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NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, Jan 11th, 2024 at 6PM

Fort Bragg Town Hall

363 N. Main Street,
Fort Bragg, CA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The Noyo Harbor Commission welcomes input from the public. Please limit your comments to five minutes so that everyone may be heard. The Brown Act does not allow action to be taken on non-agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 14th, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes- December 28th, 2023 Special Meeting
3. Treasure's Report – December 2023

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Fort Bragg Request for Qualifications for the Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Visioning, Resiliency, and Implementation Plan

2. Discussion and possible action on staff requirements for Noyo Harbor District office and Noyo Harbor Revitalization Project
3. Discussion and possible action on the NOAA Marine Debris Grant Application

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

District Office:

Update on FEMA Projects

Update on Geveden Industrial and Vessel Demo Project

Update on EDD Contract and Icehouse Project

Attorney Report:

Matters from the Commissioners:

ADJOURNMENT: To the next regular meeting of Thursday Feb 8th 2024, 6 pm

NOYO HARBOR DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
1-Dec-23

Chase Checking	\$175,879.98
Chase Money Market	\$94,079.99
LAIF	\$1,719,399.74

SLC Funds Allocated	\$448,808.00
SLC Funds Spent	\$80,190.30
SLC Remaining	\$368,617.70

Total of all accounts	\$1,989,359.71
Total of NHD assets	\$1,620,742.01

Dec 23

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Electricity	608.56
Income / Mdco. County Taxes	70,592.80
Late Fees	209.47
Park & Launch	407.00
Slip Rental Contract	24,207.61
Slip Rental Transient	2,847.16
Total Income	<u>98,872.60</u>
Gross Profit	98,872.60
Expense	
Communications Expense	326.24
Dues and Subscriptions Exp	388.45
Emp. Health & Dental Insurance	2,201.84
Fuel Expense	226.51
Legal and Professional Fees	2,014.00
Office Expense	4,847.61
Operating Supplies	535.85
Payroll Tax Expense	3,616.73
Power	4,626.73
Repairs & Maintenance	2,812.69
Sep. Ira	721.46
Travel and Conferences	-163.00
Utilities Expense	5,151.84
Wages Expense (Hourly)	11,284.58
Total Expense	<u>38,591.53</u>
Net Ordinary Income	60,281.07
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Grant Reimbursements	<u>2,981.82</u>
Total Other Income	2,981.82
Other Expense	
2020-21 SAVE Grant	44,000.00
FEMA 4683	862.50
SLC Fish Cleaning Station	1,677.50
SLC Vessel Demo	705.00
Total Other Expense	<u>47,245.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-44,263.18</u>
Net Income	<u><u>16,017.89</u></u>

Noyo Harbor District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual December 2023

	Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Electricity	608.56	1,250.00	-641.44	48.69%
Encroachment Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fish Markets	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Ground Rent	0.00	2,916.66	-2,916.66	0.0%
Hoist Fees	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.0%
Income / Mdco. County Taxes	70,592.80			
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Late Fees	209.47	333.33	-123.86	62.84%
Main Pier	0.00	83.00	-83.00	0.0%
Other Grant Proceeds	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.0%
Park & Launch	407.00	2,083.33	-1,676.33	19.54%
Property Tax RevCurrent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Slip Rental Contract	24,207.61	37,916.66	-13,709.05	63.84%
Slip Rental Transient	3,010.16	3,583.33	-573.17	84.01%
Total Income	99,035.60	50,099.64	48,935.96	197.68%
Gross Profit	99,035.60	50,099.64	48,935.96	197.68%
Expense				
Advertising Expense	0.00	66.00	-66.00	0.0%
Bank Charges	0.00	9.95	-9.95	0.0%
Communications Expense	326.24	375.00	-48.76	87.0%
Conferences & Meetings	0.00	416.66	-416.66	0.0%
CSP General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
DBW SAVE 20/21 Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Deferred Maintenance	0.00	833.33	-833.33	0.0%
Dues and Subscriptions Exp	388.45	1,000.00	-611.55	38.85%
Emp. Health & Dental Insurance	2,201.84	2,000.00	201.84	110.09%
Equipment Expense	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.0%
Equipment Purchase	0.00	333.33	-333.33	0.0%
Fuel Expense	226.51	416.66	-190.15	54.36%
Insurance Property & Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Legal and Professional Fees	6,039.00	4,416.66	1,622.34	136.73%
Office Expense	822.61	983.33	-160.72	83.66%
Operating Supplies	535.85	583.33	-47.48	91.86%
Outside Services	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.0%
Payroll Tax Expense	3,616.73	5,000.00	-1,383.27	72.34%
Power	4,626.73	4,583.33	43.40	100.95%
Professional Expense	0.00	1,666.66	-1,666.66	0.0%
Repairs & Maintenance	2,812.69	2,333.00	479.69	120.56%
Salary Expense	4,698.45	5,725.00	-1,026.55	82.07%
Sep. Ira	721.46	675.00	46.46	106.88%
Taxes & Assessments	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Tsunami Haz Mid Grand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

