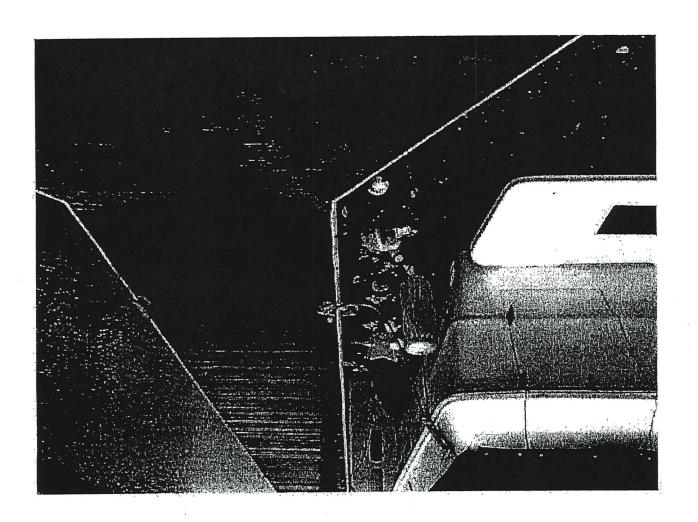
NOTICE

This drainage map has been prepared for information purposes only. The listed facilities have been determined from available information provided by public agencies, but may not be exact or up to date. The user of this map is responsible for verifying exact location, ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the drainage facilities. Additional information may be obtained from public plans and recorded deeds. Neither the County of Orange nor the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) assumes any liabilities for inaccuracy of this map.

