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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Info to include in the February 10 Special Meeting
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[Money Ready To Spend On Johnson Pier Per Chang Kiraly.pdf](#)

Hello Mr. Pruet,

I hope this email finds you well. Please include the two attached documents in the board packet for the 2/10/21 Special Meeting where district priorities are to be set.

One documents the relatively good financial situation in spite of Covid that the SMCHD enjoys.

The other documents President Kiraly's assertion that 7 million dollars has been appropriated for Johnson pier and that the funding is still available. This seems like a good opportunity to share VCK's good news with everybody else.

Hello Mr. Moren,

You might want to look at the email sent by Virginia. She seems to have views on your stewardship of the Harbor District. It appears you were doing such a poor job that you needed to be replaced ASAP per VCK, Nancy, and Tom.

I thought you were doing a good job.

Hello President Chang Kiraly. Congratulations on your achievement.

Anyhow, please make this information available to those of us who intend to participate in the discussion of District Priorities.

Thanks!

John Ullom

Fyi- The reason the current budget didn't have anything in there about Johnson Pier is that in last year's budget, \$7 million was approved by a board majority for that project. The project is on, and the money is still available. The Finance Committee, along with staff, agreed that we had to increase our reserves because of COVID-19. Therefore, the projects that are in the current budget are those that we have been obligated to fund based on legalities. As a member of the Finance Committee, I know that this budget is solid and does not exclude projects but puts them on hold while those that the GM believes should be prioritized are prioritized. -- Virginia Chang Kiraly

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From: vc@kiraly.com <vc@kiraly.com>
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Subject: RE: Ed's endorsement letter

Thx, TJ! So sorry to hear that Brigid is under the weather. She must be so busy right now with all the party endorsement interviews and reading the questionnaires. Brigid: THANK YOU for doing what you're doing!

I agree with you that Ed's letter is an odd one. I guess, the one good thing it does is confirm that Kirsten is tied to Sabrina and Ed. Do you think that Ed actually wrote the letter, or do you think Sabrina did? The language sounds like Sabrina, particularly because the pronouns "I" or "me" are used so many times. Much of what he said isn't even true.

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As for the other issues, Ed has been a bit player for things that had already been discussed, such as reviewing the leases. He opposed dredging and the shoreline protection from the very beginning, as did Sabrina. When I was appointed to the board, former board member Nicole David, who abruptly resigned from the board, gave me all the information on the dredging, beach replenishment/nourishment, and the West Trail's shoreline protection, so I knew what had to be done. With a new 4-1 board majority, the beach replenishment project at Surfer's Beach was passed, and my job was to make sure that the project had financial support.

But, let's not squabble over the details. He and Sabrina had control of the board for seven months and did nothing. That's why there was an unprecedented reorganization when a new board president and vice president were elected to actually get the work done. This important work included hiring a new General Manager, which was delayed for some unknown reason by the board president and vice president at that time—Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas-- both of whom were on the search committee. I appointed Nancy and Tom to be on the ad-hoc search committee, and they had to start from scratch for the GM search. The same situation happened with the General Counsel. Sabrina and Ed ousted the GC that THEY wanted and chose in the least transparent way possible. Without my appointing an ad-hoc committee to search for a new GC, as the new board president, and Nancy's chairing the ad-hoc committee, the harbor district would not have had a GC by the time we needed one!

I'm getting off my soapbox now. Sorry!

My interview is tomorrow afternoon at 4:15.

Get some rest, Brigid! And, thanks, TJ!

