

Morro Bay State Park  
Marina and Restaurant Concession Operations  
Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board  
Public Input Meeting Notes 4.2.2015

*There were over 120 interested parties in attendance at the Harbor Advisory Board meeting, and over 30 individuals who provided comment on the proposed marina-restaurant concession project, primarily related to the restaurant which is operated as a sub-contract under the State's master concession contract. Representing State Parks were Brooke Gutierrez, Acting SLO Superintendent; and Teresa Montijo, Concessions Program Manager. Representing the City was Morro Bay Harbormaster Eric Endersby.*

*The meeting was recorded, and general public comment summarized below:*

- *Dawn Borst, Bayside Café Owner provided a statement regarding her 30 year history in development of the café/restaurant*
- *Bayside Café is an icon of Morro Bay, and if changed it will be empty; keep quaint, not modern*
- *Retain the historic ambiance and quality of food (local and sustainable)*
- *The current operation has been sustainable while other restaurants fail during downtime, construction will result in loss revenue; consider view shed and surrounding trail protection*
- *Do not change café, separate from marina and do not require restaurant to fund marina dredging; State should recall what happened in Old Town San Diego change from local to non-local operation, because same will happen here – boycott*
- *Do not change character of restaurant; consider legislation to avoid the change*
- *If it must go out for bid, give incumbent 10 points or more*
- *Figure out a way to negotiate rather than competitive bid contract*
- *Maintain the unique, funky ambiance that fits the marina, landmark for artists*
- *Expand outdoor restaurant seating, enhance winter use, expand marina slips, offer human-powered paddle boats*
- *Bayside is a fixture, class act, uses local and sustainable produce to provide quality food*
- *Consider intangibles such as kind and caring staff*
- *Do not require the restaurant fund dredging*
- *A change has an emotional impact to the community, will boycott if it changes operator; give incumbent 10-15 points in bid preference*
- *If restaurant separates from marina, there will be more outside competition that threatens the incumbent's ability to retain, do not separate from marina for that reason*
- *Destination location due to Bayside, maintain the current staff, some there for 30 years*
- *Do not require restaurant fund dredging*
- *Change the laws and politics to provide for exceptions to retain something special*
- *Require the government to pay for the dredging*
- *Consider encapsulated spoils in response to future dredging needs*
- *Marina and restaurant completely separate operations*
- *Marina must be dredged immediately under new contract*

*Notes of Teresa Montijo*