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# NEWPORT BEACH

## Harbor Commission Staff Report

January 14, 2026  
Agenda Item No. 6.4

**TO:** HARBOR COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Ad Hoc Committee Updates

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**ABSTRACT:**

Several ad hoc committees have been established to address short term projects outside of the Harbor Commission objectives. This is the time the ad hoc committees will provide an update on their projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Receive and file.

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Harbor Commission has three established ad hoc committees at this time to provide further review of issues that have arisen outside the adoption of the Harbor Commission Objectives or at the request of City Council. This is the time the Ad Hoc Committees will update the Harbor Commission on their progress.

The Ad Hoc Committees are:

- Balboa Ferry Ad Hoc – Commissioners Scully, Svrcek and Yahn (05-10-2023)
- General Plan Update to the Harbor and Bay Element Ad Hoc – Commissioners Scully, Marston and Yahn (10-09-2024)
- Harbor Commission Objectives Ad Hoc- Commissioners Beer, Scully and Miller (8-13-2025)
- ~~Public Dock Utilization Ad Hoc (04-10-2024) – Commissioners Beer, Svrcek and Williams.~~

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the Harbor Commission find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Harbor Commission considers the item).