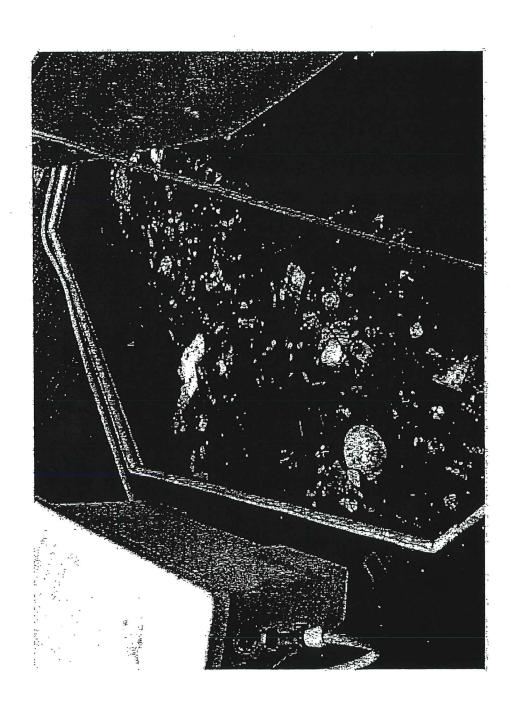


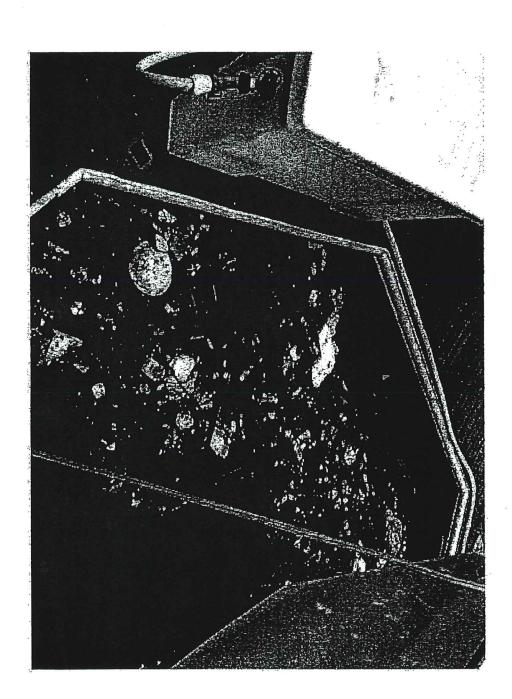






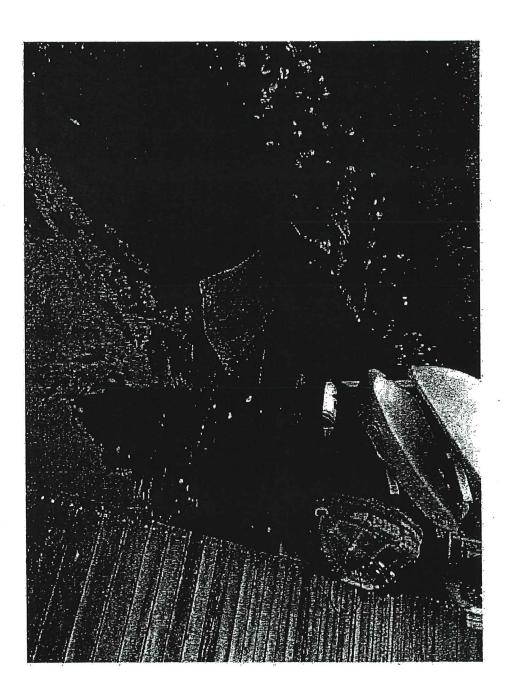
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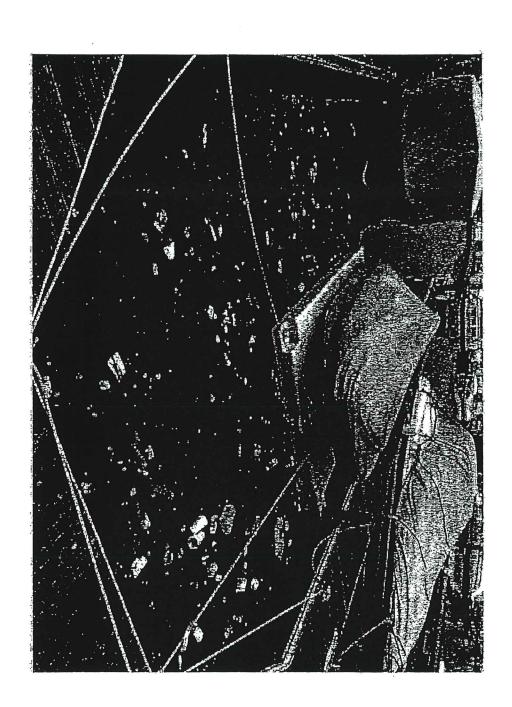


