

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

DATE: September 10, 2026

TIME: Closed Session – 5:30 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:

- **In Person** – Members of the public may observe and participate in the meeting by attending in person at Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501.
- **ZOOM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING DUE TO TECHNICAL REASONS**

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1. Call to Order Closed Session at 5:30 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) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Terms of lease of real property in Fields Landing, Humboldt County, with Assessor's Parcel Numbers, 307-101-002 California pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.8. District negotiators: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director and Ryan Plotz, District Counsel. Negotiating party: Tod Reincke aka Reincke Marine Fabrication. Under negotiation: price and payment terms.

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. Consent Calendar

- a) Adopt Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on August 13, 2026
- b) Approve Purchase Order 2489 for the Pacific Offshore Wind Summit
- c) Approve Purchase Order 2491 for Gelin James
- d) Approve Employment Agreement for Natural Resources Coordinator
- e) Approve Lease Amendment for US Coast Guard

9. 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

10. Unfinished Business

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

Recommendation: Receive report and provide direction.

Summary: The Board has requested a monthly update regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project. This report will provide an update for September 2026.

11. New Business

- a) Receive a Special Presentation from the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt titled Humboldt Bay Shellfish Mariculture Business Survey: Assessing Economic Conditions and Contributions Adopt Resolution 2026-10 Aquaculture**

Recommendation: Receive the presentation and discuss as appropriate.

Summary: Tanner Etherton of Schatz Energy Research Center and California Sea Grant will provide a special presentation of their work examining the regional significance and economic importance of shellfish production in Humboldt Bay, highlighting the bay's High Health Status.

- b) Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-10, A Resolution Affirming the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's Commitment to Support the Sustainability of Humboldt Bay Mariculture Operations**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board Adopt Resolution 2026-10, reaffirming its commitment to mariculture operations within Humboldt Bay.

Summary: Humboldt Bay yields a commanding portion of California's market-sized oysters and provides the majority of West Coast shellfish seed production. These successful bivalves are born from hatcheries and nurseries that benefit from the prime waters of the bay. Historically, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District supports regional aquaculture through proactive pre-permitting initiatives, infrastructure development, and lease management in both intertidal and subtidal zones. As development potential in and around Humboldt Bay creates challenges for mariculture, the District has a unique opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to working with the mariculture industry to understand, avoid, minimize, and mitigate current and future threats to the industry's sustainability.

- c) Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with the Northern California Indian Development Council to assist the District in Engaging Tribal Governments and Tribal Organizations in Planning and Design Activities Associated with the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) in the amount of \$810,000. NCIDC will serve as a contractor to support specific elements of the Waterfront Facility Improvement Program (WFIP) grant related to California Tribal Organization Participation. Funding for these activities is derived from the WFIP Grant awarded to the District.

Summary: The District is currently advancing permitting, planning, and design for the proposed Heavy Lift Marine Terminal to support West Coast offshore wind energy development. An integral part of development is the inclusion, consultation, and participation of tribal entities. This contract is to engage Tribal governments and Tribal organizations in planning and design activities associated with the Heavy Lift Marine

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Terminal Project. NCIDC will support Tribal participation by facilitating capacity-building opportunities that enable interested Tribes to engage in project-related discussions, engagement and consultation activities, and planning processes.

12. Adjournment