

Board of Harbor Commissioners

Crescent City Harbor District

February 25, 2026

Regular Harbor Commission Meeting



Regular Meeting

Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District

Chair Rick Shepherd, Vice Chair John Evans
Commissioner Gerhard Weber, Commissioner Dan Schmidt, Commissioner Annie Nehmer

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Time: Closed Session: 1:00 p.m.
Open Session: 2:00 p.m.

Place: 101 Citizens Dock, Crescent City, CA, and via Zoom Webinar,

VIRTUAL MEETING OPTIONS

TO WATCH (via online)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6127377734>

TO LISTEN (via telephone)

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1. Preliminary Items

- a. Call to Order**
- b. Roll Call**
- c. Pledge of Allegiance**



1. Preliminary Items

d. General Public Comments

The general comment period is provided for subjects not included on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. Each person is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes of speaking time. To maintain meeting decorum, Board members and staff should refrain from responding to statements or questions during this time, but may be available to follow-up with members of the public after the meeting.



2. Adjourn to closed session:

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code section 54956.8; Property Address: 750 US Highway 101, Crescent City Harbor, CA 95531

District negotiators: Mike Rademaker (CEO/Harbormaster), Cameron Weist (Special Counsel), Andrew Flynn (Financial Consultant), Sandy Moreno (Financial Consultant); Negotiating parties: Daniel Dahan, Sean E. McGraw, and Scott Lawhon; Under negotiation: Price and payment terms

b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code section 54956.8; Property Address: 159 Starfish Way, Crescent City, CA 95531

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2. (continued)

c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code section 54956.8; Property Address: Undeveloped land, along Starfish Way, between the intersections with Citizens Dock Rd and Anchor Way, in Crescent City, CA, which is a portion of Assessor Parcel No. 117-020-016, consisting of approximately 95,000 square feet; District negotiators: Mike Rademaker (CEO/Harbormaster), Cameron Weist (Special Counsel), Andrew Flynn (Financial Consultant), Sandy Moreno (Financial Consultant); Negotiating parties: Sean E. McGraw, Scott Lawhon, and Daniel Dahan; Under negotiation: Price and payment terms



3. Reconvene in open session and disclose any reportable action taken during closed session.

Public Comment?



4. Consent Calendar:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be approved by one motion. The public, staff, or Commissioners may request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

- a) Approve minutes of the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b) Approve CSS Invoice# 13115-10 (January 26, 2026)
- c) Approve CSS Invoice# 13115-08 (November 30, 2025)

Public Comment?

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District	
Harbor District Office, 101 Citizens Dock Road Crescent City, CA 95531	February 11, 2026 1:00 p.m.



Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District

MINUTES

Regular Session, Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

These minutes were prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(c)(2) and CCHD Board Bylaws Section 7.15(a). These are "Action Minutes" that are limited to recording actions taken by the Board.

1) Roll Call. Commissioners Present: Schmidt, Nehmer, Shepherd

[NOTE: Commissioner Weber was absent for the closed session but did arrive at approximately 2:04pm. Then at approximately 3:15pm (before agenda item #8), Commissioner Weber had to leave the meeting due to personal reasons.

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d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of case: Fashion Blacksmith, Inc. v. Crescent City Harbor District
Facts and circumstances: post-judgment discussions regarding payment terms

3) [2:00 P.M.] Reconvene in open session

a. Disclose any reportable action taken during closed session

There was nothing to report from the closed session.

4) Consent Calendar:

a) Approve minutes of the January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting

b) Authorize the Board Chair to sign the MARAD PIDP 2024 grant agreement

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve of the minutes for January 28th, 2026 regular meeting, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the MARAD PIDP 2024 grant agreement, Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION PASSED

AYES: SHEPHERD, WEBER, SCHMIDT, NEHMER // **NAYS:** NONE

ABSENT: EVANS // **ABSTAIN:** NONE

5. Grants update, including project elements of Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant and other awarded grants. No action taken.

6. [2:30 P.M.] Adopt Resolution 2026-02 authorizing insurance coverage in lieu of official bonds pursuant to Government Code Section 53226.3, and approve corresponding letter to Del Norte County Board of Supervisors. Special Counsel Michael Colantuono will be available to answer questions.

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02 and to approve the corresponding letter to the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION PASSED

AYES: SHEPHERD, WEBER, SCHMIDT, NEHMER // **NAYS:** NONE

ABSENT: EVANS // **ABSTAIN:** NONE

7. Consider modification of crab pot storage space rental agreement and adjudicate appeal of fees billed to Richard Nehmer (F/V Resolution). No action was taken.

8. Approve fee waiver for Girl Scouts to sell cookies at the entrance to the inner boat basin.

Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to waive the fees. Commissioner Shepherd seconded the motion.

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION PASSED

AYES: SHEPHERD, SCHMIDT, NEHMER // **NAYS:** NONE

ABSENT: EVANS, WEBER // **ABSTAIN:** NONE

9. Communications, Reports, and Directions to Staff

a. Harbor Commissioner & Committee Reports

b. CEO/Harbormaster Report

c. Financial Report

i. Update on grant billing

ii. Update on 2025 audit status

iii. Update on 25/26 budget review

iv. Update on debt restructuring with Cal Muni Advisors

v. Update on USDA loan modification plan

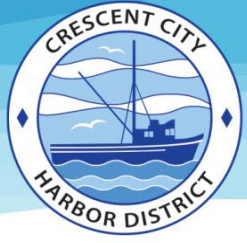
vi. Review merchant services

vii. Update on CPRA requests

10) MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Attested by:

Justin Hanks
Clerk of the Board



- 5. Review and vote to approve Resolution 2026-03 of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District confirming District authority and committing matching funds for the 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application.**

Public Comment?



