

Midcoast Community Council

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President Jim Tucker and Members
San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Commissioners
(via email)

Subject: Pillar Point Harbor dredging and shoreline erosion

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) agendized a special meeting in order to attend and participate in the 5/29/13 Pillar Point Harbor Shoreline Erosion meeting organized by Commissioner Brennan. Report of this well-attended community meeting is attached. We fully support this kind of outreach. There is clearly much interest in the community about harbor issues and a desire for public participation.

The MCC requests that the Harbor District act on the following two items which were agreed to by the participants of the 5/29 meeting:

- Bring the 2012 West Shoreline Access Trail erosion study forward for discussion of alternatives and a plan for action.
- Identify and gain approvals of new dredge disposal sites with priority given to beach nourishment where it is urgently needed.

To avoid unnecessary future inconvenience and urgency, either from sediment intrusion or shoreline erosion, we urge you to start this process immediately. It is a given that permitting is complex and time consuming, so best to begin the process now.

The West Shoreline Trail is already partially roped off, and may be only one big storm away from total closure, yet the project has been put on hold for over a year. Now that Coastal Commission staff has finally been made aware of it, they agree this project may be a good match for disposal of harbor dredging. A proactive dredge disposal and beach nourishment plan would be environmentally friendly, aesthetically pleasing, and well received by the public. Let's start active planning for repurposing this sediment resource and for better managing our shoreline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/Laura Stein, Chair
Midcoast Community Council

Enc. 5/29/13 meeting report

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