Stay safe! The air quality is not good here, and it's breezy

Hugs,
Virginia



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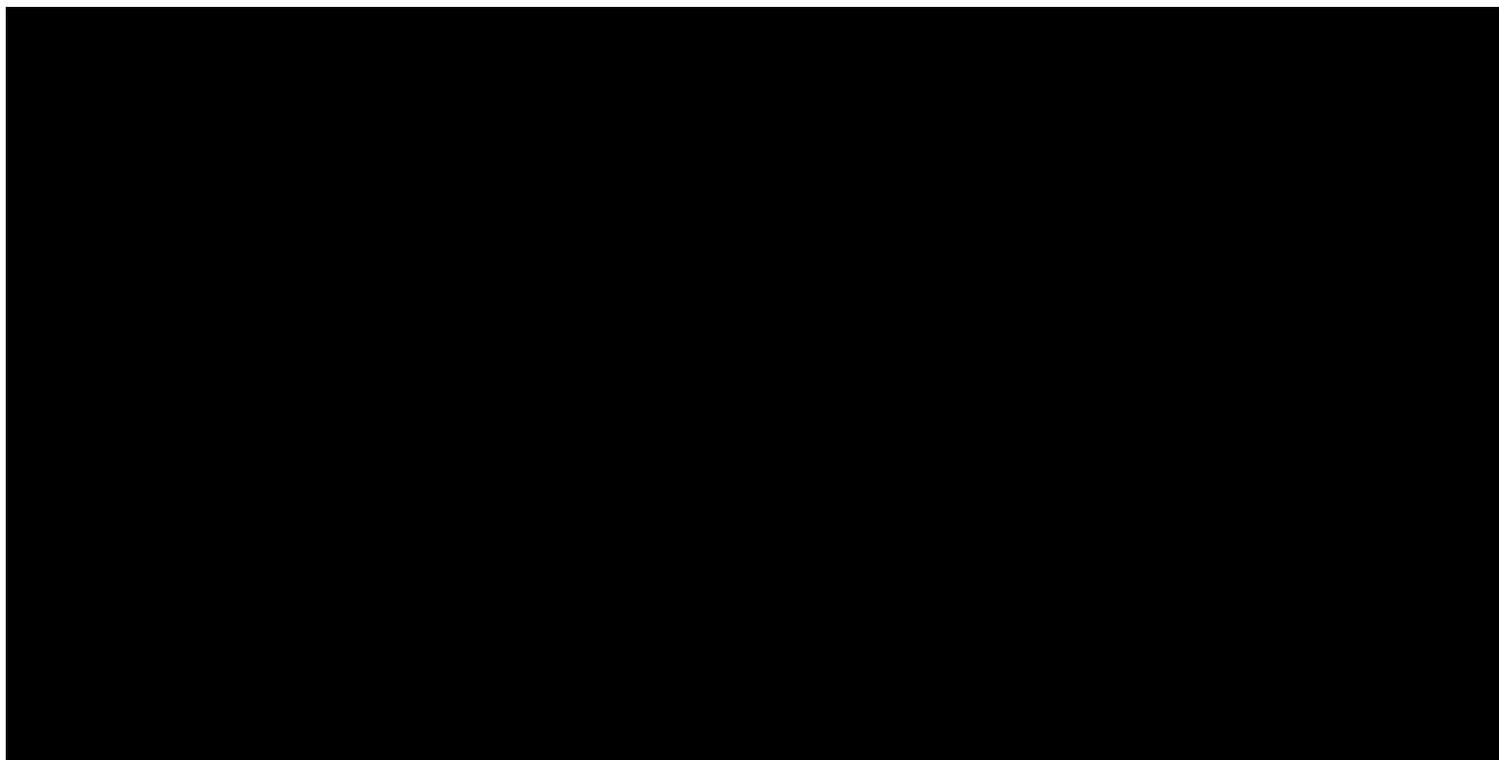
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By Libby Leyden Jun 30, 2020 1

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San Mateo County Harbor District officials say their revenues are holding up pretty well through the pandemic. Review file photo

While many government agencies in San Mateo County are grappling with immediate budget deficits as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the San Mateo County Harbor District is largely avoiding any shortfalls that will negatively impact its budget in the upcoming fiscal year.

Unlike the city of Half Moon Bay, for example, the Harbor District does not rely on sales or hotel taxes for its primary source of revenue. Instead, it relies on property taxes, which account for 65 percent of total revenues.

Director of Administrative Services Julie van Hoff said she's anticipating property tax receipts to remain stable next year. Prior to the pandemic, the district projected an increase in revenue streams. Now the outlook appears to mimic last year.

“We had hoped to increase revenues by a quarter of a million (dollars), but we are not going to receive that this next year,” she said.

Still, the district is estimating overall revenues will exceed expenditures by about \$726,000. That money will be used toward capital improvement projects at both Pillar Point Harbor and Oyster Point Marina, officials say.

The other significant piece of the revenue pie comes from berth and slip fees, which account for about 27 percent. Van Hoff said, while both Pillar Point and Oyster Point are at full capacity, the district expects unpaid fees to triple from last year.

“But other than that, we think we will be OK,” she said.

Salaries and benefits comprise the district’s largest expenditure. As other agencies furlough or lay off staff amid cutbacks, the Harbor District is nearly fully staffed after hiring a new general manager, a harbormaster, an accountant and filling several other vacant positions last year. The budget projection for next year shows a 14.2 percent increase in salaries and wages. There are no staff layoffs planned, but van Hoff said that could be a possibility down the road if revenue sources change significantly.

There will be some impacts due to COVID-19. Harbor General Manager Jim Pruett said the district lost revenue from charter boats operating with fewer people. Restaurants and storefronts have also been closed.

“The district gets a percentage of sales from restaurants and storefronts, and those sales are down significantly,” he said.

The district will also have to delay some of its capital projects as less money has been allocated for improvements. After a public workshop, the district identified several projects — some of which are legally required— to prioritize as part of the next fiscal year budget. Of the estimated \$44.1 million needed to complete all capital improvement projects, the district has \$15.5 million available.

Projects outlined in the 2020-21 budget as top priorities include creating accessible bathrooms at Ketch Joanne, installing bathrooms at the RV park near Surfer’s Beach, repairing docks at Oyster Point, and environmental projects at Surfer’s Beach.

Pruett said the district continues to look at other funding opportunities to supplement some of the funding to see these projects to completion.

“I do not want to say we are OK this year because we had to make some decisions to put some projects on hold,” Pruet said. “The district is making strategic choices to delay certain projects until funding is available. I’d say the overall budget crunch is having a negative effect.”

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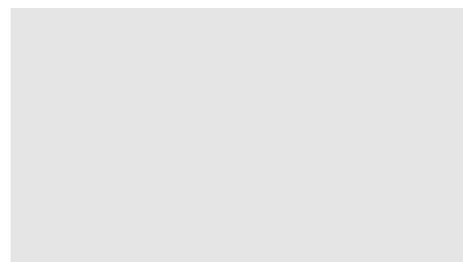
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