February 25, 2026

To: Mike Rademaker, Crescent City Harbor District CEO and the Crescent City Harbor District Board of Commissioners

From: Mike Bahr, CEO, Community System Solutions

Board Agenda Item: Review and vote to approve a resolution of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District confirming district authority and committing matching funds for the 2026 port infrastructure development program grant application .

Background:

On behalf of the Crescent City Harbor District, Community System Solutions is finalizing a grant application to apply for \$11,200,000 from the MARAD 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program to construct the proposed Phase 2, Pier 2 of the new Citizens' Dock.

The Resolution and the illustration of the proposed Pier 2 are attached to this memo.

The Resolution committing the \$2,800,000 (20% of the project cost) is a requirement of MARAD to be included with the PIDP grant application. The funds are committed only if the grant is awarded.

This year, MARAD has increased the amount of funding small ports can apply for from \$8,000,000 to \$11,250,000.

If awarded the MARAD 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program, the Harbor can seek the required funding match from other funding sources.

The PIDP grant application is currently due February 28, 2026, and will be ready to have it submitted by that day. However, MARAD has announced that the grant application deadline will be extended, but at this writing that has not yet occurred.

I will be available by Zoom at the February 25 Board meeting to review this report and answer any questions.

Thank you,

Mike Bahr

Attachments:

Draft Board Resolution
Citizens' Dock preferred alternative illustration

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT CONFIRMING DISTRICT AUTHORITY AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 2026 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Crescent City Harbor District is a political subdivision of the State of California, duly formed pursuant to the California Harbors and Navigation Code, and is authorized to own, operate, maintain, and improve harbor infrastructure within its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, The Crescent City Harbor District has jurisdiction over the project site and is authorized to undertake construction, improvement, and maintenance of port infrastructure facilities.

WHEREAS, The Crescent City Harbor District intends to apply for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program to assist with construction of a new Citizens Dock, with estimated construction costs of \$14,000,000.

WHEREAS, The Harbor District intends to request \$11,200,000 in federal funding, representing 80 percent of eligible project costs.

WHEREAS, The required non-federal match under Department of Transportation guidelines is \$2,800,000, representing 20 percent of total eligible project costs.

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration requires that the applicant provide a resolution confirming that the required non-federal matching funds are available and committed by resolution to the project.

WHEREAS, The Board of the Crescent City Harbor District now resolves that it will leverage federal funding by committing \$2,800,000 of the project costs from its revenue, tax sources and other eligible non-federal grants and awards to be used as matching funds for the 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program.

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration has previously approved that the Crescent City Harbor District may use eligible state grant awards for funding match for this award, and the Harbor District intends to apply for more state grants to be used for match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The District does hereby commit \$2,800,000 of non-federal funds, including District revenues and eligible state or local funding sources, as matching funds for \$11,200,000 in federal funding requested under the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Section 3. The Board of Harbor Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application and authorizes the CEO/Harbormaster and/or his designee ("Authorized Person") to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for, accept, and administer the grant, should it be awarded.

Section 4. If any provision of this Resolution or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The Board declares that the Board would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 25th day of February, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

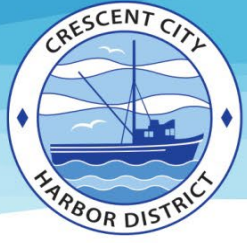
Rick Shepherd, Chair
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Crescent City Harbor District

ATTEST:

Justin Hanks, Clerk
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Crescent City Harbor District

Design Rendering of the proposed project





6. **Receive update and schedule Board workshop to review, discuss, and make decisions regarding seawall and Citizens Dock construction projects.**

Public Comment?



February 25, 2026

To: Mike Rademaker, Crescent City Harbor District CEO and the Crescent City Harbor District Board of Commissioners

From: Mike Bahr, CEO, Community System Solutions

Board Agenda Item: Receive update and schedule Board Work Session to review, discuss and make decisions regarding seawall and Citizens Dock construction projects.

Review of Project Steps and Timeline

Attached, please find the Seawall and Citizens Dock Pier 1 - Project Schedule. This document combines the pre-construction and construction steps and schedule for the seawall and Citizens Dock, Pier 1 projects.

The Activity column includes all the major steps of the construction projects.

The construction duration months are based on estimates received from marine contractors when we were preparing the grant applications. We requested an aggressive best case scenario construction schedule based on the deteriorating condition of both the seawall and Citizens Dock.

The deadline to spend the 2022 PIDP grant is not until 2030, which would provide two additional years to get these projects complete if needed.

As part of the process, the hiring of the General Contractor will provide an updated construction deadline. The General will also provide updated material and construction costs.

Status of Construction Permit

Moffatt and Nichol have

- Started preparing permit applications
- Started preparing coastal hazards assessment report
- Reached out to agencies to schedule in person meetings.

We will provide additional updates at the meeting if there are any by meeting time.

Set Board Work session

We are recommending a Board Work Session outside of your normal board meeting to spend 2-3 hours to review all of the elements of seawall and citizens dock construction project, because of the size and complexity of this project.

Items to cover at the Board Work Session will include

- The impact of similar projects on the operations of small harbors;
- Project Roles and scopes of work;
- Project and Grant governance roles, including expedited decision timelines that will be needed during parts of the process;
- Project and Grant schedule;
- Project and Grant Budgets, including needed project loan information, because grants are provided on reimbursable basis;
- Request for Proposals that will need to be released to hire project team.

Additional items to be covered at the meeting can be added at the request of Board members.

We would request you schedule the Board Work Session the week of March 9, the same week as your next scheduled Board meeting.

I will be available by Zoom at the February 25 Board meeting to review this report and answer any questions.

