



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.

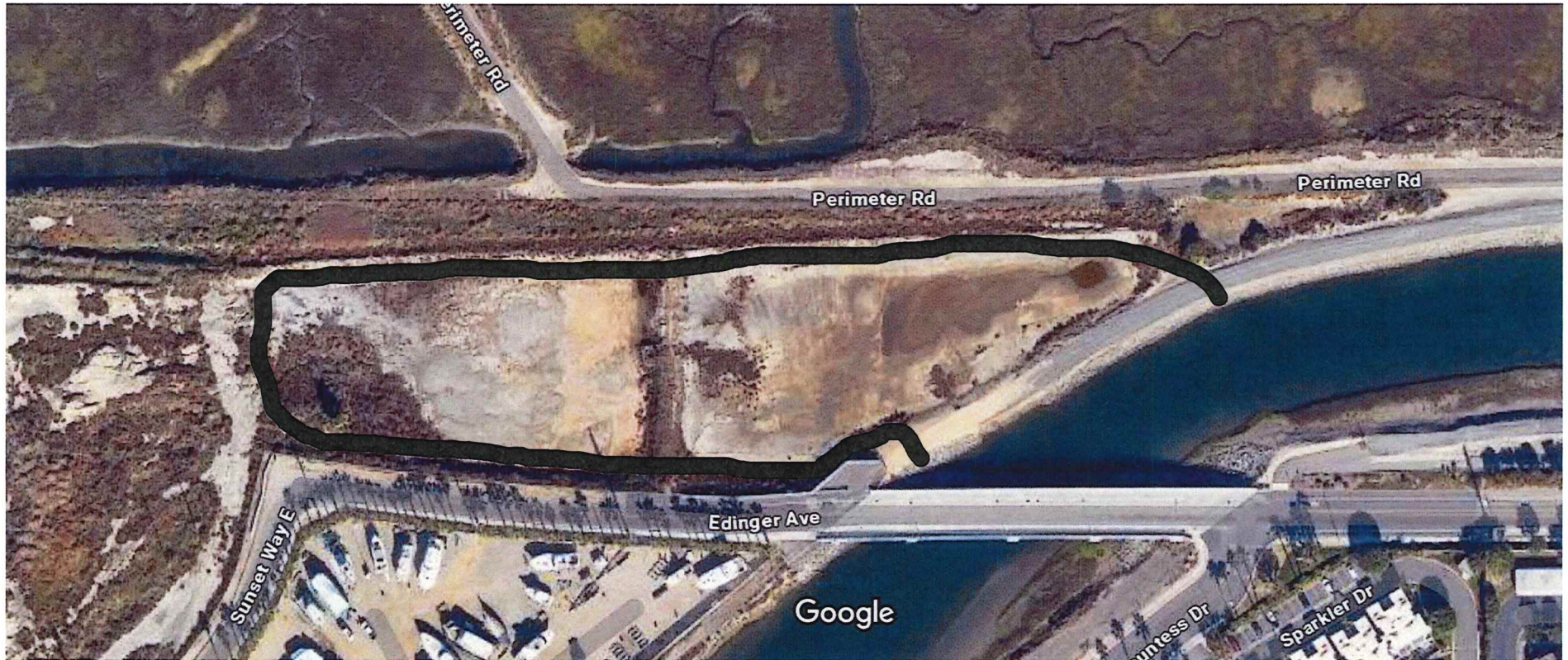
The Huntington Beach Municipal code (Municipal Code 2.65) designates that the Harbour Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters related to Huntington Beach Harbour, its beaches, facilities, and parks. The Commission advises the City Council about Waterway Safety, 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 respectfully 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



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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.

C00P02 Seal Beach Storm Drain Channel
C00PS1 Seal Beach Pump Station
C01 Los Alamitos Channel
C01B01 Los Alamitos Retarding Basin
C01B02 Rossmoor Retarding Basin
C01P02 Bloomfield Storm Drain
C01PS1 Los Alamitos Pump Station
C01S01 Kempton Storm Channel
C01S02 Rossmoor Storm Channel
C01S03 Montecito Storm Channel
C01S04 Bixby Storm Channel
C01S05 Katella Storm Channel
C01S06 Federal Storm Channel
C02 Bolsa Chica Channel
C02P01 Orangewood Storm Drain
C02P02 Walker Storm Drain
C02P03 Knott-Cerritos Storm Drain
C02P04 Cerritos Storm Drain
C02P08 Dale-Cerritos Storm Drain
C02S01 Stanton Storm Channel
C02S02 Garden Grove Storm Channel
C02S03 Jonathan Storm Channel
C02S05 Belgrave Storm Channel
C03 Anaheim-Barber City Channel
C03P01 Knott Avenue Storm Drain
C03P02 Dale Street Storm Drain
C03P03 Bestel Storm Drain
C03P04 Chapman-Beach Storm Drain
C03P05 Lampson Storm Drain
C03P06 Chapman-Dale Storm Drain
C03P08 Gilbert-Cerritos Storm Drain
C03P17 Garden Grove Storm Drain
C03S01 Milan Storm Drain
C03S02 Humbolt Storm Channel
C03S03 Bestel Storm Channel
C03S04 Rosalia Storm Channel
C03S05 Shannon Storm Channel
C04 Westminster Channel
C04P12 Taft Storm Drain
C04S01 Hoover Storm Channel
C04S02 Bolsa Grande Storm Channel
C05 East GG-Wintersburg Channel
C05B01 West Street Retarding Basin
C05B02 Haster Retarding Basin
C05B03 Newland Retarding Basin
C05P01 West Street Storm Drain
C05P06 Midway City Storm Drain
C05P07 Van Buren Storm Drain
C05P08 Bolsa-Magnolia Storm Drain
C05P12 West Santa Ana Storm Drain
C05P19 Oertely Storm Drain
C05P21 Spinnaker Storm Drain
C05P22 Holiday Storm Drain
C05P23 West Washington Storm Drain
C05P24 Worthy Storm Drain
C05P27 Newland Storm Drain
C05P32 Bolsa-Jefferson Storm Drain
C05P34 Purdy Storm Drain
C05S01 Newland Storm Channel
C05S04 Edinger Storm Channel
C05S05 Slater Storm Channel
C05S10 Newhope Storm Channel
C05S11 Lewis Storm Channel
C06 Ocean View Channel
C06P05 Newhope Street Storm Drain
C07 Sunset Channel

