AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DATE: May 22, 2014
TIME: 6:00 p.m. Executive Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Session
PLACE: Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room

The Meeting Room is wheelchair accessible. Accommodations and access to Harbor District meetings for people with other handicaps must be requested of the Director of Administrative Services at 443-0801 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
   a. Move to Executive Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of the California Government Code Sections 54957.6 (Negotiations with Represented Employees), 54957(b)(1) (Public Employee Performance Evaluation) and 54956.8 (Conference with Real Property Negotiator)

   1. Conference with Labor Negotiator
      Agency Negotiators: Commissioner Richard Marks Board President, Commissioner Greg Dale, Jack Crider Chief Executive Officer, Paul Briso District Counsel.
      Employee Organization: International Longshore and Warehouse Union, AFL-CIO Local 14, Unit A.

   2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
      Bar Pilots, Director of Administrative Services, Director of Conservation, Director of Facility Maintenance

   3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
      Agency Negotiators: Commissioner Richard Marks Board President, Commissioner Mike Wilson, Jack Crider Chief Executive Officer; Paul Briso District Counsel
      Under Negotiation: Freshwater Tissue Company property acquisition

2. Adjourn Executive Closed Session
3. Call to Order Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. and Roll Call
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Report on Executive Session
6. Public Comment

Note: This portion of the Agenda allows the public to speak to the Board on the various issues not itemized on this Agenda. A member of the public may also request that a matter appearing on the Consent Calendar be pulled and discussed separately. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board may not take action on any item that does not appear on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes regarding each item on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes during the PUBLIC COMMENT portion of the Agenda regarding items of special interest to the public not appearing on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. The three (3) minute time limit may not be transferred to other speakers. The three (3) minute time limit for each speaker may be extended by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting of the District. The three (3) minute time limit for each speaker may be enforced by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting of the District.
Agenda for May 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

7. Consent Calendar

Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

a. Consideration of approval of minutes from the December 12, 2013 Board Meeting.

8. Communications and Reports

a. Chief Executive Officers Report
   • Redwood Terminal 2 Cleanup Update
b. Staff Reports
c. District Counsel and District Planner Reports
d. Commissioner and Committee Reports
e. Other

9. Non Agenda

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

a. Consideration of Extension of Lease with Fresh Freeze Supply, Inc.
b. Consideration of Awarding Contract for the Purchase of a Three-Ton Forklift.
e. Consideration of approval of three-year contract with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union AFL-CIO Local 14, Unit A.
f. Discussion of Hiring The Didion Group to Attract Water Intense Business.

12. Administrative and Emergency Permits

13. Adjournment
MINUTES (Subject to Approval)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

December 12, 2013

PRESENT
Commissioner Dale
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Marks
Commissioner Higgins

ABSENT
Commissioner Newman

President Wilson called the Executive Closed Session to order at 6:00 P.M.

President Wilson adjourned the Executive Closed Session at 6:48 P.M.

President Wilson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:07 P.M.

President Wilson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported out of the Executive Closed Session as follows: Conference with Labor Negotiator and Conference with Real Property Negotiator – No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monte Provolt told the Board of Commissioners he was discouraged there was no report on the PG&E property acquisition – the public would like to know about that issue. He said there was good information on the King Salmon Canal at the Economic Development Committee meeting. He asked what the Harbor District will gain by the acquisition of the King Salmon Fisherman’s Channel; there are too many unknown liabilities and PG&E should retain ownership.

Kent Sawatzky stated Access Humboldt is not showing videos of the District’s Board meetings. He said he does not see an upside to the PG&E property acquisition. Mr. Sawatzky said he was glad to see toxins are not being hauled at this time from the pulp mill property site; it is not a good time of year. He also stated the pulp mill property should be a cash cow, not a money pit; suggested improving and leasing out the dock.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Higgins requested paragraph #8 of Public Comment on the October 10, 2013 Board Meeting minutes be removed. His statements regarding Public Records Act requests were made based on incorrect assumptions.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2013 BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- Reported on the Pulp Mill property as follows: USEPA is onsite. Tanks are plumbed and ready for the liquors to be moved. It will take another week to make the final connection to the dock. Domestic water has been hooked up to the warehouse building. The District’s Maintenance staff is repairing the dock.
- Spoke by phone to regulatory and KapStone representatives regarding the shipping of the liquors.
- Held a mandatory walk-through for the boiler sale RFP; there were 6 interested parties.
- Reported the Access Agreement with Louisiana-Pacific obligates L-P for 2012, 2013, and 2014 work, fines and fees.
- Berth 2 dock is ready for Taylor Shellfish’s conduit to provide power to their facility. The lease area was revised to include a portion of the warehouse building. Taylor Shellfish’s current annual lease is $45,000; but will be increased to $77,500 for tidelands, dock, building and upland property.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Conservation

