

# Wharf reconstruction to begin next month

The reconstruction of the Capitola Wharf should be underway in the next 30-45 days, City Manager Steve Burrell told the Capitola City Council Thursday night.

Burrell told the council members that he and city Public Works Director Craig French have been meeting with the contractor, Alan R. Barreca of Redwood City, and plan to have another meeting Friday.

Following that meeting, Burrell said, he expects to issue a "notice to proceed," allowing the contractor to start work on the wharf.

But he doesn't expect any work to begin for another month or so because of the time lag in getting the treated timber pilings that will be used to rebuild the wharf.

Burrell told the council he and French are also exploring the idea of replacing the wood boat landings specified in the contract with metal stages that will, it is hoped, withstand the force of the ocean waves better than the wood.

Burrell also received council concurrence to adopt a suggestion by Barreca that wooden handrailings on the wharf, constructed of treated timbers, remain unpainted. In exchange, Barreca will replace all of the handrails — 270 feet over

what had been specified in the original bid, Burrell said.

The city has also asked for quotations from Barreca on renewing all of the wharf's decking. The original bid specifications called for replacement of approximately 70 percent of the deck area, but Burrell told the council members he's interested in having all of it done — if the price is right.

The city will allow Barreca to use the eight public parking spaces on Wharf Road next to the wharf entrance to set up a contractor's office, and to use a portion of the city corporation yard on Kennedy Drive to store building materials during the six-month construction period, Burrell said.

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