

# Capitola Wharf Bid Approval Anticipated In Two Weeks

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It appears Capitola will be ready in two weeks to award the bid to renovate its century-old wharf, City Manager Steve Burrell told councilmembers Thursday night.

The Alan R. Barreca Construction Co. in Redwood City has the inside line with a low bid of \$467,200, reported Burrell. The high bid was \$1,117,169 from Peter Kiewit Sons of Richmond.

The bids have been sent to the city's engineering firm of Brown and Caldwell for a recommendation. In the meantime, the city will be doing some review of its own.

Burrell told the council that the Barreca Co. had recently completed constructing a fishing wharf for the city of Marina. Staff will go there to

check the quality.

If all goes well, renovation is expected to take about 180 days. It is hoped the wharf will be opened to the public early next year.

The city's original estimate was \$540,000. An 8 percent inflation factor, however, was added which brought the total up to \$605,000.

The city will be responsible for paying 25 percent of the cost. A state Wildlife Conservation grant has already been secured to pay 75 percent.

The council Thursday night amended cost-sharing plans with the state that allowed the state to receive any federal reimbursements it might get for the project.

The renovation involves the replacement or repair of some 70 pilings, including sub-structural work and hand-railings around the entire wharf. The city would be responsible for the reconstruction of several buildings on the wharf.

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In a related matter, the council approved the use permit application by former wharf leaseholder Rick Karleen for the operation of the wharf buildings. Karleen received a 25-year concession agreement in exchange for his wharf dedication to the city.

The wharf is proposed to include a snack bar, storage building, bait/tackle shop, boat launching facilities and a boat mooring area.

The latter was the subject of discussion initiated by Councilman Michael Routh who questioned the possibility of restricting the mooring area to allow only sail boats or small power boats. He claimed there is excessive pollution from large power boats (more than 20 feet).

Councilman Ron Graves, in particular, had concerns about those restrictions. Burrell also

explained the Coast Guard is a responsible safeguard against polluters.

The restrictions were dropped by Routh, and the use permit was approved unanimously.

The three wharf buildings approved will be essentially the same size as existing ones. The bait/tackle shop is the only building that will have to be completely built. It was destroyed during last winter's storms.

It also will be the highest building at 19½ feet and located at the tip of the wharf.

The snack bar will include space for indoor seating. Public restrooms will be constructed within the building.

The storage building will house wharf maintenance and repair facilities. The boat launch area will have a hoist for privately-owned fishing boats.

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