Thank you,

Mike Bahr

Attachments:

Seawall and Citizens' Dock Pier 1 - Project Schedule

Seawall and Citizens' Dock Pier 1 - Project Schedule

#	ACTIVITY	START MONTH	DURATION (MONTHS)	END MONTH
1	Complete final technical and engineering design of the seawall and dock project.	Feb-26	4	May-26
2	Secure all construction permits.	Feb-26	4	May-26
3	Meet with DOT, and other Federal, State and Local Agencies and community stakeholders at the start of the process to get input on construction permits and, ensuring project process meets all applicable Federal requirements and meets any and all Federal transportation requirements.	Mar-26	2	May-26
4	Hold public involvement meetings, which will continue throughout the project.	Mar-26	ongoing	Dec-27
5	Prepare and release all needed RFPs: Project Construction (General); Project Lead (Owners Rep); Project accountant; Grant administration and management.	Mar-26	1	Mar-26
6	Receive bid responses. Review bid responses for inclusion of all required submission documents and requirements. Review bid responses with DOT and key stakeholders to ensure they comply with applicable Federal requirements.	Apr-26	1	Apr-26
7	CCHD holds public meeting and Award bids.	Apr-26	1	Apr-26
8	Finalize and sign all project partnership and implementation agreements.	Apr-26	1	Apr-26
9	General contractor finalizes all construction and material costs	May-26	1	Jun-26
10	Purchase materials, ensure the meet domestic preference requirements. Place them in material storage area when they arrive onsite.	May-26	ongoing	Oct-26
11	Construction Oversight: Hold pre-construction meetings and job construction meetings every two weeks and as needed during the project.	May-26	ongoing	Dec-27
12	Move the cold storage containers and seafood packing area out of the construction zone	May-26	1	Jun-26
13	Designate and fence off construction zone and material storage area	May-26	1	Jun-26
14	Construct a new seawall. In water work	Jun-26	5	Oct-26
15	Construct the in water portion of the new Citizens' Dock pier 2	Jun-26	5	Oct-26
16	Demolition of the existing seawall.	Oct-26	2	Dec-26
17	Demolition of the existing hoist which is atop the current seawall.	Oct-26	2	Dec-26
18	Remove the asphalt/cement parking layer behind the seawall.	Oct-26	3	Jan-27
19	Refill that area to replace the dirt, rocks, and fill that have washed out of it.	Oct-26	3	Mar-27
20	Apply new asphalt to that area and seal the asphalt.	Mar-27	2	May-27
21	Install 1-2 new hoists on seawall	Mar-27	2	May-27
22	Construct the trestle approach to the new Citizens' Dock Pier 1	May-27	2	Jul-27
23	Redesign the truck parking and seafood packing area to improve efficiency of the area and ensure new trestle is clear from on land traffic.	Jun-27	2	Aug-27
24	Install any new needed electrical infrastructure to power the cold storage and future electric truck cabs.	Jun-27	2	Aug-27
25	Complete construction of Pier 1 Deck	Jul-27	3	Sep-27
26	Install electrical, sewer, water and mechanical infrastructure to serve businesses on the dock.	Jul-27	3	Sep-27
27	Ensure depths around Pier 1 are safe for commercial vessels.	Jul-27	3	Sep-27
28	Move commercial fishing industry items from old Citizens' Dock to new Pier 1	Oct-27	2	Dec-27
29	Perform Construction Project Close-Out Phase activities.	Oct-27	2	Dec-27
30	Perform PIDP Construction Grant Closeout activities.	Oct-27	2	Dec-27

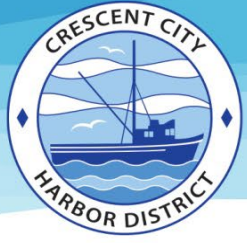


7. Discuss and prioritize potential projects to expend unallocated CalOES/FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

CCHD was awarded \$1,350,000 in October 2023 to address concerns related to tsunamis, sea level rise, and physical and economic hazards in the Harbor District. This is a three-year grant. A two-year extension can be requested if needed. Importantly, these funds are for planning and environmental compliance, and cannot be used for construction. Fifteen contracts have been awarded during the grant term and there is still approximately \$400,000 of the grant unallocated.

There are a wide variety of engineering and environmental assessments that could be completed in the Harbor for future construction projects. There could also be add-ons to existing planning projects that are currently in progress. This agenda item is to provide Board direction to identify, discuss, and prioritize potential projects. Following Board direction, staff will prepare requests for proposals and solicit vendors to complete the Board's priority projects.

Public Comment?



- 8. Approve revised Ordinance Code Fee Schedule and authorize publication prior to final adoption at an upcoming meeting.**

Public Comment?

CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT
 FEE SCHEDULE
 25/26

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	PER	SUGGESTED MODIFICATION	RATE BROOKINGS	RATE EUREKA
Storage					
Storage in Designated Spaces (Crab Pot Storage)	\$200	Month	Plus time and materials for cleanup		
Storage in North Yard (per item or pair, not to exceed 325 sq. ft.)	\$85	Month	\$.12 per sq foot/MNTH OUTRIGGR POLE \$20/MNTH	.12/MNTH OTRIGGR POLE 20/MNTH	.30/SQFT PER MNTH \$50.00 MIN
Failure to Vacate Storage Space When Required	\$350	Month	REMOVE		
Vessel Dry Storage	\$3 (34' and under) \$3.25 (35' over)	Per Foot, Monthly \$50 min	NO CHANGE		
Trailer Inside of Storage Area	\$85	Month	\$10/DAY 10 DAY MAX \$100/ MNTH	10/DAY 10 DAY MAX 100/ MNTH	
Cold Freezer Storage w/o hoist lease	\$111	Month + Utilities (electrical meter charge)	Added		
Cold Freezer Storage w/o hoist lease self powered-propane	\$111	Month	Added		
Concession Fees / Signage					
Special Event Fee Schedule A (open to public, requires no Harbor District staff)	\$120	per 4 hour event - Up to 1,000 square feet	NO CHANGE		
Special Event Fee Schedule B (open to public, requires no Harbor District staff)	\$180	per 4 hour event - Up to 2,500 square feet.	NO CHANGE		
Special Event Fee Schedule C (public or private, minimal Harbor District staff involvement, staff time billed at regular rates in addition to base \$500 \$600 fee)	\$600	Per Day + Staff Time \$300 non-ref. dpst for staff time. Up to 5,000 square	NO CHANGE		
Special Event Fee Schedule C (public or private, Harbor District staff involvement billed at regular rates in addition to base \$1000 \$1,200 fee)	\$1,200	Per Day + Staff time, \$600 non-ref. dpst for staff time. Up to 10,000 square	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Food Carts – no electricity, no more than 100 square feet, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	\$30	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Self-Contained Food Trucks – no electricity, no more than 500 square feet, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	\$30	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Non-Food Sales on District Property - no electricity, no lease, three days or more, no more than 100 square feet	\$30	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Food Sales on District Property - no electricity, no lease, three days or more, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	\$30	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Dockside Sales of Seafood	\$30/day (4 hours) / \$150/month / \$1,200 annual		\$200 PER YEAR?		
Concession Fee for Wholesale Purchase of Seafood Products (without a hoist lease)	\$600	Clerical and Legal Processing Fee	NO CHANGE		
Concession Fee for Wholesale Purchase of Seafood Products	\$14,400	Annual fee, plus standard poundage fees	NO CHANGE		