- Reported on the marine debris float removal grant.
- Reported there will be a public meeting with King Salmon residents to discuss dredging the Fisherman’s Channel.
- Currently in the CEQA Public Comment period for the Humboldt Bay Pre-Permitting Project.
- Currently hiring for a Spartina Project Coordinator.
- Working with District Planner to wrap up the Water Trails Project.

Bar Pilot Tim Petrusha

- MV Maple Amethyst will arrive Monday, December 16 for one week.

District Planner

- HCAOG’s Regional Transportation Plan is available for public comment.
- Planwest’s IT staff is working with Bar Pilot Powell on software enhancements.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Dale

- Wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Kwanzaa, etc.

Commissioner Marks

- Reported negotiations are ongoing with the District and its employee union.
- Chaired the Economic Development Committee meeting and thanked Monte Provolt for providing some history of King Salmon.
- Attended a NCRA meeting in Novato.
Commissioner Higgins

- Attended an Economic Development Committee meeting; Dr. Steve Hacket spoke on Fields Landing.
- Requested the Board of Commissioners meet with the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District Board on January 23, 2014.
- Stated the website will be reorganized shortly.

NON AGENDA

- **Presentation by Humboldt State University Students on sustainable energy facility.**

  HSU students presented ideas and information to use the Pulp Mill property for a Pressure Retarded Osmosis (PRO) facility. The project overview consisted of a site assessment, preliminary PRO system design and an overall technical and economical feasibility assessment. Needed to make the project feasible is a cleaner water source, project closer to a freshwater source and advances in membrane technology. The project is not recommended due to economic infeasibility.

  Monte Provolt suggested a focus on smaller membrane research, although even this may not be feasible in Humboldt County.

- **Presentation by Ryan Wells, Scott Kelley and Mike Nelson, LACO Associates on the Samoa Industrial Waterfront Transportation Access Plan.**

  Scott Kelley stated this project was federally funded by the Federal Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA-21). The goal is to improve access to the industrial waterfront properties on the Samoa Peninsula. The scope of work was to investigate transportation routes to and from the industrial waterfront properties, involve property owners, regulatory and funding agencies and other stakeholders and prepare a plan documenting the investigations and a preferred alternative route. Permitting requirements and funding opportunities were discussed. Recommendations were made to appoint members to a Technical Advisory Committee and a Policy Advisory Committee.

  Commissioner Wilson said one of the major landowners on the Peninsula asked that utilities be discussed as a part of the study. He said while utilities are one of the pieces for consideration, the funding was to study transportation/public roads.

  Commissioner Dale thanked LACO Associates, stating the project was much more complex than he had anticipated.

  Monte Provolt said if railroad components were included in grant applications, many opportunities would become available.

  Kent Sawatzky asked about access to Redwood Dock; the public is not ready to let go of this public dock. Mr. Kelley said there is access currently to Redwood Dock.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL POWER INSTALLATION AT REDWOOD TERMINAL 2.

COMMISSIONER DALE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL POWER INSTALLATION AT REDWOOD TERMINAL 2 TO AN ELECTRICIAN, INC. FOR $24,800. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WIYOT TRIBE FOR MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP.

COMMISSIONER MARKS MOVED THE APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WIYOT TRIBE FOR MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.

Director of Conservation reported the Wiyot tribe received a grant for marine debris removal. The District will match some services as outlined in the grant application District staff helped write.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TIMBER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION SAMOA SHOPS LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR 2014 LEASE OFF-SET.

COMMISSIONER MARKS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF TIMBER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION SAMOA SHOPS LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR 2014 LEASE OFF-SET. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.

CEO reported the Timber Heritage Association (THA) has made many improvements to the property in lieu of a lease payment: electrical work in the Round House and other buildings, additional lighting and outlets, roofing repairs and they are working on a scope of works to get the zoning correct to open the facility as a museum.