Noyo Harbor District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual December 2023

	Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Utilities Expense	5,151.84	5,666.66	-514.82	90.92%
Wages Expense (Hourly)	6,586.13	7,083.33	-497.20	92.98%
Workers' Comp.	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	38,754.53	45,583.89	-6,829.36	85.02%
Net Ordinary Income	60,281.07	4,515.75	55,765.32	1,334.91%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Grant Reimbursements	2,981.82			
Total Other Income	2,981.82			
Other Expense				
2020-21 SAVE Grant	44,000.00			
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Total Other Expense	47,245.00			
Net Other Income	-44,263.18			
Net Income	16,017.89	4,515.75	11,502.14	354.71%

Noyo Harbor District

Paycheck history report

Paychecks from Dec 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 for all employees from all locations

Pay date	Name	Total pay	Net pay	Pay method
12/18/2023	Koski, Bruce	\$ 716.04	\$ 640.91	Check
12/18/2023	Koski, Jay	\$ 2,300.32	\$ 1,764.92	Check
12/18/2023	Neumann, Anna T	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,349.23	Check
12/18/2023	Scotfield, Robert	\$ 1,011.45	\$ 868.68	Check
12/01/2023	Koski, Bruce	\$ 734.40	\$ 649.12	Check
12/01/2023	Koski, Jay	\$ 2,300.32	\$ 1,764.92	Check
12/01/2023	Neumann, Anna T	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,349.22	Check
12/01/2023	Scotfield, Robert	\$ 1,048.23	\$ 897.58	Check



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NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Meeting called to order Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:02PM

Fort Bragg Town Hall

363 N. Main Street Fort Bragg, CA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Shoemaker, Commissioner Platt, Commissioner Downie, Vice Chair Albin, Chair Hurst

Staff Present: Anna Neumann- Harbormaster, Jim Jackson- legal counsel

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None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting November 9th, 2023
2. Treasurer's report – November 2023

**Motion to approve consent calendar 1st Commissioner Shoemaker, 2nd Vice Chair Albin
Approved: 5-0-0**

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on starting FEMA projects

Scott Perkins and Anna Neumann gave an update on the FEMA projects and the struggles the District has been having with moving forward with FEMA projects. Mr. Perkins and Ms. Neumann recommended that the District keep moving forward with providing FEMA information to get projects obligated but not spend a considerable amount of District resources on projects until FEMA can clarify project pathways on their end. The Harbor plans to follow up with FEMA staff after the new year and report back to the commissioners.

No motion made.

2. Discussion and possible action on Economic Development Department Community Economic Relief Fund contract

Mary Ann Petrillo from West Business Development Center and Anna Neumann present the contracts provided by the Economic Development Agency for the Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan. Ms. Petrillo gave an update on how the state is moving forward with CERF funding and steps that she has taken to ensure that the Blue Economy and Mendocino County are well represented. Mr. Jackson said he had reviewed the contract and nothing stood out as a red flag, but noted the intense reporting requirements.

Motion to approve 1st Commissioner Downie, 2nd Commissioner Platt Approved: 5-0-0

3. Discussion and possible action on updating Harbor District Policy

Harbormaster Neumann gave an update on the process of updating the Harbor District Policies. Commissioners agreed that a policies document should be separate from a procedures document. Ms. Neumann will work with Mr. Jackson on adding legal citations to sections update for the purposed of meeting required codes. Ms. Neumann will continue to work on the policies document and bring back when progress has been made.

No motion was made.

4. Discussion and possible action on IRS denial of request to wave penalties

Harbormaster Neumann presented a response from the IRS that denied the Districts request to wave penalties. Mr. Jackson suggested that the District contact several local CPA's that have had experience in dealing with the IRS and make an appeal.

No motion was made.

Closed Session began at 7:22pm

Pending Litigation: Resource Environmental v. Noyo Harbor District (23 CV 00954 Mendocino County Superior Court)

Report out at 7:30 Settlement has been signed by both parties.