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	PER	SUGGESTED MODIFICATION	RATE BROOKINGS	RATE EUREKA
Daily Permit Fees for Filming / Still Photography	\$480	per day filming / \$120 per day still photography	REMOVE		
Commercial Displays or Demonstrations		To be negotiated by Harbormaster per event	NO CHANGE		
Commercial Vehicle, Vessel or RV Displays		To be negotiated by Harbormaster per event	NO CHANGE		
Wayfinding Signage (single entry marker)	\$120	Quarterly	NO CHANGE		

Maintenance and Crew Services					
Personnel / Labor	\$180	per hour between 0700 and 1530 (1 hour minimum)	\$100 PER PERSON, PER HR (Burden Rate)	100.00/ HR	
Personnel / Labor	\$300	per hour between 1530 and 0700 (1 hour)		120.00/HR	
Forklift	\$120	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), includes operator	\$100	80.00/HR	
Backhoe	\$180	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), equipment only	INCLUDES OPERATOR		
Mobile Crane	\$240	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), equipment only	INCLUDES OPERATOR		
Port Small Boat	\$150	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), equipment only	INCLUDES OPERATOR	159.00/HR	
Port Landing Craft	\$225	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), equipment only	INCLUDES OPERATOR		
Lay Days in Self-Help Area	\$2.00	per foot, daily (\$20 minimum per day)	NO CHANGE		
Boat Stands at Harbor	\$12	per stand, monthly	NO CHANGE		
Work Dock	\$40	per day plus moorage. Tenants allowed 3 free days per year	NO CHANGE		
Boat Pump Out by District Staff	\$200	per hour, includes two District Staff	NO CHANGE	132.00/HR	
Boat Pump Rental to CCHD Tenants (not available to general public)	\$24 electric /\$60 gasoline	Per day +staff cost extra	NO CHANGE		
Waste Oil/ Bilge Water Disposal	\$2.25	per gallon plus labor charge	\$5.00 per bucket	TIME & MATERIALS	
Oil Absorbing Pads	\$3.00	per pad	NO CHANGE	TIME & MATERIALS	
Net/Gear Disposal Fee (excluding crab rope)		time and materials	time + materials		
Port Truck Rental	\$80.00	Per hour	Check w/ insurance		
Welding Machine	\$80.00	Per hour	Add Welding Machine Rental		
Crab Rope Disposal Fine/ Fee		time and materials	Notify all tenants crab rope needs to be disposed of at their own cost/ signage		

Vessels and Marina

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PER</u>	<u>SUGGESTED MODIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE BROOKINGS</u>	<u>RATE EUREKA</u>
Launch Fee	\$7 Daily / \$60 Monthly / \$180 Annual		\$7 DAILY/ \$60 MONTHLY/ \$100 QUARTERLY/ \$ 140 SEMI-ANNUAL/ \$180 ANNUAL	7.00/DAY I) Annual Boat Launch Pass * Discounted Rates a) Jan - June, to remainder of year \$ 210.00 \$ *168.00 b) July - Sept, to remainder of year \$ 140.00 \$ *112.00 c) Oct - Dec, to remainder of year \$ 105.00 \$ * 84.00	
Vessel Inspection and Documentation Fee (annually)	\$240		REMOVE		
Live Aboard Fees	\$240	per month for up to 2 persons; \$120 per person thereafter.	NO CHANGE	95.00/1 PER/ 95.00 PER ADD	
Charter Boat Fee (9 Passengers or less)	\$600	w/annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)	\$200.00W/ANN MOOR	200.00 W/ ANN MOOR	
	\$900	w/o annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)		300.00 W/ ANN MOOR	
Charter Boat Fee (10 Passengers or more)	\$1,200	w/annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)	\$300.00 W/ ANN MOOR		
	\$1,800	w/o annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)			
Charter Boat Launch Fee			Review- moorage lowered to encourage them to stay (\$3.00 Daily added to launch?)		
Anchorage Fee	\$15	per day	REMOVE		
Boat Without Insurance	180		NO CHANGE		
Electric Meter Administrative Fee	\$30	per month (waived if enrolled in auto-pay or pre pay)	REMOVE/ REPLACE		
Annual Parking Permit - Commercial Fishing	\$90	per year (2 permits included with annual slip rent)	REMOVE ?		
Annual Parking Permit - Recreational Fishing	\$120	per year (1 permit included with annual slip rent)	REMOVE ?		

