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**Our mission:** To assure the public is served with clean, safe, well managed, financially sound and environmentally pleasant marinas.

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In an effort to keep the community informed about the goings on at the San Mateo County Harbor District, I'll be sending out an informal e-mail on a somewhat regular basis (no deadlines or promises!). I'll try to keep it relevant, may use it to convey important or timely information, but also want to make it something you want to read. Feel free to forward this, to send me e-mail addresses to add to the list, or to ask to be saved from one more e-mail in the in box!

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Congratulations to Commissioner Tom Mattusch for being elected at the January 18 meeting to his second term as President by his fellow Commissioners, to Commissioner Chang Kiraly for her second term as Vice-President, and to Commissioners Bernardo and Larenas as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The minutes will be published next week, but no action on 'Rates and Fees' and '2017 Goals and Objectives' will come back for further discussion on February 15.

Lots of activity this month at the District:

Next week, Wednesday 2/8 at 2:00 a special meeting to look at the proposed sidewalk project, parking lot and ADA improvements at Pillar Point Harbor. The meeting will be held on site, meeting at the Harbormaster's office at the base of the Johnson Pier. Please join us and provide input and ideas.

Then, on Wednesday 2/15, at the District office in El Granada, we will be having a study session on Oyster Point Marina and Park, as we look at our future in light of the very interesting development proposals for the immediate area. This will be held at the District office, starting at 4:00 and followed by our regular meeting at 6:30.

And, on Wednesday 2/22, the Board will be conducting an all day workshop on strategic plan development. This too will be held at the District office, and probably starting at 8:30 a.m.

Not done yet! Then on March 1, we will be reconvening for the Board to discuss the results of the Pillar Point site visit and discussion, and guide the consultant on next steps.

Please join us for any or all of these sessions and help your Board and their staff implement our mission!

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Here's a movie that might be of interest:

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/movie/a-plastic-ocean/id1184318095>



**“About the Movie**

A Plastic Ocean is a new feature-length adventure documentary that brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. We thought we could use plastic once and throw it away with negligible impact to humans and animals. That turns out to be untrue. In A Plastic Ocean, an international team of adventurers, researchers, and Ocean ambassadors go on a mission around the globe to uncover the shocking truth about what is truly lurking beneath the surface of our seemingly pristine Ocean. The result will astound viewers—just as it did our adventurers—who captured never-before-seen images of marine life, plastic pollution, and its ultimate consequences for human health. During its four-year production period, A Plastic Ocean was filmed in 20 locations around the world in beautiful and chilling detail to document the global effects of plastic pollution—and introduce workable technology and policy solutions that can, if implemented in time, change things for the better.”

I’ve not yet watched this, but would be very interested in hearing any thoughts or idea that may spring from the film.

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*“What can we ever hope to do with the western coast, a coast of three thousand miles, rock-bound, cheerless, uninviting, and not a harbor on it? What use have we for this country?... Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer to Boston than it is now.” Daniel Webster (1782-1852)...and may be folklore*

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