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

District Office:

Tommy's Marine Supply Project

Motion made for emergency closed session due to significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case) 1st Commissioner Shoemaker, 2nd Commissioner Platt Approved: 5-0-0

Closed session began at 7:40

Closed session ended at 8:00

Report out: Discussed various options on potential litigation

The Nature Conservancy Project Funded

Commissioners Downie and Ms. Neumann gave an update on the fund received by The Nature Conservancy to complete work in the kelp restoration sector in Mendocino County.

Attorney Report:

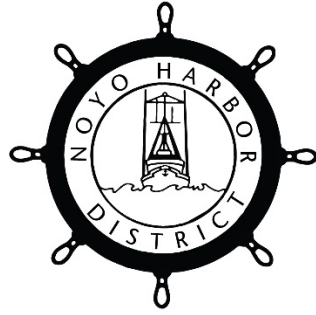
Nothing to report

Matters from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Platt gave a status report on the salmon and quillback fisheries

Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm. 1st Commissioner Platt, 2nd Commissioner Shoemaker Approved 5-0-0.

Next regular meeting of Thursday January 11th 2023 at 6:00pm



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NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Called to order Thursday, December 28th, 2023 at 6PM

Fort Bragg Town Hall

363 N. Main Street,
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Shoemakers, Commissioners Platt, Commissioner Downie, Vice Chair Albin, Chair Hurst

Staff Present: Anna Neumann- Harbormaster, Jim Jackson-legal counsel

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CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

None

Closed session began at 6:03:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) d of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

Closed session ended at 7:33

Report out: Discussed potential litigation

STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

District Office:

None

Attorney Report:

None

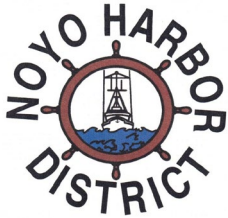
Matters from the Commissioners:

None

Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm 1st Commissioner Shoemaker, 2nd Commissioner Platt

Approved: 5-0-0

Next regular meeting of Thursday Jan 11th, 2023, 6 pm



NOYO HARBOR DISTRICT AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM #: 1
MEETING DATE: 1/11/2024

TITLE

City of Fort Bragg's RFQ

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ANALYSIS

The City of Fort Bragg sent out a proposed Request for Qualifications for the Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Visioning Resiliency and Implementation Plan. The RFQ is tentatively scheduled to go to City Council on 1/22/2024.

The RFQ is requesting firms, community members and working professionals submit CV's that list their qualifications in relation to the list of qualifications requested by the City. Qualified individuals or firms that meet the requirements will enter into contracts with the City of Fort Bragg for solely the Blue Economy Project as consultants. This will allow the City of Fort Bragg to hire out specific parts of the Blue Economy Project as they come up without having to release competitive bids for each small sections. This will save time and money. City staff is working with legal council to ensure the process meets public codes

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Proposed RFP



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Proposed

CITY OF FORT BRAGG

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AS-NEEDED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO DEVELOP THE NOYO HARBOR BLUE ECONOMY VISIONING, RESILIENCY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to provide the City of Fort Bragg with specialized expertise needed to develop the Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Visioning, Resiliency and Implementation Plan, and subsequent Local Coastal Program update. Interested firms and individuals are invited to provide statements of qualifications to provide on-call, as-needed for the services herein. The City intends to select and contract with more than one (1) consultant.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fort Bragg received an \$898,900 grant award from the California Coastal Commission to support a regional strategy focused on addressing climate change in and around Noyo Harbor through blue economy initiatives. Funds will be utilized to develop the Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Visioning, Resiliency and Implementation Plan, which will include comprehensive baseline information about the existing environmental, physical and economic conditions of the harbor. Specialized knowledge and expertise are needed to support several components of this plan including:

- Site specific analysis of scenarios related to impacts of sea level rise, tsunami hazards, and erosion due to increased wave action;
- Parcel inventory to identify boundaries, current land uses, economic contribution and historic status;
- Harbor facilities conditions assessment; and
- Aquaculture Feasibility Assessment (including water quality analysis).

