

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

DATE: December 12, 2024

TIME: Closed Session – 4:30 P.M.
Regular Session – 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501

How to Observe and Participate in the Meeting:

Observe: Members of the public can attend the meeting in person or observe the meeting on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6917934402>

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1. Call to Order Closed Session at 4:30 P.M.

2. Public Comment

Note: This portion of the Agenda allows the public to speak to the Board on the closed session items. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes regarding each item on the Closed Session Agenda. 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.

3. Move to Closed Session

- a) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1). Title: Executive Director – Chris Mikkelsen
- b) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: Humboldt County APNs: 506-061-007, 506-061-009, 506-061-010, 506-181-006, 506-181-002, 506-061-006. Agency negotiator: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director; Ryan Plotz,

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District Counsel. Negotiating parties: JBM Land, LLC. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

- c) CCONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: Humboldt County APN: 506-061-028. Agency negotiator: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director; Ryan Plotz, District Counsel. Negotiating parties: Jeff and Rebecca Meyer. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

4. Call to Order Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. and Roll Call

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Report on Closed Session

7. 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.*

8. Adopt Resolution 2024-14, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, Declaring the Results of an Election Held November 5, 2024

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2024-14.

Summary: A general election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to elect a Harbor Commissioner for Division 5 of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conversation District. The Humboldt County Office of Elections canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to this Commission.

9. Swearing in of Elected Commissioners for Division 1, Division 2, and Division 5 pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10265

10. Consent Calendar

- a) Adopt Minutes for November 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- b) Receive District Financial Reports for July 2024
- c) Receive District Financial Reports for August 2024

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- d) Receive District Financial Reports for September 2024
- e) Receive District Financial Reports for October 2024
- f) Charter Agreement Renewal for Humboldt Yacht Club to Operate a Dinghy Storage Raft at Woodley Island Marina

11. Communications, Reports, and Correspondence Received

- a) Correspondence Received
- b) Executive Director's Report
- c) Staff Reports
- d) District Counsel Report
- e) District Treasurer Report
- f) District Engineer Report
- g) District Planner Report
- h) Commissioner and Committee Reports

12. Unfinished Business

- a) **Receive Status Update Regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**

Recommendation: Receive the report and provide direction.

Summary: The Board has requested a monthly update regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project. Updates may include the project schedule, budget, funding opportunities, tasks completed, tasks underway, upcoming tasks, community engagement, and the latest overall project strategy. This report will provide an update for December 2024.

- b) **Receive a Report on the Design and Construction of a new Storm Water Treatment System for the Fields Landing Boat Yard**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board receive a report on the design and construction of a stormwater treatment system at the Fields Landing Boat Yard.

Summary: The Fields Landing Boat Yard regulated stormwater has been in exceedance for allowable volumes of certain metals, such as copper and zinc, resulting from the vessel repair and maintenance activities that occur on-site. This has made the installation of a new stormwater treatment system necessary. Under the authorization of the Board of Commissioners, SHN has completed a scope of work that included further assessing existing conditions, providing a basis of design, and preparing a complete project-ready plan.

13. New Business

- a) **Consider Adopting Resolution 2024-13: Establishing Findings Relative to Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Permit 2024-02, a CEQA Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects, and Approval of Harbor District Permit 2024-02 with Conditions for the Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project**

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Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board: Adopt Harbor District Resolution No. 2024-13 which includes:

- Establishing Findings Relative to a CEQA Statutory Exemption and the Permit Application for the Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project
- Approving Permit 2024-02 with Conditions for the Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project

Summary: The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District’s (HCRCD’s) Wadulh Lagoon Tidal Wetland Enhancement Project (Project; Wadulh pronounced “wah-dush”) is intended to restore a diked former agricultural pasture to a combination of estuarine and palustrine wetland habitats, including salt marsh, brackish marsh, mudflat, and subtidal/intertidal eelgrass habitat, while protecting existing forested wetlands to the west. The Project will have long-term benefits for climate resiliency, coastal wetlands and associated native species, and sensitive species recovery and result in a mosaic of wetland types as well as a net increase in wetlands. The Project includes a 54-acre Project Area within a 78-acre parcel (APN 506-291-014) along the upper western portion of the Mad River Slough on Humboldt Bay, approximately 1.25 miles west of the City of Arcata, in Humboldt County, California (Figure 1. Project Site and Location Map). The Project Area is located on the Wadulh Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and the parcel is owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

b) Consider Adopting a Tri-party Memorandum of Understanding with the California State Lands Commission and the Port of Long Beach to Coordinate and Collaborate Regarding Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Staging and Integration Port Facilities to Enable the Development of Floating Offshore Wind in California

Recommendation: Staff Recommends the Board adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Lands Commission and the Port of Long Beach.

Summary: Staff from the Port of Humboldt (District) and the Port of Long Beach (POLB) collaborated on a tri-party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) beginning in early 2024. Later in the year, both parties invited the California State Lands Commission (SLC) to join the MOU. Following multiple edits from each party, the final version is ready for Board consideration.

14. Future Agenda Items

- a) Resolution Supporting Community Engagement
- b) Redwood Marine Terminal II Shared Facilities Agreement
- c) Review of Ordinance 16

15. Adjournment