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	PER	SUGGESTED MODIFICATION	RATE BROOKINGS	RATE EUREKA
Showers		No charge (available to current marina tenants only)	NO CHANGE		

Administrative/Office

Copies	\$0.50	per page	.25 PER PAGE	.25 PER PAGE	
Electronic Media Copies of Public Documents		Actual cost of duplication	NO CHANGE		
Meeting Agendas: Email, Fax or Pick-up		No charge	NO CHANGE		
Meeting Agendas: First Class Mail		Must provide stamped, self-addressed envelopes	NO CHANGE		
Sending and Receiving Faxes	\$1.00	per page	NO CHANGE		
Clerical Processing Fee (General)	\$90	per hour	\$50.00 ? (Burden Rate)	35	
Clerical & Legal Processing Fee (Revocations)	\$425		NO CHANGE		
Clerical & Legal Processing Fee (Lease Modifications Legal Documents)	\$900		NO CHANGE, LOWER SMALL BUSINESS		
Paper Billing Fee	\$12, \$10 for pick-up	per mailed statement/invoice	\$1.50 PER MAILED STAT/ INV		
CEQA Fee	\$600	deposit, subject to change depending on the extent of CEQA review	NO CHANGE		
Late Fee	\$30	per month for each invoice	NO CHANGE	0.03	
Electronic Key Fob	\$42		\$5.53 PER FOB CCHD PDK	20	
Returned Check	\$30 for first returned check, \$60 for subsequent returned checks		BANK RATE+\$15.00 PROCESSING FEE subject to change	50	
Credit Card Processing Fee			Add ACH1% Keyed 3.5% Invoiced (card)2.99% amount subject to change		
Sunset Cam Sponsorship	\$100	per month	Add (advertising fee)		

Ordinance Violations

Parking Violation - Schedule A (standard unauthorized space)	35		NO CHANGE		
Parking Violation - Schedule B (handicapped space, blocking fire hydrant, etc.)	250		NO CHANGE		
Civil Infraction - Schedule A	100		NO CHANGE		
Civil Infraction - Schedule B	250		NO CHANGE		
Civil Infraction - Schedule C	500		NO CHANGE		
Criminal Misdemeanor - Schedule A	500		NO CHANGE		
Criminal Misdemeanor - Schedule B	1000		NO CHANGE		
Escalation Fee		30 Days Late: additional 50% fee, 60 Days Late: additional 100% fee	REMOVE		

Poundage Rates

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PER</u>	<u>SUGGESTED MODIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE BROOKINGS</u>	<u>RATE EUREKA</u>
POUNDAGE CURRENT					
COONSTRIPE SHRIMP	2.75 ACTUAL 0.0275		NO CHANGE	0.005	
CRAB	2.2 ACTUAL 0.022		NO CHANGE	.06 PER PD	
HAGFISH	0.44 ACTUAL 0.0044		NO CHANGE	0.005	
GROUND FISH (NEARSHORE)	1.375 ACTUAL 0.01375		NO CHANGE	0.005	
GROUND FISH (TRAWL)	0.44 ACTUAL 0.0044		NO CHANGE	0.005	
PACIFIC WHITING/HAKE	0.0275 ACTUAL 0.000275		NO CHANGE	0.005	
PINK SHRIMP	0.275 ACTUAL 0.000275		NO CHANGE	0.005	
SABLEFISH	1.65 ACTUAL 0.0165		NO CHANGE	0.005	
TUNA	3.3 ACTUAL 0.033		NO CHANGE	0.005	
ALL OTHER	0.99 ACTUAL 0.0099		NO CHANGE	0.005	
	0.55 ACTUAL 0.0055		NO CHANGE	0.005	

CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT
 FEE SCHEDULE
 25/26

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PER</u>	<u>SUGGESTED MODIFICATION</u>
Storage			
Storage in Designated Spaces (Crab Pot Storage)	200.00	Month Plus time and materials for cleanup	Plus time and materials for cleanup
Storage in North Yard (per item or pair, not to exceed 325 sq. ft.)	0.12	per sq foot/MNTH OUTRIGGR POLE \$20/MNTH	\$0.12
Vessel Dry Storage	\$3 (34' and under) \$3.25 (35' over)	Per Foot, Monthly \$50 min	NO CHANGE
Trailer Inside of Storage Area	10.00	DAY 10 DAY MAX \$100/ MNTH	\$10/DAY 10 DAY MAX \$100/ MNTH
Cold Freezer Storage w/o hoist lease	111.00	Month + Utilities (electrical meter charge)	Added
Cold Freezer Storage w/o hoist lease self powered-propane	111.00	Month	Added
Concession Fees / Signage			
Special Event Fee Schedule A (open to public, requires no Harbor District	120.00	per 4 hour event - Up to 1,000 square feet	NO CHANGE
Special Event Fee Schedule B (open to public, requires no Harbor District	180.00	per 4 hour event - Up to 2,500 square feet.	NO CHANGE
Special Event Fee Schedule C (public or private, minimal Harbor District staff involvement, staff time billed at regular rates in addition to base \$500 \$600 fee)	600.00	Per Day + Staff Time \$300 non-ref. dpst for staff time. Up to 5,000 square feet.	NO CHANGE
Special Event Fee Schedule C (public or private, Harbor District staff involvement billed at regular rates in addition to base \$1000 \$1,200 fee)	1,200.00	Per Day + Staff time, \$600 non-ref. dpst for staff time. Up to 10,000 square feet.	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Food Carts – no electricity, no more than 100 square feet, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	30.00	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Self-Contained Food Trucks – no electricity, no more than 500 square feet, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	30.00	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Non-Food Sales on District Property - no electricity, no lease, three days or more, no more than 100 square feet	30.00	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Food Sales on District Property - no electricity, no lease, three days or more, contingent on Health Dept. inspection and approval	30.00	per day (4 hours)	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Dockside Sales of Seafood	200.00	Annually	\$200 PER YEAR?
Concession Fee for Wholesale Purchase of Seafood Products (without a hoist lease)	600.00	Clerical and Legal Processing Fee	NO CHANGE
Concession Fee for Wholesale Purchase of Seafood Products	14,400.00	Annual fee, plus standard poundage fees	NO CHANGE
Commercial Displays or Demonstrations		To be negotiated by Harbormaster per event	NO CHANGE
Commercial Vehicle, Vessel or RV Displays		To be negotiated by Harbormaster per event	NO CHANGE
Wayfinding Signage (single entry marker)	120.00	Quarterly	NO CHANGE
Maintenance and Crew Services			
Personnel / Labor	100.00	per person hour between 0700 and 1530 (1 hour minimum)	\$100 PER PERSON, PER HR (Burden Rate)
Personnel / Labor	300.00	per hour between 1530 and 0700 (1 hour minimum)	
Forklift	100.00	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), includes operator	\$100
Backhoe	180.00	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour),includes operator	INCLUDES OPERATOR
Mobile Crane	240.00	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour),includes operator	INCLUDES OPERATOR
Port Small Boat	150.00	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), includes operator	INCLUDES OPERATOR

