

Capitola Wharf Work

Price Tag Goes Up

Capitola's \$700,000-plus wharf renovation project is now anticipated to cost some \$100,000 more due to the needed replacement of more structural components like stringers and caps.

The Capitola City Council Thursday night authorized City Manager Steve Burrell to make a formal request for additional funds from the state Wildlife Conservation Board.

The board already has approved some \$130,000 more than the city's original estimate for replacement of the entire wharf deck. Those additional costs, however, were funded on a 50-50 sharing basis between the state and city, while the original \$623,251 cost had the state paying 75 percent.

Burrell hopes the board will go back to its 75-25 percent ratio on the newest increase. He was "fairly certain," however, that the board would at least fund 50 percent.

Assuming a 50 percent split on the newest costs the state would end up paying \$607,325 as its share, while Capitola pays \$246,926.

Renovation as primarily a fishing and pedestrian use is anticipated in July or August, according to Burrell. The wharf has been closed to the public for two years due to storm damage.

In other business, the council directed Burrell to move forward on a preliminary study on the feasibility of the city establishing a redevelopment agency. Cost of the study is \$5,000.

A redevelopment agency, he explained, acts as a "financing vehicle" for city projects that might otherwise not be done for years or maybe never even attempted. It might include, for example, undergrounding of utilities on major streets, acquisition of property for parks or parking lots and even rehabilitation of housing.

Other business also involved the first of two hearings on requests for revenue-sharing funds for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

The city has received 12 requests from various community organizations, said Burrell, totaling \$87,643. The largest request is \$30,000 for the Capitola branch library, while Capitola-Soquel Community Activities is asking for \$12,000 and Food and Nutrition Services for \$11,895.

While the city is expected to receive about \$120,000 in revenue-

sharing funds, said Burrell, it annually spends only about \$30,000.

The second hearing, with more requests anticipated, will be held May 28.

Other business included the following:

CAPITOLA LCP — The council approved the final land use plans of its proposed local coastal plan. The plan, which has already undergone a first hearing before the Central Coastal Commission, will be heard again later this month by the commission.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT — The council initiated assessment district proceedings by ordering cost estimates of two proposed districts — 42nd, 43rd and 44th avenues, as well as Grace Street and Capitola Road from 41st to 45th avenues.

The district was split since initial feedback from residents had been positive only from those in the Capitola Road area.

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