



Activity Report General Manager

Activity Report

TO: Board of Harbor Commissioners

FROM: James B. Pruet, General Manager

DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: General Manager's Activity Report for September 2025/October 2025

1. September 22, 2025, requested SMC General Plan Determination IAW Gov. Code Section 65402(c) for the property purchased in 2024 and 2025. [\(See attached\)](#).
2. September 22, 2025, posted on the social media app "NextDoor" the attached fact sheet on the [Pillar Point Harbor Launch Ramp Project](#). On September 24, 2025, the Pillar Point Surfers Beach Safe Parking Project fact sheet was also posted to NextDoor and uploaded to the District webpage. [\(See attached\)](#).
3. Attended the September 22, 2025, OneShoreline meeting. [\(Agenda attached\)](#). No issues or matters affecting the Coastside or Oyster Point were discussed.
4. Midcoast Community Council:

Reviewed the September 10, 2025, meeting video of the Midcoast Community Council. [\(Minutes attached\)](#). Agenda Item 5.b "Planning for stakeholder meeting to discuss parking issues" was delayed for the second time. It is now scheduled for September 24, 2025. During the public comment period, a member of the public did announce that a community committee has been established the "Save Burnham Strip" group to work against the Pillar Point Surfers Beach Safe Parking Project.

September 24, 2025, attended the Midcoast Community Council (MCC) meeting. [\(Minutes attached\)](#). Agenda 5.c: "Planning for stakeholder meeting to discuss parking issues (Toutant/Williams)" was discussed. The intent of the discussion was to "discuss plans for a collaborative multi-stakeholder meeting on Midcoast." This issue was pushed forward from the September 10th meeting of the MCC. At the September 24, 2025, meeting, the Council discussed logistics of the "Stakeholders" meeting and gave out assignments to individual Council members to further research, with the intention each Council member will report out at the October 8, 2025, meeting.

Following the September 24th meeting, and in support of meeting the goals of the MCC, the Harbor District offered assistance with coordinating and supporting the

desired meeting by the MCC. [\(See attached email\)](#). The MCC declined the offer to assist based on what they perceive as a conflict of interest.

October 8, 2025 MCC meeting included several public comments voicing their objection to any parking lot on the Burnham Strip. The petition, sponsored by the Save Burnham Strip group, has over 1000 signatures opposing the Burnham Strip solution to the Pillar Point Surfers Beach Safe Parking Project. It is important to note, however, the petition has several misleading and false statements to scare the public with respect to any project proposed on the Burnham Strip.

Supervisor Mueller announced a town hall meeting with Senator Becker's office and Caltrans to discuss the Burnham Strip parking issues. The meeting is October 27, 2025, at 12 noon. It will be in person and broadcasted via ZOOM.

The discussion on the Coastside Parking Stakeholders Meeting, Agenda Item 5.c: "Next steps for stakeholder meeting planning (Toutant/Williams)" was a bit confusing. The MCC stated the meeting will not be a MCC meeting, but the MCC is sending the invites? The initial stockholders meeting is being proposed as a closed meeting, closed to public participation. The MCC would like to record the meeting, but limit the recording to only the stakeholders and the MCC. A MCC Councilmember stated the purpose of the meeting was to layout the problem and discuss possible solutions, to let agencies to talk together, and prepare for a second public meeting. The MCC will be asking the stakeholders to present their projects to other agencies. There was some discussion that the meeting would be 4 to 5 hours long. This proposed meeting also seems to be duplicative of the October 27, 2025, meeting being hosted by Supervisor Mueller and Senator Becker. Because of the issues identified above, **I do not believe this meeting would be of any value to the Harbor District. Because of this, I do not intend to participate.** The Harbor District has already achieved the stated goals of the MCC and is already working with Caltrans, the County, and GCSD, RCD, Coastal Commission, Water Board, Fish and Wildlife, and Army Corps of Engineers.

If the MCC changes the proposed format and purpose of the meeting to gain public input on the District's proposed solution to address the Harbor District's parking issue, I would recommend to the Board that the District participate.

5. September 23, 2025, attended the after-action meeting with Arunay Foundation with respect to the September 21, 2025, Beach Safety Run. Over 300 registrants participated without any incident. Goal is to double the participation for the 2026 Beach Safety Run, improve services for the event (coffee, water, food). Host an after event celebration and fair.

6. October 3, 2025, received updated brief from our Pillar Point Harbor Surfers Beach Safe Parking Project consultant, CSWST2 concerning potential options to address the parking issues faced by the District. CSWST2 has identified three options, two on Burnham Strip, and one on the west side of Route 1 between Sams Restaurant and Parking Lot C3. The option on the Burnham Strip would involve the same parking lot with one option including an entrance to the lot from Avenue Alhambra, the other option would include access from Route 1. The west side option, pictured below, would have access from Parking Lot C3 and from Route 1.



7. October 5, 2025, signed Surfer's Beach Wave Gauge Buoy CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE).
8. October 6, 2025, attended a presentation for a beach condition advisory system called "Watchtower." If adopted, the system could be accessed by the public to get current risks at specific beaches in San Mateo County.
9. October 7, 2025, signed \$60,000 change order to meet additional requirements set by South San Francisco for the Oyster Point Ramp Project. The \$60,000 is within the Board approved contingency.
10. October 7, 2025, received notice that the Harbor District once again earned the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers' Association. This is the sixth year in a row the District has earned this award. Earning this

honor would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Assistant Director of Administrative Services Rachelle Modena.

11. The Harbor District will be represented at the Pumpkin Festival at an informational booth with the Sewer Authority Midcoast. The GM will be at the booth from 11am to 2pm on the 18th.
12. Deer Creek Outfall: Harbor District Staff has begun socializing/discussion a concept to re-route Deer Creek from the current outfall (see yellow line below) within the Harbor breakwater, to Surfers Beach. The re-routing of the creek would daylight it from its entry on the Burnham Strip near Spangler's Market to the outfall on Surfers Beach. (See blue line below). This would provide natural filtration via a bioswale to aid in complying with the TMDL requirements set by the California Water Board, as well as prevent the sand buildup at the launch ramp caused by the outfall within the Harbor.



A bioswale is a linear, vegetated, sunken landscape depression that conveys, treats, and infiltrates stormwater runoff, functioning as an alternative to traditional storm sewer systems. By using plants, mulch, and engineered soil, bioswales slow water flow to filter pollutants like sediment, nutrients, and heavy metals before the water reaches storm drains or natural water bodies.