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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. If you want me to address anything in particular, just send me an e-mail. 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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Yesterday was 'Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day'. Did you? If you did, I'd love to see photos. I don't think there's ever a reason not to promote safe boating, whether you're at the harbor or on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor of some SF high rise...here's a pic when the District admin staff gathered at Pillar Point with our Harbor Masters, Park Rangers and Cal Fire.



More admin staff (Katie, Kin Yip and Rebecca)



Neal and Jim at Oyster Point



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We have a start date for the demolition of Romeo Pier: work will start May 24, but at that point it's underwater, and abatement and general prep issues; may not be much to see. The demo barge will be on site June 4!

And just last week I said that the parking lot at West Trail would be fixed before Memorial Day – well unfortunately that date has slipped, and the work will happen shortly after. We will keep you posted.

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Commission meeting next week. There will be a special meeting, closed session, starting at 4:30, with three items: GM's evaluation, MOUs with the unions, and a discussion of the potential for a lawsuit about districted v at large elections.

See the agenda here:

[https://www.smharbor.com/files/9064ed234/2018\\_05\\_23\\_SpecialMeetingAgenda.pdf](https://www.smharbor.com/files/9064ed234/2018_05_23_SpecialMeetingAgenda.pdf)

Public comment about any of these items is welcome prior to the meeting, but the Commission discussion will be closed.

For the regular agenda for the meeting starting at 6:30, on consent – the usual items (Bills and Claims, minutes) plus 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financial reports and the regular monthly capital projects update. For discussion: the District's Harassment Prevention policy; an update on the Surfers Beach project, plus formal acceptance of a grant (\$800,000 – this is not new news, but we finally have the contract and have to formally accept the grant award); a review of the proposed 5 year capital improvements plan; recommendations for some staffing changes; the 2018/19 budget – the preliminary budget was adopted last month, this month we take a look and see if there are any changes we would like to recommend for inclusion in the final budget, to be adopted next month; a discussion of Commissioner communications with District counsel; and finally, nominations for the LAFCo board.

All are of course welcome; the meeting starts at 6:30 at the District office in El Granada (504 Ave. Alhambra, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor).

The full agenda packet can be seen here:

[https://www.smharbor.com/files/4c6b4b4cc/2018\\_05\\_23\\_RegularMeetingAgenda.pdf](https://www.smharbor.com/files/4c6b4b4cc/2018_05_23_RegularMeetingAgenda.pdf)

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RIP T.E. Lawrence 8/16/88 - 5/19/35 (Better known as Lawrence of Arabia)

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Also, turns out there has been a wrong e/m address at the bottom of this message. If you sent something to [harbordistrict@smharbor.com](mailto:harbordistrict@smharbor.com), we don't know where it went, and if you've been waiting for a reply, I apologize. Corrected below!

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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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