

VENTURA PORT DISTRICT

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2025



OPEN SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Ventura Port District Board of Port Commissioners Special Open Session Meeting was called to order by Chair Blumenberg at 6:03PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001 and via Zoom meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Vice-Chair Howell.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner's Present:

Michael Blumenberg, Chair
Elizabeth Howell, Vice-Chair
Anthony Rainey, Secretary
Chris Stephens
Jackie Gardina

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Port District Staff:

Brian D. Pendleton, General Manager
Todd Mitchell, Deputy General Manager
Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board
Gloria Adkins, Accounting Manager
Brendan Donohue, Sr. Harbor Patrol Officer
Sergio Gonzalez, Facilities Manager
John Higgins, Harbormaster
Will McReynolds, Management Assistant
Jessica Snipas, Business Operations Analyst via Zoom

Legal Counsel:

Tom Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP via Zoom
Robert Smith, K&L Gates via Zoom

City of Ventura Liaisons:

Councilmember Duran, City Council Liaison – present

Number of interested persons:

10 via zoom; 11 in person

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Stephens moved to adopt the April 23, 2025 Special Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Rainey seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None. Closed at 6:06PM.

STANDARD AGENDA:

1) Update on State of Emergency for Sand Removal and Return within the District

Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an update on the State of Emergency for Sand Removal and Return within the District.

Presentation by Brian D. Pendleton, General Manager.

Public Comment: None. Closed at 6:15PM.

ACTION: The Board of Port Commissioners received an update on the State of Emergency for Sand Removal and Return within the District.

2) Update Concerning District Application for Sand Management Coastal Development Permit

Recommended Action: Voice Vote.

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an update concerning the District's application for a coastal development permit (CDP) to continue to conduct sand management activities and provide staff direction concerning the Board's proposed approach at the upcoming Coastal Commission (Commission) hearing.

Presentation by Brian D. Pendleton, General Manager.

Public Comments: None via Zoom. Closed at 6:38PM. Dan Miller, President of Outrigger Canoe Club, Yvonne Menard, President of Hokuloa Outrigger Canoe Club, Brad Lyons, Ventura College and LAVA, Brooke Weiner, Amaris Garcia, David Callis, Director of LAVA, Trevor Julian, LAVA, Harvey Harrison, Stephanie Caldwell, President and CEO of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Jim Duran spoke and David Clark and Brian Tucker, President & CEO of Ventura County Lodging Association and Victor Dollar, Senior Vice President of Brighton Management and Board Chair of the Ventura County Lodging Association provided written comment in favor of the District's Sand Management Plan and keeping the volleyball courts in their current location. Closed at 7:12PM.

ACTION: Commissioner Stephens moved to proceed to the California Coastal Commission meeting on May 9th with the Sand Management Plan in its current form and advocate for approval. Should it appear that it will not be approved, pivot to a carve out of the volleyball courts, but that carve out with the proviso that there is a stay of all enforcement actions, that current usage remains, and that we have one year to come back in front of the Commission to make a decision on the future of the volleyball courts. Also, authorize staff to continue to work on the relocation of the Outrigger Clubs' storage

containers and that the operations of these clubs' continue as they have been.

Commissioner Rainey seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Blumenberg, Howell, Rainey, Stephens, Gardina

NOES: N/A

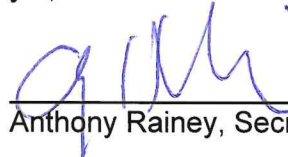
ABSTAINED: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, May 7, 2025.



Anthony Rainey, Secretary