

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: May 9, 2024

From: Community Development

Subject: Long Term Usage of the Capitola Wharf

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals for outreach, planning and design services for the long-term Capitola Wharf Use and Structure Plan.

Background: The Capitola Wharf is currently undergoing significant renovations through the Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project (Wharf Project). The Project focuses on critical elements, including widening the Wharf, addressing failing pilings, replacing the deck, and adding new restroom facilities. The Project aims to improve the Wharf's long-term resilience. Cushman Contracting began construction in September 2023 and has been making steady progress since then.

The storms in December 2023 caused additional damage to both the Wharf and its structures, necessitating the removal of the buildings and further repairs to the Wharf beneath them.

In February 2024 the City Council approved the removal of the buildings and requested staff return with a Temporary Wharf Use Plan while a long-term Wharf Plan is created.

Discussion: The Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks outreach, planning and design services to create a long-term plan for future uses and structures on the Capitola Wharf.

The following is rough outline for an anticipated scope of work for the projects:

1. Obtain background information and data - Fall 2024;
2. Coordinate, lead, and document all public outreach and public events related to the long-term Wharf design process;
3. Preparation of multiple conceptual Wharf site and design plans;
4. Refinement of final long-term plan with cost estimates.
5. Presentation(s) to Planning Commission and City Council

The anticipated schedule includes:

1. RFP published: May 2024.
2. Contract award: July 2024.
3. Public Outreach and background data collection: Summer/Fall 2024
4. Conceptual designs: Late Fall 2024
5. Refinement of long-term plan to Capitola City Council: Winter 2025.

Fiscal Impact: The draft FY 2024-25 Budget includes \$75,000 for the Capitola Wharf Use and Structure Plan. A contract could go into effect after July 1, 2024.

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