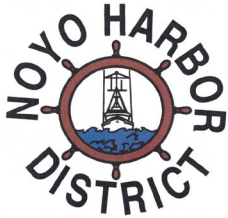
SCOPE OF SERVICES

In connection with the Noyo Harbor planning effort, we are soliciting consultants with experience and expertise in:

1. Surveying and mapping, including LiDAR, CAD and/or GIS;
2. Civil and hydrological engineering;

3. Habitat restoration design, permitting, construction, and monitoring for integrated habitats and multiple benefits;
4. Natural and nature-based shoreline protection design;
5. Water quality assessment;
6. Structural analyses;
7. Pre-project feasibility analyses;
8. Economic analyses;
9. Hazardous or toxic substance investigations;
10. Watershed, intertidal and subtidal assessments;
11. Archaeological studies;
12. Climate change issues such as, species migrations, seasonal coastal and fluvial flooding, and sea-level rise;
13. Botanical studies;
14. Agricultural studies;
15. Soil and marine sediment analyses;
16. Site and land use planning;
17. Sea-level rise and coastal erosion modeling;
18. Environmental monitoring;
19. Graphic design for educational materials;
20. Traditional Ecological Knowledge;
21. Local working waterfront skills;
22. Harbor District and Special District Analysis; and
23. Other related environmental services, such as appraisals for restoration purposes.

Services provided by Consultant(s) will be on an as-needed, on-call basis through December 2026.



NOYO HARBOR DISTRICT AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM #: 2
MEETING DATE: 1/11/2024

TITLE

Staffing Requirements for District Office and Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff Direction

ANALYSIS

As part of the Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan, West Business Development Center will be hiring part time staff to fulfill the marine-based entrepreneurial training program and community fish markets deliverable. Since the Harbor District is also in need of a staff, a partnership may be beneficial to both agencies.

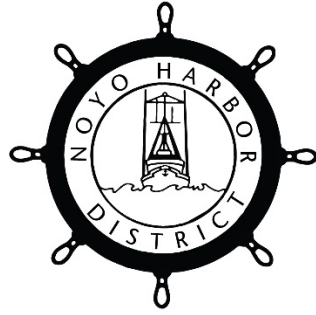
Staff could work in the Noyo Harbor District office allowing them to better learn the needs of the fleet for the Revitalization program by working next to the fleet and serving part time in the Harbor Office. West Business also has offices in Fort Bragg and they would be able to work out of that office as well. Ideally staff would be versed in grant project management and act as the grant manger for the Noyo Harbor Revitalization project with guidance from the Harbormaster, Commission and West Business.

West Business and the District office are working on developing a memorandum of understanding that will act as a predecessor for a more formal contract for the Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan. Including an option to share staffing could be included in the MOU if the Commission directs District staff to continue to investigate this avenue.

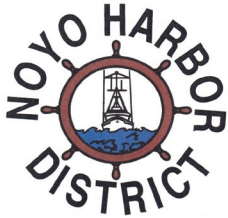
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Funds for part time staff are already allocated into the Harbor Districts budgets.

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NOYO HARBOR DISTRICT AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM #: 3
MEETING DATE: 1/11/2024

TITLE

NOAA Marine Debris Grant

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff Direction

ANALYSIS

The Harbor District has been invited to apply for the NOAA Marine Debris Grant Program. This program is looking to fund 6 projects nationwide between \$800,000 and \$6,000,000. The focus of this program is the removal and abatement of large abandoned and derelict vessels. The Harbor office submitted a letter of intent to abate 35 documented boats between Sonoma County, Mendocino County, Humboldt County and Del Norte County public marinas and has been invited to apply for funds. The Harbor office is working with the grant writers from Del Norte County and Sonoma County to complete the application. Alone the Harbor District would not be competitive for this program, partnering with the public marinas to the North and South of us makes us competitive and hopefully creates a more cost-effective program.

The draft budget totaled \$2.9 million and used the top rates the District has seen from contracts in our experiences destroying vessels. The budget also included full time staff for the District for two years to conduct the project and for the District to host an outreach workshop for harbormasters and vessel owners to learn how to avoid abandoning vessels.

FISCAL IMPACT

This program would be 100% grant funded.

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Letter of Intent for FY 2024 NOAA Marine Debris Removal Funding (NOAA-NOS-ORR-2024-2007993)

A. Applicant Organization: Noyo Harbor District

B. Project Title: Northern California Vessel Abatement Program

C. Name, Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address.

This project will be led by the Noyo Harbor District. The Noyo Harbor District has extensive experience in administering grants from both state and federal agencies including FEMA claims. The Noyo Harbor District has also successfully executed multiple Salvaged and Abandoned Vessels Exchange (SAVE) grants funded by the California Department of Boating and Waterways. Noyo Harbor District staff includes SHN Engineering who specializes in public works contracts, on staff legal counsel and has extensive experience in abandon vessels as defined by California Harbors and Navigation Code.

