



CITY OF

NEWPORT BEACH

Harbor Commission Staff Report

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TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Presentation from the Newport Mooring Association

ABSTRACT:

The Newport Mooring Association (NMA) will provide the Harbor Commission with a presentation on its role, activities, and priorities in support of the City's mooring permittees and the broader harbor community. The NMA is a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of mooring permit holders within Newport Harbor and serves as a liaison between permittees and the City. The presentation will include an overview of the Association's history, current initiatives, and ongoing efforts to promote responsible harbor use, enhance communication with stakeholders, and support the City's management of the mooring program. The purpose of this presentation is to familiarize the Commission with the NMA's work, encourage dialogue on shared goals, and identify opportunities for collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Receive and file.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Newport Beach manages approximately 1,200 offshore and onshore moorings located throughout Newport Harbor. Moorings are assigned and administered through permits issued by the City, and permittees are responsible for compliance with applicable City regulations and harbor policies.

The Newport Mooring Association (NMA) was formed as a nonprofit membership organization to represent the collective interests of mooring permittees. The Association works with the City to provide feedback on mooring-related matters, communicate concerns from permittees, and promote responsible harbor stewardship. Over the years,

the NMA has participated in discussions on mooring administration, fee structures, and long-term harbor planning efforts.

DISCUSSION:

The Newport Mooring Association (NMA) is a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of mooring permittees within Newport Harbor. Established to serve as a collective voice for the mooring community, the NMA works to promote fair and effective harbor management, encourage responsible vessel use, and support policies that balance the interests of all harbor stakeholders.

The NMA serves as a liaison between mooring permit holders and the City, often providing feedback on proposed policy changes, harbor regulations, and operational matters affecting mooring users. Its efforts have included outreach to permittees and advocacy on issues such as mooring administration, fees, and long-term harbor planning.

At this meeting, NMA representatives will provide the Harbor Commission with an overview of the Association's mission, history, and current initiatives. The presentation will highlight ongoing projects, recent accomplishments, and areas where collaboration with the City and Harbor Commission can help advance shared goals. The intent of the presentation is to strengthen communication between the Harbor Commission and the NMA, foster transparency, and ensure that the perspectives of the mooring community are considered as part of the City's harbor management process.

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).