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San Mateo County Harbor District Purchases Administrative Building

On June 16, 2021 the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the purchase of the office building located at 504 Avenue Alhambra, El Granada, Ca 94018. The building will serve as the permanent home for the administrative offices of the Harbor District. The Harbor District currently occupies the second floor of the building under a commercial lease.

The purchase of the property satisfies a long-term goal of owning the administrative headquarters for the Harbor District. Further, as provided by the Harbor District Strategic Plan, a main goal of the District is to ensure Fiscal Responsibility, strong finances and financial management.



“The District’s initial plan was to build a new office complex on the Coastside, but given the significant increase in building materials, and the current shortages of materials causing long lead times, purchasing the existing office made sound financial sense,” stated Jim Pruett, General Manager.

The building currently has two additional tenants, and the District, as the new landlord, will be collecting the lease payments from those existing tenants, as well as stopping the monthly lease payments the District was making under the lease. This will result in a positive flow of income for the District.

“The Harbor District was presented with this opportunity during the pandemic, at a time when there were financial and economic uncertainties. Thanks to our administrative staff, General Manager Pruett, and the Finance Committee, our strong financial management practices helped the Harbor Board accomplish one of the goals of our Strategic Plan,” said Virginia Chang Kiraly, President of the Harbor Board.

The purchase of the new building is just one of several projects that are close to groundbreaking

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that include: 1. Surfers Beach Restroom and Greenspace Project, 2. The West Trail Living Shoreline Project, 3. The construction of accessible restrooms at Pillar Point Harbor Tenant Row, 4. The replacement of Docks 12, 13, and 14 at Oyster Point Marina, and 5. The eelgrass mitigation and dredging plan which is a critical first step in accomplishing the Surfers Beach Replenishment Project. “It is truly an exciting time to be the General Manager of the Harbor District. Through the guidance of the Board of Commissioners and the dedication of District Staff, the District is accomplishing remarkable projects that will ensure the viability and relevance of the San Mateo County Harbor District into the future” stated Jim Pruett.

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