

# Capitola Wharf Cost Is Up Again

The price tag for renovating the century-old Capitola Wharf has now risen more than \$300,000 from its original \$492,325 cost. The Capitola City Council approved an increase for the third time.

City Manager Steve Burrell promised councilmembers that the latest \$72,000 increase would be the last.

"There's not much else that could be replaced," quipped Burrell, in reply to a half-joking remark by Mayor Jerry Clarke who said the council would approve the increase "if you promise not to come back (with another request)."

The price tag now stands at \$794,325. The state Wildlife Conservation Board paid 75 percent of the original cost, while the two previous increases that totaled some \$230,000 were paid on a 50-50 ratio with the city.

The latest increase calls for up to \$72,000 more to replace the rest of the wharf caps. These caps run between the pilings and stringers, the latter which sit directly under the deck.

According to Public Works Director Craig French, the three exposed sides of the caps look fine. It wasn't until the fourth side was recently exposed by renovation crews that the damage was revealed.

Councilman Bob Garcia expressed concern that a \$14,000 survey paid by the city to the engineering firm Brown and Caldwell "may not have been performed for what we paid for." That survey was to estimate the renovation cost according to the amount of damages.

Councilman Michael Routh also questioned the survey in saying, "I just don't think it was adequate."

An added condition to the council's

price increase directed City Attorney Richard Manning to check into the survey agreement to see if the city had any legal recourse.

The wharf is to be renovated as a pedestrian and fishing pier. Closed because of storm damage the last two years, completion is expected late this summer.

Burrell added that renovation crews are now some 600 feet along the wharf. Only another 250 feet is needed.

In other business, the council quickly and unanimously directed Burrell to prepare a service agreement with the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District in an attempt to deal with the

continuing siltation problem and erosion control of Soquel Creek.

Of specific concern to the city is determining the source of silt that has been clogging the river bed and to possibly develop a future dredging program.

One problem the city has in developing a service agreement with the Conservation District is the fact the city lies outside its zone. Conservation President Ward Hastings has agreed to work with the city if it annexes.

Annexation proceedings with the Local Agency Formation Commission may start by Sept. 1. Burrell will look into the process.

Other business included:

•**SENIOR GOLF PROGRAM** — The council took no action on continuing to fund the city's portion of the Senior Golf Discount Program that is related to the city of Santa Cruz and Delaveaga Golf Course.

The no action essentially drops the program from the city's budget. Last year

only 22 Capitola residents took advantage of the annual card program.

•**RESOLUTIONS** — The council approved three separate resolutions. One congratulated the Capitola Chamber of Commerce and chairwoman Dianne Graves for the successful Fourth of July celebration at Jade Street Park; the other commended Fire Chief Harold Jarvis who retired.

The third resolution urged the appointment of Garcia to the California Coastal Commission. Garcia had previously served as chairman of the now defunct Central Coastal Commission.

REFERENCE

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A worker can be seen atop Capitola Wharf. The cost for the renovation jumped last week.

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