# **COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

Parks Department





**DATE:** January 24, 2016

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2016

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Ed Hallett, Harbormaster, Coyote Point Marina

**SUBJECT:** Marina Activities Report

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and accept report.

#### **BACKGROUND**:

This report covers Marina activities since the Commission's December 2015 meeting.

### **DISCUSSION**:

#### **Electronic Gate Arm Update**

The new Marina security gate arm operators were installed in early January and will provide additional security to the middle berm area of the Marina. The new gate operator key pad is compatible with the security key cards previously issued to tenants. The wood gate arms are being replaced with plastic arms, which although more expensive are safer should they accidently hit a pedestrian or a vehicle.

#### **Fuel Dock Pile Collar Fabrication**

One of three pile collars that secure the concrete fuel dock barge to the fuel dock pilings needs replacement. A much heavier-duty, stronger replacement pile collar is being custom fabricated by Custom Metal Manufacturing in Belmont, and upon delivery will be installed. The other two pile collars were replaced within the last two years.

### **New Trees**

The Marina lost a few small redwood trees from the drought this past year. The redwoods require more water and have a difficult time adjusting to the windy, salt air environment of the Marina. Anticipating an "El Nino" winter, 16 new cypress trees were

recently planted and another 16 have been ordered. The cypress have adapted very well to the marine environment, and they provide excellent protection from the gusty spring and summer winds. The cypress are very low maintenance, require very little water and grow quickly.

Other trees in the Recreation Area were lost this year because of the drought, and need replacement as those trees provide quite a bit of wind protection to the Marina