Port Landing Craft	225.00	per hour (minimum 1/2 hour), includes operator	INCLUDES OPERATOR
Lay Days in Self-Help Area	2.00	per foot, daily (\$20 minimum per day)	NO CHANGE
Boat Stands at Harbor	12.00	per stand, monthly	NO CHANGE
Work Dock	40.00	per day plus moorage. Tenants allowed 3 free days per year	NO CHANGE
Boat Pump Out by District Staff	200.00	per hour, includes two District Staff	NO CHANGE
Boat Pump Rental to CCHD Tenants (not available to general public)	\$24 electric /\$60 gasoline	Per day +staff cost extra	NO CHANGE
Waste Oil/ Bilge Water Disposal	5.00	per bucket	\$5.00 per bucket
Oil Absorbing Pads	3.00	per pad	NO CHANGE
Net/Gear Disposal Fee (excluding crab rope)		time and materials	time + materials
Port Truck Rental	80.00	Per hour	Check w/ insurance
Welding Machine	80.00	Per hour	Add Welding Machine Rental
Crab Rope Disposal		time and materials	Notify all tenants crab rope needs to be disposed of at their own cost/ signage
Vessels and Marina			
Launch Fee	\$7 DAILY/ \$60 MONTHLY/ \$100 QUARTERLY/ \$ 140 SEMI-ANNUAL/ \$180 ANNUAL		\$7 DAILY/ \$60 MONTHLY/ \$100 QUARTERLY/ \$ 140 SEMI-ANNUAL/ \$180 ANNUAL
Live Aboard Fees	240.00	per month for up to 2 persons; \$120 per person thereafter.	NO CHANGE
Charter Boat Fee (9 Passengers or less)	200.00	w/annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)	\$200.00W/ANN MOOR
	300.00	w/o annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)	
Charter Boat Fee (10 Passengers or more)	200.00	w/annual moorage contract (charter endorsement valid for 1 year)	\$300.00 W/ ANN MOOR
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Charter Boat Launch Fee	3.00	Daily/ added to launch fees	Review- moorage lowered to encourage them to stay (\$3.00 Daily added to launch?)
Boat Without Insurance	180.00		NO CHANGE
Showers		No charge (available to current marina tenants only)	NO CHANGE
Administrative/Office			
Copies	0.25	per page	.25 PER PAGE
Electronic Media Copies of Public Documents		Actual cost of duplication	NO CHANGE
Meeting Agendas: Email, Fax or Pick-up		No charge	NO CHANGE
Meeting Agendas: First Class Mail		Must provide stamped, self-addressed envelopes	NO CHANGE
Sending and Receiving Faxes	1.00	per page	NO CHANGE
Clerical Processing Fee (General)	50.00	per hour	\$50.00 ? (Burden Rate)
Clerical & Legal Processing Fee (Revocations)	425.00		NO CHANGE
Clerical & Legal Processing Fee (Lease Modifications Legal Documents)	900.00		NO CHANGE, LOWER SMALL BUSINESS
Paper Billing Fee	1.50	per mailed statement/invoice	\$1.50 PER MAILED STAT/ INV
CEQA Fee	600.00	deposit, subject to change depending on the extent of CEQA review	NO CHANGE
Late Fee	30.00	per month for each invoice	NO CHANGE
Electronic Key Fob	6.00		\$5.53 PER FOB CCHD PDK
Returned Check	30.00	BANK RATE+\$15.00 PROCESSING FEE subject to change	BANK RATE+\$15.00 PROCESSING FEE subject to change

Credit Card Processing Fee		Add Keyed 3.5% Invoiced (card)2.99% subject to change	ACH1% amount	Add Keyed 3.5% Invoiced (card)2.99% change	ACH1% amount subject to
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Commercial Vessel Moorage

Dock	Slip Length Max	Annual	Semi-Annual	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Per Ft		75.6	42.48	25.8	11.4	4.76	0.76
A	70'	\$5,292.00	\$2,974.00	\$1,806.00	\$798.00	\$333.20	\$53.00
B	60'	\$4,536.00	\$2,549.00	\$1,548.00	\$684.00	\$285.60	\$46.00
C	50'	\$3,780.00	\$2,124.00	\$1,290.00	\$570.00	\$238.00	\$38.00
D/E	40'	\$3,024.00	\$1,699.00	\$1,032.00	\$456.00	\$190.40	\$30.00
F/G	30'	\$2,268.00	\$1,274.00	\$774.00	\$342.00	\$142.80	\$30.00

Recreational Vessel Moorage

Dock	Vessel Length	Annual	Semi-Annual	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Per Ft		47.35	39.5	28.5	14.25	5.7	0.95
F/G	20' and below	\$ 947.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 19.00
F/G	21' to 25'	\$ 1,183.00	\$ 987.50	\$ 712.50	\$ 285.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 19.00
F/G	26' to 30'	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 19.00

****Recreational vessels Moored on Commercial Docks A- D/E subject to dock rates, NOT length rates ****

**** OVERLENGTH VESSELS SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL FEE SUPPLEMENT PER DOCK ****



9. Consider the Trump Administration’s “Maritime Action Plan” and its implications for CCHD, and approve an advocacy letter to the federal Congressional delegation.

