



Staff Report

TO: Board of Harbor Commissioners
FROM: John Moren, Director of Operations
THRU: James B. Pruet, General Manager
DATE: May 25, 2022
SUBJECT: Emergency Expenditure: Demolition of Abandoned Vessels

Issue:

Board notification of emergency expenditure by the General Manager.

Recommendation/Motion:

Informational Only

Policy:

Policy 4.3.3 Emergency Expenditure:

“The General Manager shall have the discretion to make the emergency expenditure decision and take other steps necessary to address the emergency concern. The General Manager shall make all reasonable attempts to first contact the President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, or the Vice President of the Board if the President is unavailable, before deciding to proceed. The General Manager shall report to the Harbor Commission at the next scheduled Board Meeting as to the circumstances of the emergency expenditure.”

Policy 4.3.1: Purchasing and Procurement Policy

“Emergency Contracts: The General Manager has been authorized by the Board of Harbor Commissioners to take all necessary and proper measures in emergency conditions to keep District services and facilities operational. When emergency conditions do not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, the General Manager is authorized to make emergency purchases without giving notice for bids. The General Manager shall promptly report on the reasons and necessity for proceeding without a competitive solicitation for bids to the Board of Harbor Commissioners at the next available

meeting (not later than 7 days after the action) or at the next regularly scheduled meeting (not later than 14 days after the action)

Background:

The 1931 Capt Morgan and the 1942 Miss Larene, both commercial fishing vessels, have been docked at Pillar Point Harbor since the 1990s. The vessels are both wood construction and 36' in length.

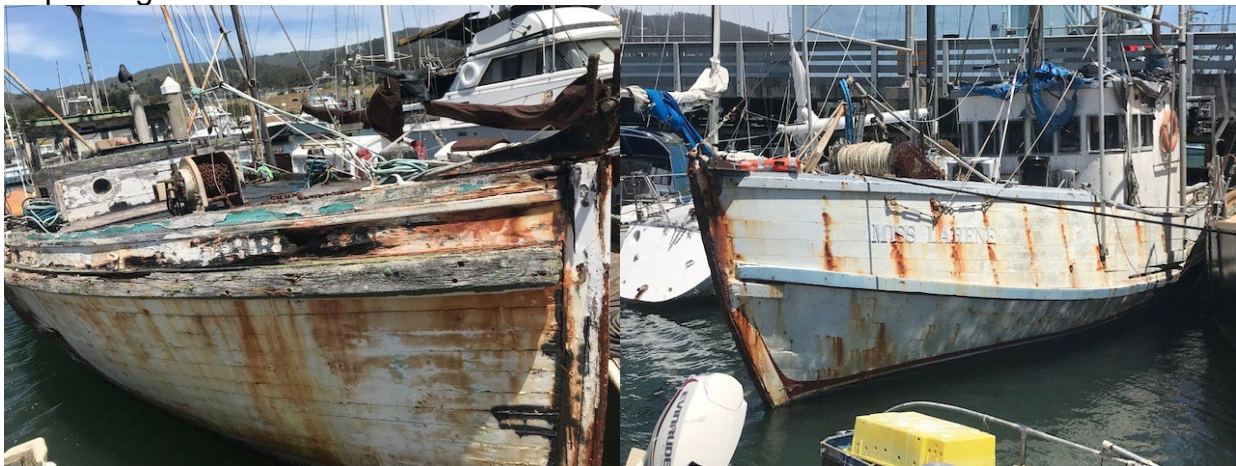
The vessels have been neglected for many years. The required maintenance was not conducted to keep them operable. As a result, the vessels became inoperable many years ago and the owners abandoned them at Pillar Point Harbor.

The owners stopped paying dockage fees, which total over \$5k. Staff attempts to require the vessel owners to pay dockage and maintain the vessels properly were unsuccessful. The owners have no financial resources to take care of the vessels or dockage fees owed to the District. District GM worked with the owner of the Captain Morgan, allowing time for him to sell fishing permits associated with the vessel and requiring him to pay all past due dockage fees and sign the title over to the District for professional demo and recycle.

Both vessels are beyond repair and taking on water, being kept afloat by District owned and maintained pumps. Because both vessels are at risk of total hull failure and sinking, posing significant danger to the environment, docks and nearby vessels, the District GM acted under his emergency procurement authority to authorize demolition of both vessels.

Capt Morgan

Miss Larene



Because both vessels were registered for commercial fishing, neither are eligible for the DBW Vessel Turn In Program. Staff contacted 3 demo companies and obtained the attached quote from Bishop Diving Inc. for \$64,000 to professionally remove and

dispose of all oils, fuel, hazardous materials and recycle what is feasible. See attached quotes for \$32,000 each.

Since the vessels are actively sinking, being kept afloat by District electric pumps, the District GM authorized the emergency removal of these two vessels to protect District assets, neighboring vessels and the environment.

Summary/Recommendation:

Information only

Attachments:

- 1) [Bishop Diving Quote for FV Capt Morgan Demo/Recycle](#)
- 2) [Bishop Diving Quote for FV Miss Larene Demo/Recycle](#)