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REPORT TO COMMUNITY

Your Port: Navigating through Tough Times

The Port of Redwood City's Fiscal Year which ended June 30 marked a second year of tough economic times with depressed cargo imports due to the widespread slowdown in construction. Yet the Port has remained profitable and has diligently saved funds for upcoming capital improvement projects, while continuing to provide funding to the City of Redwood City each year.



The Port is an enterprise department of the City of Redwood City, established by City Charter. **The Port is wholly supported by its own revenue and receives no tax funds.** The Port provides services and maintains facilities for use by a wide variety of businesses, stimulating private job creation and waterborne commerce while protecting the quality of life, the environment, and the recreational needs of area residents.

Here are highlights of just some of the recent projects and activities

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PortFest October 2

The first annual Redwood City **PortFest** is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Port of Redwood City Marina and public access area.

Event admission, entertainment and parking are free to the public. Food, beverage, and arts and crafts vendors will have goods available for sale.

Attractions include:

- A kick-off **pancake breakfast** at the Sequoia Yacht Club from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- **Public dockside tours of a new high speed ferry boat**, the type of boat that likely will be used in the future for Redwood City ferry service.
- **Harbor tours** aboard the Marine Science Institute vessel, **Robert G. Brownlee**.
- An Oktoberfest Bier Garden
- Musical groups/bands
- Arts/crafts vendors

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taking place at your port. Please visit the Port's website at www.redwoodcityport.com for more information on these and other topics.

- The Redwood City **navigation channel was deepened** to its authorized depth of 30 feet, utilizing funds from the stimulus American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$9.1 million contract for the project.

- An environmental impact report was completed for the **Wharves 1 & 2 Redevelopment project** to reconstruct and modernize Wharves 1 and 2 and the surrounding areas that support use of these wharves.



- The Port Commission and staff participated in the drafting of the City's new General Plan. The Plan calls for preparation of a **Port Area Master Plan** to identify land needed for Port-related uses and to establish appropriate buffers between the Port area and adjacent properties. The Plan ensures that the design of future waterfront neighborhoods does not have an undue adverse impact on the Port area or Port uses. The Plan recognizes the Port as one of the City's unique assets.

- The ports of Redwood City and San Francisco are working collaboratively with the Seaport Industrial Association (SIA) as well as private companies and interested organizations to **ensure continued freight rail service** between San Francisco and San Jose.

- The Port entered into a multi-year lease agreement with Potter Drilling, a Redwood City company that is developing **innovative drilling technology** for use in producing clean, renewable geothermal energy.

- Union Pacific (UP) Railroad Company completed a **\$2 million track improvement** of the rail line from Highway 101 parallel to Seaport Boulevard and the Frontage Road into the Port and industrial areas. In cooperation with UP, the Port improved eight of the road crossings over the tracks.

- **The Port received a \$3 million grant** from the State of California Proposition 1B Port Security Grant program for installation of new port perimeter and marine terminal lighting system. In addition, a Closed Circuit Television system will be installed to allow Port and Port stakeholders to monitor areas within the Port's property.

- The Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA), working with the Port, developed the scopes of work for conceptual design/engineering and environmental studies for the **ferry terminal and ferry service** between Redwood City and San Francisco. These studies are currently underway.

PortFest October 2

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- Food vendors
- Historical presentations
- Children's activities
- **"Learn About the Working Waterfront"** bus tours of Port businesses.

The purpose of PortFest is to showcase the working and recreational waterfront at the Port of Redwood City.

Participants include the Peninsula Celebration Association, the Sequoia Yacht Club, San Mateo County History Museum, Marine Science Institute, Civic Cultural Commission, Seaport Industrial Association, Art on the Square, the Water Emergency Transportation Authority, the Salvation Army, the West Bay Community Band, Sea Scouts, Woodside High School Marching Band and Jazz Band, Sequoia High School Band and other interested volunteers.

Updated information is available at the Port's website, www.redwoodcityport.com.



Annual Port Budget:

The Port is projecting an operating budget of \$5,399,560 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 down 2 percent from the prior fiscal year, with operating expenses of \$3,563,420, and net income of \$2,471,440 after a subvention payment of \$323,970 to the City of Redwood City.