Partners for this project include the Crescent City Harbor District, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District, and Sonoma County Regional Parks which operates Spud Point Marina and Mason's Marina in Sonoma County. Harbormaster from each Harbor District will work directly with the Noyo Harbor District harbormaster to successfully complete this project. While this is the first time this group has applied for funds in partnership, they all have worked together previously and are members of the California Port Captains and Harbormasters Association. Contact information is listed below:

1. Anna Neumann, Noyo Harbor District, 19101 S. Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, 707-964-4719 noyohd@yahoo.com
2. Tim Petrick, Crescent City Harbor District, 101 Citizens Dock Road, Crescent City, CA, 95531, 707-464-6174, tpetrick@ccharbor.com
3. Chris Mikkelsen, Humboldt Bay Harbor District, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA, 95501, 707-443-0801, cmikkelsen@humboldtby.org
4. Noah Wagner, Sonoma County Regional Parks, 1818 Westshore Rd, Bodega Bay, CA 94923, 707-875-3535, noah.wagner@sonoma-county.org

D. Project Location:

This project has brought together all the public agencies that operate harbors in Northern California: Sonoma County Regional Parks, Noyo Harbor District, City of Eureka and Crescent City Harbor District. Together this group of harbors represents 354 miles of the 840-mile California coastline and creates a network of marinas for commercial and recreational boaters. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) adjacent to the project locations include: Bodega Head SMR and SMCA, MacKerricher SMCA, South Humboldt Bay SMRMA, Samoa SMCA, Castle Rock, and Point St. George Reef Offshore SMCA. Addressing ADVs in the public marinas in this project will help to protect these MPAs from pollutants and impacts of toxic hazardous waste from derelict vessels.

E. Project Description:

This project will focus on the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels from within the jurisdiction of each participating harbor. The issue of Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV) continuously plagues public harbors in Northern California. The method of abandoning the vessel varies from illegally mooring the vessels in marinas, vessels left in slips after the eviction process, and deceased owners with no heirs or estates. Public marinas are then left with the financial burdens of abating the vessels or allowing the vessels to remain in their dilapidated states posing environmental and public health threats. In some cases, the owners can be identified but the majority do not have the financial means to reimburse the harbors for

abatement measures despite legal judgments that are brought against them. For publicly funded marinas there remains no clear-cut solution or path for the abatement of abandoned vessels.

Abandoned vessels are a significant environmental and public health threat. Abandoned vessels often contain unknown amounts of hazardous petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel, motor oil and hydraulic fluids that have the potential to leak into the marine environment. Besides the petroleum threat, abandoned vessels typically include heavy-metal hull paints, mercury, PCBs, asbestos, lead-acid batteries, and other hazardous materials that can enter the marine environment by leaching or as macro-debris. Properly removing and disposing of vessels allows for professional hazardous waste abatement specialists to handle and legally dispose of this waste, removing it from harming our marine resources and coastal communities.

Due to the general nature of vessels that end up as abandoned, many have compromised hulls, leak and in their dilapidated states are dependent on shore power and marina supplied sump pumps to stay afloat. Allowing vessels to remain in the marine environment increases the risk that over time the hulls will deteriorate past the point of no return and the vessel will sink. Vessels that have sunk significantly increase the amount of debris that enters the marine environment. The only solution to mitigate this threat is by removing vessels before they reach this point.

The Noyo Harbor District will be the lead agency on this project and will work with the harbormasters from the partnering harbors to prioritize abandoned and derelict vessels. The Noyo Harbor District will employ legal counsel to ensure all vessels that are abated fall within the California Harbors and Navigation Code's definition of an abandoned vessels and the local jurisdiction has the authority to legally abate. Ideally one contractor will be hired to move between ports and complete the abatement work. To ensure that all hazardous materials are properly abated, the Noyo Harbor District will complete hazmat testing prior to abatement.

In addition to taking the lead on removal efforts the Noyo Harbor District will develop outreach for each of the participating ports to inform vessel owners of the negative impacts abandoned vessels pose on the marine environment and provide options to surrender vessels before abandonment occurs. Partnering harbormaster will each spend time on this project managing vessels and conducting outreach to vessel owners to prevent future abandonments within their jurisdictions. The Noyo Harbor District will also host a workshop for all California port captains and harbormasters to develop best practices to prevent abandonment by vessel owners. The workshop will focus on internal harbor policies, enforcement and citation opportunities and best practices in screening potential tenants. The outcomes of the workshop will be presented at a California Association of Harbor Masters & Port Captains meeting. This will allow other ports to be better informed and open a statewide conversation on this topic.

