

# Harbor Facts Explained To Capitola Councilmen

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Information on possibilities of Capitola getting a small craft harbor were presented at a meeting last night by members of the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Division of Small Craft Harbors.

The men were not overly optimistic, explaining that no state funds are available and that federal money would take "several years" to obtain, even if all went smoothly.

"These things are not cheap," said John Habel, an engineer for the state division.

George Reilly, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco district, said the federal government could participate either by congressional authorization or through requests for a feasibility study. The government could make a grant of up to \$200,000, which would go towards the study and construction. Also on hand from the army corps was John Stirton, navigation and shoreline planning chief of the San Francisco district.

The state division was represented by its chief, Lachlan M. Richards, Habel of the engineering department and Larry Williams, an economist.

● They pointed out that no state funds are available, but it is possible that a planning loan

could be made, which would have to be repaid.

The state men today made a preliminary survey of the area with Ray Abicht, city clerk, for information in case the state is asked to help in the harbor move.

"We've got to decide whether we want to go ahead and ask for a planning loan," Abicht said this morning. He pointed out that the harbor may be considered in the city's master plan, which was set in motion this week when the Sydney Williams planning firm was hired.

Moderator of the meeting was Mayor Andrew Antonetti. The need for the harbor was explained by City Councilman Frank Layton. City of Capitola Police Officer David Esty showed slides of storm damage to the city and boats.

It was pointed out in the meeting that the small craft harbor could possibly be tied in with moves being made to control beach and cliff erosion, which have been cutting away the shoreline from China Beach to Pleasure Point.

At the council meeting of July 9, methods of private financing of a boat harbor are expected to be investigated.

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