The Port Commission approved the budget for FY 2011 at its July 14, 2010 meeting. The **budget is available** on the Port's website at www.redwoodcityport.com.

Cargo Movement:

Reflecting the worldwide recession and accompanying drop in cargo movement, the Port of Redwood City recorded a 15 percent decrease in tonnage across its docks for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Through June 30, the 12-month figure was 842,727 metric tons, down from the previous fiscal year's figure of 986,727 metric tons.

"The extended slump in Bay Area construction is directly related to this decline in tonnage at the Port," said Port Commission Chairman Ralph Garcia. "We are **forecasting some upturn in the upcoming year** but until the construction industry improves, the Peninsula business climate may continue to negatively impact Port tonnage in the coming year."

The Recycling Port

The Port of Redwood City is one of the leading environmental ports in the nation. Several of the Port's businesses are engaged in recycling materials.

- **Sims Metal Management** recycles more than 300,000 scrapped vehicles per year and exports the scrap metal to the Far East and South Asia by ship. *(photo of truck with crushed vehicles to be recycled.)*

- **Cemex Aggregate** recycles concrete and asphalt.

- **SRDC, Inc** operates a construction and demolition debris recycling facility and recycles

green wood waste into wood chips.

- **Seaport Refining and Environmental** recycles petroleum pipeline waste for resale as useable fuel.

- **Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.** transships millions of gallons a year of recycled industrial fuel.



Waterfront Public Access & Recreation

Public Access: The Port has more than one mile of waterfront public access, walkways, and viewing areas. These include waterfront parks with picnic areas, restrooms, and parking. **Fishing is allowed from the public fishing pier.** The



Port has the only public boat launching facility with access to San Francisco Bay south of Coyote Point. The Port in 2009 upgraded the launch ramp with a new dock and other improvements. The Port operates a dry boat storage facility next to the public boat launch. For more information call: 650-888-2324.

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Forty-nine vessels (33 ships, 16 barges) made calls during FY 09-10 compared to 48 vessels (37 ships, 11 barges) during FY 08-09.



Port of Redwood City Marina: The Port operates a **190-berth modern marina facility**. For berthing information, contact Spinnaker Sailing at 650-363-1390, The Sequoia Yacht Club (www.sequoiayc.org) has its headquarters at the Marina along with its recreational boating club and a clubhouse. In addition, they offer a program for Junior Sailing to teach young people sailing and navigation. Also located at the Marina is **Spinnaker Sailing School** (www.spinnakersailing.com)



Waterfront Festivals and Public Events: The Port is the location for public events and festivals featuring visits by historic ships and sailing vessels. Each spring the Port is the location for the “South Bay Opening Day” of the boating season with a decorated boat parade and other activities. Crew

boat races, Hawaiian outrigger canoe races, and sailing regattas are regularly held **on the Port’s waterfront**.



Port Staff:

- **Michael J. Giari**, Executive Director
- **Rita Artist**, Executive Assistant
- **Cynthia Hampton**, Director of Finance and Administration
- **Donald K. Snaman**, Manager of Operations
- **Eric Napralla**, Manager of Development & Compliance
- **Linda Hawkins**, Accounting Clerk
- **Margaret Astesano**, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
- **Santiago Talamantes**, Port Maintenance
- **Jorge Ganoza**, Port Maintenance

Port Commission:

A five-member Port Commission is appointed by the Redwood City Council. The Commission regularly meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 8 a.m. at the Port offices, 675 Seaport Blvd. All meetings are open to the public. You can get agendas and minutes from the Port’s website at www.redwoodcityport.com

Port Commissioners are:

Dick Claire: a financial and accounting professor emeritus at Canada College in Redwood City. Term expires July 2012.

Tom Cronin: Executive Director, Redwood City Police Activities League. Term expires July 2014.

Richard “Dick” Dodge: owns an office supply business, T.H.E. Office City. Term expires July 2014.

Ralph Garcia: owns a vacuum and sewing center in Redwood City. Term expires July 2012.

Lorianna Kastrop: vice president and controller of The Kastrop Group, Inc. Architects in Redwood City. Term expires July 2012.

To receive updated news and notices about events at the port of Redwood City, sign-up on our website at www.redwoodcityport.com