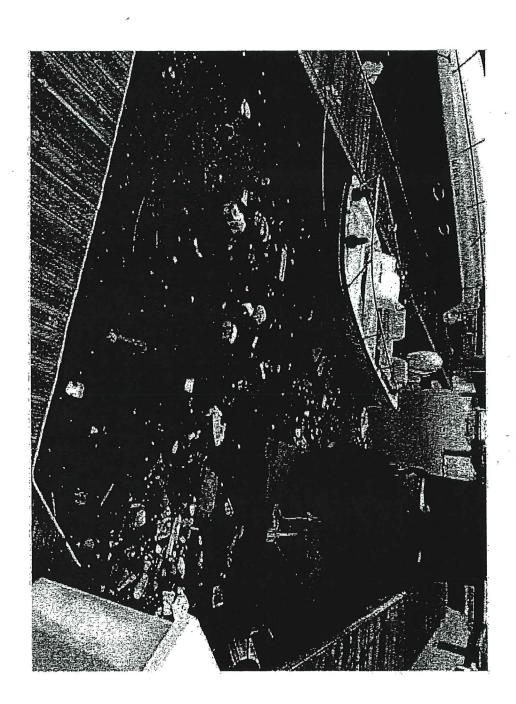


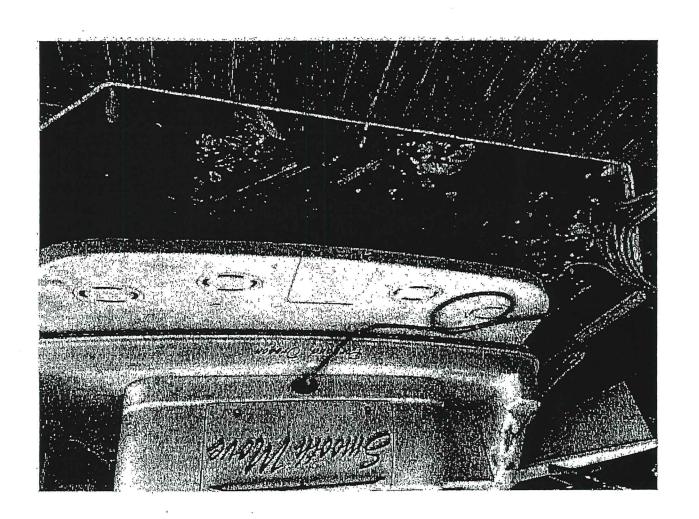
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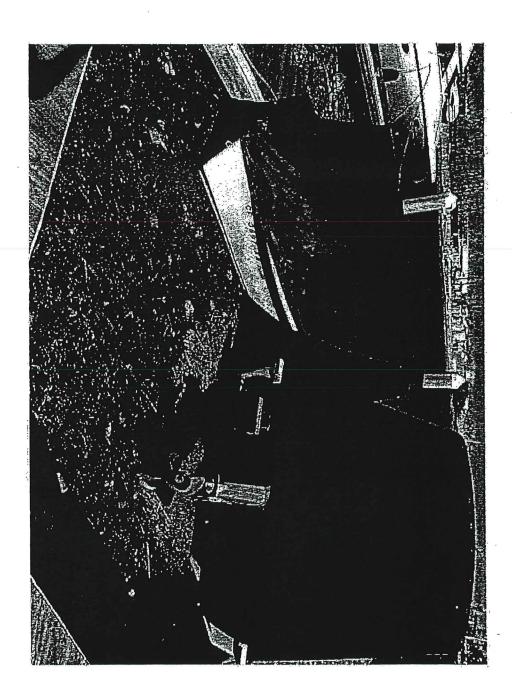
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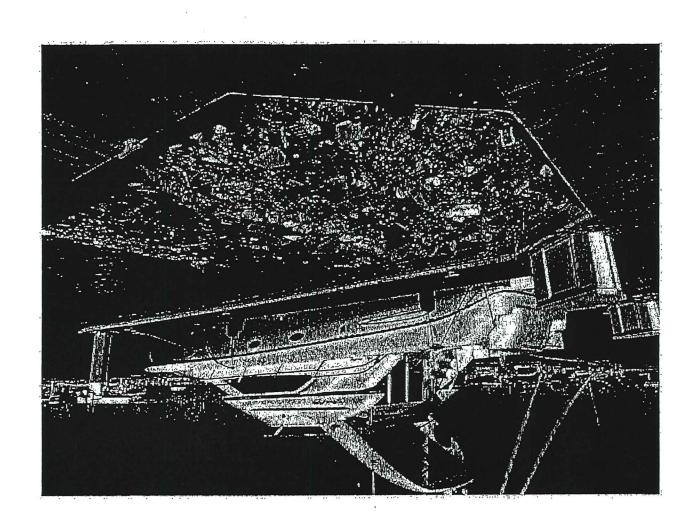


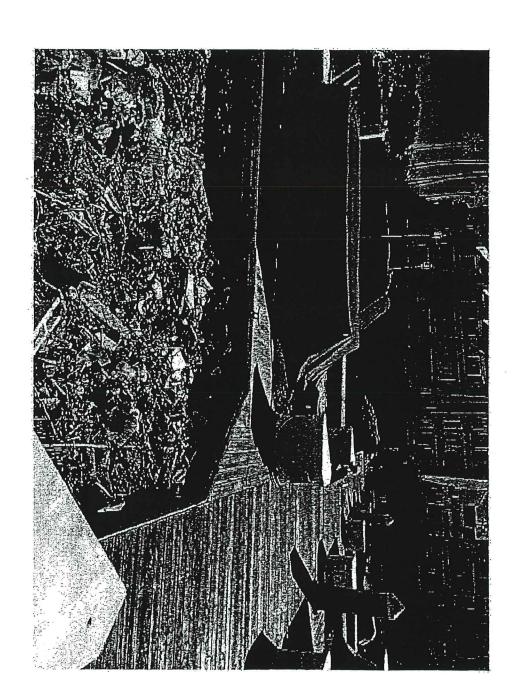
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