F. Anticipated Removal Activity Start Date: Hazmat surveys will begin in October 2024, then there will be a contract bidding period, and physical removals will start in spring 2025.

G. Funding:

District is requesting \$2,978,200 to complete this work and will match this program with \$100,000 from the Noyo Harbor District Salvaged and Abandoned Vessel Exchange grant funded via the Department of Boating and Waterways, and staff time of partnering harbormasters in outreach to boat owners.

Project Budget

Item	Amount
Vessel Removal	\$2,800,000.00

Grant Management	\$163,200.00
Harbormasters Workshop and Outreach Material	\$15,000.00
<i>Federal Total</i>	<i>\$2,978,200.00</i>
Non-Federal Match	
Noyo Harbor District SAVE Grant	\$80,000.00
Harbormasters Outreach	\$20,000.00
<i>Total Local Cost Share</i>	<i>\$100,000.00</i>

H. Project Outcomes:

The immediate outcome of this project will be the removal of over 30 ADVs from 5 public marinas in Northern California. Crescent City has identified 8 abandoned vessels, Humboldt Bay has identified 5 abandoned vessels, Noyo Harbor District has identified 6 abandoned vessels and Sonoma County Regional Parks has identified 11 abandoned vessels. This will remove an estimated 4,800 cubic yards of debris from the coastal environment and prevent countless gallons of hazardous fluids from entering the local environment.

Long term outcomes of this project will be increased access to public marinas, the removal of threats to public health and safety and reduction of negative environmental impacts from abandoned vessels. The areas in which this project takes place are valuable habitat for NOAA trust resources: marine mammals, fish, migratory birds, and threatened and endangered species live in or near our marinas. Marine debris has acute impacts on local marine economies from fishing to ship services to tourism. Access to slips in public marinas and transit in harbors is often impeded or blocked by abandoned or derelict vessels. The blight of marine debris discourages visitors and recreational uses and may pose bottom or shoreline hazards creating significant liabilities. Abandoned vessels that contain oils and hazardous substances can be presumed to be actively releasing pollutants to the marine environment. Such pollutants are toxic to marine habitats. Marine animals, especially birds, are attracted to marine debris increasing the likelihood of their exposure. By removing abandoned vessels this program expects to improve water quality, expand valuable habitat, and reduce potential risks to public health and safety.

I. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility Description:

This project also creates equity in low-income communities by removing the financial burden of local jurisdiction to abate abandoned vessels. Noyo Harbor District, Humboldt Bay Harbor District and the Crescent City Harbor District are all surrounded by communities that have been identified as Historically Disadvantaged Communities. In addition, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District and Crescent City Harbor District lie within Federal Opportunity Zones 06023000100 and 06015000102. Being public marinas, Sonoma County Harbors, Noyo Harbor, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District, and the Crescent City Harbor District revenues are dependent on taxes and marina rentals for their operational budget which are often very tight. In order to offset the increase in financial burden of vessel abatement, significant increases to rental rates or local taxes would need to occur. This places an unfair financial burden on already struggling communities.



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Staff Reports

FEMA Projects

The District office is still working with FEMA to get projects off the ground. At the last meeting with FEMA it was suggested that the District apply for "A and E" funding. A call has been scheduled to walk District staff through that process for Tuesday Jan 9th, after the posting of this agenda. A more complete update can be provided in person at the Jan 11th meeting.

Geveden and Vessel Demo Project

Geveden Industrial has begun work on the vessel destruction project. They have abated two vessels, the Avispa and the Christine. They are currently on budget and on schedule. Overall they have been timely and professional on the job site and the District office is confident that they will complete the project on time and on budget.

An additional vessel may be added to the contracts. Ella, a 35ft wooden boat was surrendered to the Harbor District on Jan 2nd, 2024. Ella has recreational CF numbers and is eligible for SAVE grant funding. The District has \$80,000 in unspent SAVE grant funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal years.

EDD Contract and Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan

The EDD has given the Harbor office executed contracts for the Noyo Harbor Revitalization Plan and the District office has reached out to schedule the kick off meetings with the EDD. Harbor Office has also reached out to North Star Ice to schedule meetings to better understand the final cost, timelines and processes for ordering the icehouse. The CSP Ad Hoc and SHN will be involved in the North Start Ice meetings.