District Planner said the County General Plan does include a designation change of a portion of the Samoa Shops site to Coastal Recreation, which is more consistent with THA’s efforts. He said it will take some diligence on the District’s part to ensure the County gets the designation in place and puts in the policy language.

Commissioner Wilson asked THA about cost-sharing on the District Planner’s efforts. Mike Kellogg said that was a possibility as long as THA knows what is being done.

Mike Kellogg asked the Board to allow THA to demonstrate steam equipment, such as a steam donkey. He provided proof of insurance coverage.

COMMISSIONER MARKS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE ALLOWING THA TO DEMONSTRATE STEAM EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS A STEAM DONKEY. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.

Monte Provolt suggested getting one or two County Supervisors and a Planner together with the District and THA to work out this zoning issue.

Kent Sawatzky said there was a new designation in the General Plan Update for railroad facilities.

Pete Johnston of THA said he was glad to see George Williamson as District Planner and looks forward to working with him in the future.
MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

D. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF NO-COST EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH LACO ASSOCIATES FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SAMOA INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLAN.

COMMISSIONER MARKS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF NO-COST EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH LACO ASSOCIATES FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SAMOA INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLAN. COMMISSIONER DALE SECOND. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

E. DISCUSSION OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE SHELLFISH TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC).

Commissioner Wilson said the original Shellfish TAC was based out of the Regional Water Quality Control Board to monitor shellfish culture on Humboldt Bay: pre-permitting, monitoring and sources of pollution.

Commissioner Dale said it was established through legislation in the early ‘90s, but the Water Board has no staff or funding to head the committee.

Commissioner Wilson said the TAC will be an ad hoc committee to last until the end of February 2014.

The purpose of the TAC will be to collect information, seek funding and will create an opportunity for fixing shellfish issues for Humboldt Bay. The District will be agency to work with the Water Board – it was agreed “agency to agency” participation is invaluable.

The TAC will be comprised of: Ted Kuiper, Scott Sterner, Jen Kalt, Sebastian Elrite, Todd VanHerpe, Commissioner Dale and Director of Conservation.

Monte Provolt asked if the TAC is to address water quality, shouldn’t all life in the bay be considered. Commissioner Wilson stated shellfish is a fundamental beneficial use of good water quality.

Commissioner Dale said the TAC is tied with legislation and mandates at the State level.

Todd VanHerpe suggested City of Arcata have a seat on the TAC. Commissioner Wilson said any stakeholder agency could have a seat.

Jen Kalt, Humboldt Baykeeper, said they have been monitoring creeks around the Bay since 2005 and fecal coliform is through the roof. This would be a good area for the TAC to study to determine where it is coming from

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

President Wilson adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:25 P.M.

APPROVED BY: 

RECORDED BY: 

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Patrick Higgins  Patricia Tyson
Secretary  Director of Administrative Services
BID PROPOSAL TO TRANSPORT
CUTTER HEAD SUCTION DREDGE & EQUIPMENT

One nine axle lowbed with extension to haul 90,000lb dredge 10W X 40L $10,240.00, price includes pilots and permits.

One five axle lowbed trailer with extension if needed to haul work boat 10W X 26L Legal weight, $ 3250.00 price includes pilots and permits.

One flatbed trailer with pipe stakes if needed to accommodate 12" diameter X 50'L pipe lengths $2647.00.

15 Flatbed and step deck trailers for miscellaneous equipment for legal load, heights, and lengths $2175.00 per load.

Total Lump Sum Proposal: $48,762.00
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**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

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CERTIFICATE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

ISSUE DATE: 06-15-2014

GROUP:

POLICY NUMBER: 9008521-2013

CERTIFICATE ID: 20

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES: 11-01-2014

11-01-2013/11-01-2014

HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR RECREATION & CONSER. NH
601 STARTER DR
EUREKA CA 95501-0765

This is to certify that we have issued a valid Workers' Compensation Insurance policy in a form approved by the California Insurance Commissioner to the employer named below for the policy period indicated:

This policy is not subject to cancellation by the Fund except upon 30 days advance written notice to the employer.

We will also give you 30 days advance notice should this policy be cancelled prior to its normal expiration.

This certificate of insurance is not an insurance policy and does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policy listed herein. Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate of insurance may be issued or to which it may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policy described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions, and conditions, of such policy.