Public Comment?

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Staff Report

To: Crescent City Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners

From: Mike Rademaker, CEO/Harbormaster

Date: February 25, 2026

Subject: Consideration of “America’s Maritime Action Plan” and implications for CCHD and approval of advocacy letter to federal Congressional delegation.

Executive Summary

In February 2026, the Executive Office of the President released "America's Maritime Action Plan" (MAP), a comprehensive national strategy aimed at restoring the nation's maritime strength. The plan focuses on rebuilding domestic shipbuilding capacity, reforming maritime workforce education, protecting the maritime industrial base, and strengthening national and economic security.

The MAP emphasizes that the United States currently constructs less than one percent of commercial ships globally. By comparison, China constructs roughly 50%, South Korea 30%, and Japan 15%. Historically, the United States accounted for nearly 90% of shipbuilding during the 1940s (wartime), which declined to around 5% by the 1970s.

Staff has thoroughly reviewed the MAP document to identify immediate and long-term implications for the Crescent City Harbor District. The most directly relevant elements are those that (a) recognize navigational depth and dredging as economic constraints, (b) call for port and shipyard infrastructure modernization, (c) propose expanding grant and financing programs that can apply to ship repair and smaller yards (not only mega-ports), (d) propose place-based “Maritime Prosperity Zones” aimed at waterfront communities, and (e) seek to streamline and standardize permitting and regulatory implementation affecting construction and dredging.

Although CCHD is considered a shallow-draft harbor (with an average depth that ranges from approximately 15–20 feet), several MAP components are still aligned with the District’s needs and opportunities, particularly federal investment that explicitly contemplates geographic diversity beyond traditional shipbuilding mega-centers. Traditionally, the largest shipbuilding centers have been Newport News, Virginia; San Diego, California; Bath, Maine; and Bremerton, Washington. Expanding capacity beyond these few concentrated areas will help to diversify the maritime supply chain, encourage competitive pricing, and enable a faster response to sudden shifts in commercial or national security shipbuilding demands.

For example, CCHD recently engaged in preliminary discussions with an Australian shipbuilder contracted for a U.S. Navy catamaran project. Because catamarans do not require a deep-draft facility, this type of manufacturing perfectly aligns with our harbor's depth profile. However, the company currently favors locating its operations in Mobile, Alabama, largely due to aggressive state-level tax incentives. The implementation of the Maritime Action Plan could fundamentally shift this competitive landscape. By leveraging the plan's proposed Maritime Prosperity Zones and targeted federal financial incentives designed specifically to encourage shipbuilders from partner nations to invest in the U.S. industrial base, CCHD could secure the capital needed to revitalize our boatyard. This federal backing would allow us to offer a highly competitive alternative to state-level incentive packages, making Crescent City an attractive, viable destination for this company and other specialized maritime manufacturers.

The MAP is organized around four pillars and is intended to align federal agencies, private investment, and state/local collaboration around a unified maritime strategy. The MAP also anticipates a legislative package to be transmitted following publication of the FY2027 President’s Budget Request. In addition, it references significant maritime legislation introduced in both chambers (including the SHIPS Act and the Building Ships in America Act of 2025) as part of the broader congressional initiative. Additionally, the plan includes significant deregulatory actions, infrastructure funding mechanisms, and directives to federal agencies regarding harbor depth assessments.

Congressional Delegation Update

In anticipation of this report, staff has already reached out to our federal congressional delegation to gauge the political landscape surrounding these initiatives. We received highly encouraging news: the administration's maritime plan currently enjoys robust bipartisan support. This consensus positions the District favorably to advocate for our specific infrastructure and dredging needs as these policies transition into actionable funding and legislation.

In order to capitalize on this momentum, staff has drafted formal correspondence to Representative Huffman, Senator Padilla, and Senator Schiff, outlining the District’s strategic priorities and formally requesting our inclusion in upcoming federal assessments and funding opportunities. This letter is attached to this report and is presented on today's agenda for the Board's review and approval.

Key MAP Impacts and Opportunities for Crescent City Harbor

1. Channel Depth and Dredging Initiatives Given our harbor's shallow draft, the plan's focus on waterway depth and permitting reform is highly relevant:

- **Depth Assessments:** The plan explicitly tasks the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with assessing the depths of shipping channels in U.S. ports to determine if they meet modern standards and allow maximum access for maritime entities.
- **Permitting Reform:** To accelerate critical infrastructure initiatives, the plan directs agencies to prioritize permit applications for port infrastructure projects, including the dredging of access channels.
- **Streamlined Environmental Reviews:** The action plan aims to improve National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review efficiency, specifically to reduce delays in Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act permitting. It also seeks to clarify the definition of "Waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act to reduce uncertainty for port developers seeking dredging permits.

2. Infrastructure Investment and Funding Mechanisms The plan outlines several new and expanded funding pathways that the District could leverage for terminal and facility upgrades:

- **Maritime Prosperity Zones (MPZs):** The administration proposes the creation of 100 MPZs, modeled after Opportunity Zones, to incentivize private and allied investment in waterfront communities. The plan specifically mandates that these zones be geographically diverse and include areas outside traditional shipbuilding centers.
- **Port Infrastructure Development:** The plan recommends expanding funding and eligibility for MARAD's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) to improve industrial base resilience.
- **Maritime Security Trust Fund:** A new legislative proposal aims to establish a Maritime Security Trust Fund to provide a dedicated, mandatory funding stream for consistent, long-term investment in maritime infrastructure and workforce development.

