

Redondo Water Quality Task Force Formed First Meeting Held

The water quality task force, approved by the Redondo City Council, has been formed and set into motion. The first meeting was held on August 31, at the city library. The results of that meeting follow:

Appointment of members: The following people have been appointed to the task force.

City Representatives:

1. Mayor Mike Gin
2. Councilman Chris Cagle

Redondo Beach Boaters Association

3. Don Mueller

The Boaters Advisory Panel

4. Rafael Fernandez

Residents

5. Ann Dalkey –Marine Biologist
6. Mary Delehanty

Chamber of Commerce

7. Ann Garten

Youth Commission

8. Trevor Christianson

Teacher

9. To be announced

Harbor Commission

10. Alex Bannerman
11. Shane Michael

Harbor Businesses

12. Kent Harman – Harbor Drive Restaurant
13. Sean Guthrie – Marina Operator
14. Dick Acker – Rocky Point Fuel Dock

Non Profit Organization

15. Giancarlo Cetrulo – The Sea Lab

Several working subcommittees were formed. They are:

(an * before name indicates they are volunteers from general public, not appointed task force members)

Subcommittee 9a.

Goal - Develop action plan to solve current immediate problems, with recommendations to City Council.

People on Subcommittee 9a:

1. Alex Bannerman – Chair

2. Don Mueller 3. Rafael Fernandez 4. Dick Acker 5. Giancarlo Cetrulo 6. *Mark Baker
- CRG Lab

- Things to consider:
- Do we have a problem?
- If yes, what is the scope of the problem?
- What are some things that can be done?
- What is currently being done by the City already?
- Visual Survey of area, example - trash collecting in corners of marina, ways to remove?
- Interview businesses in the harbor to identify any issues. Are they washing down their mats outside and allowing the water to go in the storm drain and out in the harbor?
- Interview Marina Operators to find out what they are already doing, what should be done or what problems that need correcting.
- Talk to the Yacht Clubs for suggestions.
- Water testing and monitoring - contact Chris Cagle before you get into this, things are happening in this area already.
- Review storm drain locations, which drains are diverted to the sewers?
- Review boater practices - illicit boater discharge?
- Summarize pollutant sources
- Harbor debris clean up
- Water Circulation problems? Example system: <http://westtechnosystems.com>
- Should we Aerate the harbor?
- Should we try and bring back the harbor eco system?
- Are there issues at Moonstone park? Irrigation runoff, dog waste?
- Are Birds and other maine mammals an issue?
- Are people throwing fish parts into the water, is that an issue?
- Trash and debris in the rocks?
- Do we need a hotline to report dumping?
- Do contractors working in the area follow the rules? Are they pumping water out of man holes and allowing it to go down the storm drains?
- What are the current rules and regulations we already have?
- Do we have records of any violations to see what the problems areas are?
- Are trash trucks leaking liquid out of their trucks that end up in the water?

- Any new technologies that can help with any of this? Cost?

Subcommittee 9b

Goal - Develop and recommend to the City Council a long term Clean Harbor Plan

People on Subcommittee 9b:

1. Ann Dalkey - Chair,
2. Ann Garten
3. Rafael Fernandez
4. Shane Michael
5. *Wally Hammons

Subcommittee 9c.

Goal - Develop a Community Outreach public education program.

People on Subcommittee 9c:

1. Mary Delehanty - Chair
2. Trevor Christianson
3. Giancarlo Cetrulo
4. Rafael Fernandez
5. Shane Michael

Things to consider:

What is the City already doing?

What should the message be?

How to finance it?

Which groups should we target?

Outreach to other Cities

Outreach to the schools

Outreach to businesses - on pier, in the harbor, also companies that do steam cleaning and ...?

Subcommittee 9d.

Goal - Identify Grant Opportunities

People on Subcommittee 9d:

1. Giancarlo Cetrulo – Chair
2. Mary Delehanty
3. Tony Cordi

Things to consider:

Grants for Community outreach?

Grants for keeping trash out of the rocks?

Grants for water monitoring?

Grants for Dye studies?

Grants for equipment purchases - circulation machines, skimmers, etc.

Subcommittee 9.e

Goal - Discuss long term harbor volunteer program to deal with emergency issues such as red tides.

People on Subcommittee 9e:

1. Don Mueller - Chair, 2. Alex Bannerman 3. Trevor Christianson 4. *Liberty Thyme -
5. *Dick Krebs – RBBA 6. *Kevin Herink - RBBA

The task of the Subcommittees is to begin collecting information and work toward the subcommittee goal. At our next task force meeting each subcommittee will present whatever information you have collected and we will discuss it.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for Sept 28th, 6 pm at the City Library. This should be a very interesting meeting, public invited.