Authorized Representative

President and CEO

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WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY:
- ANY PROPRIETOR, PARTNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MEMBER EXCLUDED
- MANDATORY IN NH
- N/A

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 191, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

AS PER VEHICLE SCHEDULE ON FILE WITH COMPANY

CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS NAMED ADDITIONAL INSURED - ENDORSEMENT ATTACHED

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

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ATTRACTING WATER INTENSE BUSINESS

A Proposal for
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District &
Humboldt Bay Harbor District
By
The Didion Group

Executive Overview & Proposal

The Opportunity – In Brief
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has a water appropriation that can tolerate greater demand. Increased sales of water would provide funding to support operations and maintenance of the existing water delivery infrastructure.

Humboldt Bay Harbor District would benefit from companies with a large need for a port access to locate in the area. Such companies would help to support justification for improved waterway access (dredging), tax base expansion and local job creation.

The region offers numerous benefits to companies including access to deep-water port, underutilized union workforce capacity, access to water, available land, power, moderate cost of living and recreation rich environment.

Goal
Identify companies that would consider establishing operations in the Humboldt area, as this would provide jobs, tax base benefits and utilization of available water resources.

Strategy
Identify high water demand users that:
1. Are located near Humboldt County California or in the State of California;
2. Would consider establishing operations in the area;
3. Have a need for water resources and would consider exports of water for humanitarian or other human consumption uses.

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Order of Priority
A. Environmentally oriented companies (ISO14001 compliant) including breweries, agricultural production & processing, bottling facilities, etc.
B. Heavy Industry – ISO 9001 or 14001 certified involved in fabricating, processing, washing, diluting, and cooling.
C. International – for human relief, consumption and emergency use.

Scope of Activities
1. Prepare one page of factual materials regarding the availability of water and benefits of locating in Humboldt County area.
2. Identify, contact and arrange meetings with key industry and company leaders to discuss the opportunity.
3. Prepare and brief Humboldt Municipal Water and Harbor District officials in advance of discussions with interested parties.
4. Work to identify and arrange exclusive or collaborative opportunities for prospects as needed.
5. If needed, brief elected and appointed officials in Washington, DC that could positively engage to achieve success.

Tactics
Directly discuss opportunity with leadership of companies and organizations where The Didion Group has existing relationships. This would include: distillery associations; California based agricultural growers, cooperatives and processors; multi-national bottling and beverage corporations; micro processing, fabrication and reuse metals industry; and domestic and international aid agencies. Discuss reliability and drought relief as appropriate.

Compensation
The costs for consulting services will be billed monthly at a monthly retainer of $5,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses. This agreement will be review after 30 days as it represents an initial trial period.

Reimbursement
Payment of invoices will be due fifteen days after billing. Out-of-pocket expenses will be detailed and invoiced at the conclusion of each month.
Term of Contract
This contract shall become effective when the contract is signed.

Cancellation
Either party may cancel this contract at any time with 30 days written notice.

Signatures
If you agree with the provisions contained in this contract please signify your approval by signing below.

By: ________________  By: ________________
Dale Didion
President
The Didion Group

Date: ________________  Date: ________________
For over 30 years Didion has held several senior leadership positions for multi-national companies including Executive Vice President of EnergySolutions, Senior Managing Director, and the Director of the Environmental Practice, Hill & Knowlton; and Senior Vice President, Fleishman-Hillard. Didion has represented a variety of small, medium and Fortune 100 companies involved in cutting edge technology in the areas of renewable and nuclear energy, manufacturing and agriculture.

Didion’s career has allowed him to directly influence policymaking whether it is with U.S. governors, senators or corporate boards as well as with elected and appointed officials in the UK, Angola, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Kenya.

On a regular basis Didion works with companies involving energy, agriculture and advanced manufacturing technologies to identify new business opportunities. As an adjunct professor since 2007 Didion has taught a graduate level course at George Washington University entitled, “Legislative Management and Congress” and in 2014 was awarded GW’s Outstanding Teaching Award for part-time faculty.

Earlier in his career Didion worked in the Executive Office of the President for six years where he was responsible for developing U.S. federal research budgets totaling over $3 billion dollars annually and reviewed regulations for U.S. based federal research and technology programs. Following this Didion worked for the U.S. Treasury as a diplomat and senior official of the Joint Economic Commission (JECOR) that negotiated and managed agreements between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia on energy, agriculture and trade issues.