

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report

Meeting: August 24, 2023

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Surf Cameras on the Capitola Wharf and the Bandstand Pavilion



Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Surfline/Wavetrak, Inc. to install and maintain new surf cameras on the Capitola Wharf and maintain existing surf cameras on the Bandstand Pavilion at no cost to the City.

Background: Surfline/Wavetrak, Inc. (Surfline) provides online live video feeds of ocean wave conditions to subscribers of their service. In 2007, the City Council approved an agreement with Surfline for the installation, maintenance, and operation of a website camera and supporting equipment on the roof of the Esplanade restroom facility. Since its initial installation, this camera has been relocated to the Bandstand Pavilion and an additional camera was installed in the same location in 2019. A live stream from both cameras is provided to the City for use on the City website at no cost. Surfline also pays the City a nominal licensing fee for its use of City facilities, currently \$339.00.

Discussion: Surfline has requested an additional camera location to stream views of Capitola Beach and Pleasure Point. The two new cameras would both be mounted on the Capitola Wharf, one exclusively for City use (Capitola Wharf Camera) and the other for Surfline subscriber use (Pleasure Point Camera).

- Pleasure Point Camera: This camera will be mounted at the base of the Wharf, with camera views of the surf looking North toward Pleasure Point. Upon completion of the Wharf reconstruction, this camera will be relocated to a location near the end of the Wharf and maintain camera views looking North toward Pleasure Point.
- Capitola Wharf Camera: This will be the camera mounted at the base of the Wharf, with camera views that monitor the Capitola Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project (Wharf Project). Upon completion of the Wharf reconstruction, this camera will be relocated to a location near the end of the Wharf and adjust the camera views looking South toward Capitola Beach.

The proposed agreement (Attachment 1) includes both the existing and new camera locations and updated terms, inclusive of:

- Monthly \$339 host fee. The proposed fee is not adjusted as the Capitola Wharf Camera is primarily for the City's benefit and will be used for monitoring the Wharf Project and seasonal lagoon and beach.
- Ability to access and retrieve historical video files.
- On-screen text links and ad banners on the Surfline website and mobile applications for City use to promote special events, concerts, beach closures, etc.
- Live Camera Embeds from Surfline's existing and new cameras on the City's website.
- Direct access to Surfline to request camera re-orientation, if needed.

Fiscal Impact: Surfline/Wavetrak, Inc. will continue to pay \$339 total per month for the four camera locations. The total revenue is \$4,068 over 12 months or \$12,204 for the 3-year agreement.

California Environmental Quality Act: This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), which exempts organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Attachments:

1. Host agreement between Surfline/Wavetrak, Inc. and City of Capitola

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