3. Economic and Workforce Development To support the revitalization of the maritime sector, the plan emphasizes the need to invest in the communities that sustain maritime readiness:

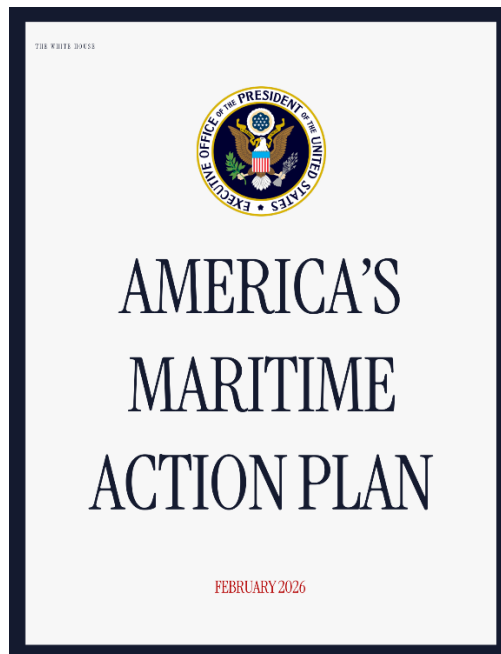
- **Workforce Training:** The plan supports expanding talent pipelines, community college programs, and registered apprenticeships to align curricula with maritime employer needs.

- **Local Infrastructure:** The strategy recognizes the need to invest in local infrastructure and quality-of-life support in maritime communities. This includes a specific emphasis on quality, affordable housing through public-private partnerships to retain workers and stabilize local labor markets

With regard to this item, the District has engaged in preliminary discussions with State Senator McGuire’s office regarding the potential establishment of a satellite campus of the California Maritime Academy here in Crescent City. While our dialogue with the State can only be considered exploratory at this point, the new federal directives suggest that federal financial support, such as through the Maritime Administration (MARAD), could potentially be leveraged to co-fund or subsidize this expansion alongside state resources.

The complete national plan is available for download here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/maritimemight/>



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Harbor Commissioners take the following actions:

1. **Approve** the attached letter addressed to Representative Jared Huffman, Senator Alex Padilla, and Senator Adam Schiff advocating for the District's strategic priorities and inclusion in upcoming federal assessments.
2. **Direct** staff to continue monitoring federal legislative proposals related to the action plan and to aggressively pursue any applicable funding, grant, or pilot program opportunities.

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MIKE RADEMAKER
CEO/Harbormaster

February 25, 2026

Honorable Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Local Strategic Priorities and "America's Maritime Action Plan"

Dear Representative Huffman,

On behalf of the Crescent City Harbor District, I am writing to express our strong support for the bipartisan momentum surrounding the administration's recently released "America's Maritime Action Plan". As we review the strategic initiatives outlined in this comprehensive document, we see immense potential to address critical infrastructure needs, expand our local economy, and contribute to the national maritime revitalization effort.

Currently, our harbor operates with a shallow draft averaging just 15 to 20 feet. This structural limitation creates significant operational bottlenecks for our commercial fleet and restricts our economic potential. We are particularly encouraged by the plan's explicit directive for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to assess the depths of shipping channels to ensure they meet modern standards. We respectfully urge your office to ensure that the Crescent City Harbor District is prioritized during these federal assessments. Furthermore, the plan's emphasis on streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and accelerating the approval of dredging permits provides the exact regulatory relief our District requires to maintain and expand our access channels.

Beyond vital dredging concerns, the action plan's focus on maritime workforce development directly aligns with our District's long-term vision. The federal strategy calls for increased investment to modernize and enlarge State Maritime Academies (SMAs). As you may know, we are currently in exploratory discussions with State Senator McGuire's office regarding the establishment of a small satellite campus of the California Maritime Academy here in Crescent City. The creation of federal Maritime Prosperity Zones and expanded grant programs present a unique opportunity to leverage federal matching funds alongside state resources to bring this critical workforce training hub to our coast.

We are highly encouraged by the bipartisan support this plan has garnered in Washington. The Crescent City Harbor District stands ready to partner with you to translate these federal directives into actionable funding and infrastructure projects that benefit our local community and the broader maritime industrial base.

We would welcome the opportunity to schedule a briefing with you or your staff to discuss these priorities in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Rick Shepherd, Chair
Crescent City Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners

CC:

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Senator Adam Schiff
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10. Communications, Reports, and Directions to Staff

a. Harbor Commissioner & Committee Reports

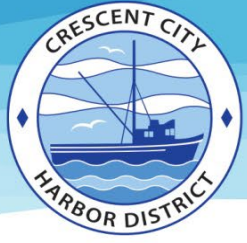
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(4) Vice Chair John Evans

(5) Chair Rick Shepherd



10. Communications, Reports, and Directions to Staff

b. CEO/Harbormaster Report



10. Communications, Reports, and Directions to Staff

c. Financial Report

- i. Balance Sheet by month**
- ii. Profit and Loss by month**
- iii. Budget to Actual as of 01/31/26**
- iv. Cash Flow Report for January 2026**
- v. Update on grant billing**
- vi. Update on 24/25 audit status**
- vii. Update on 25/26 budget review**
- viii. Appoint ad-hoc committee to review 24/25 audit & 25/26 budget**
- ix. Update on USDA loan modification plan**
- x. Update on CPRA requests**
- xi. Status report on other pending projects**

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

*Adjournment of the Board of Harbor Commissioners will be until the next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**, at 2 p.m. The Crescent City Harbor District complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to person with disabilities, as required by Section 12132 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12132). Any person with a disability who requires modification in order to participate in a meeting should direct such request to (707) 464-6174 at least 48 hours before the meeting, if possible.*

