



## Construction to Begin on Wharves 1 & 2 Modernization Project

Construction is expected to begin soon on the Port's Wharves 1 & 2 modernization project after the Commission recently awarded a \$13.9 million contract to Manson Construction Company, which has been in the marine construction industry since 1905.

To help finance the project, the Port Commission approved and City Council ratified a \$10 million private placement of revenue bonds with GE Government Finance, Inc., for a 20-year period.

Construction is expected to last through December 2013. The project will reconstruct and modernize Wharves 1 and 2 and the upland areas that support these wharves so that the Port can better serve its existing and projected customer base while remaining flexible enough to respond to changing market conditions.

The project's first phase includes demolition of the wharves and associated piles, demolition of Warehouse 1, removing rail between the warehouse and wharves, and construction of a new 426-foot long by 58-foot wide prestressed concrete wharf with two 30-foot wide access ramps to shore. Interconnecting walkways/catwalks between the new wharf and existing dolphins, fender system, bollards, and other improvements to accommodate the range of vessels expected to call at the Port.

Additional Phase 1 improvements include constructing a new 800 sq. ft. stevedore/longshore building, new area lighting, upgraded electrical utilities, a 920-foot long seawall, new road, parking area, and drainage system. As part of the second phase of the project, the existing conveyor/hopper system would be relocated further south along the wharves and the existing aggregate shipping, handling, and storage operations would be realigned in order to reduce berth conflicts and increase operational efficiency and flexibility at the wharves.



**Artist rendition of new wharves with a vessel docking**

### *Waterfront Access Improvements Part of Project*

The Port will be making improvements to public access areas on the Port's waterfront as part of the Wharves 1&2 Redevelopment Project. Because the project is located in an industrial area with maritime safety and security restrictions, the public access improvements will be made in an area between the Port's Marina and the fishing pier.

The major feature will be a new waterfront promenade, approximately 400 ft. long and 12 ft. wide, running parallel to the shoreline with new handicap

access and parking. A new lawn and landscaping will be located adjacent to the promenade and a raised, semiprivate seating area on the lawn will have views of the water.

Existing large concrete planter "barriers" will be removed, which will improve waterfront views and attractiveness. At the popular fishing pier, the existing steps will be removed and a handicap ramp installed to connect to the new promenade.

## Tonnage Up 51 %, Highest Since 2008, Due to Construction Demands

Reflecting a dramatic increase in construction in the Bay Area and the high quality of building materials from British Columbia, the Port of Redwood City experienced a 51 percent increase in cargo movement across its docks for the fiscal year 2011-2012 that ended June 30.

The 12-month figure was 1,319,198 metric tons (MT), up from 871,940 metric tons from the previous fiscal year and the highest at the Port since 2008.

Imports of sand and aggregates totaled 844,370 MT, 244 percent higher than the previous fiscal year..

“The high quality of the sand and gravel aggregates from British Columbia combined with the dwindling supply of these materials in Northern California because quarries are unable to expand triggered a strong demand that the Port benefitted from,” said Executive Director Michael J. Giari.

The construction aggregates arrive at the Port in ships operated by Canadian Steamship Lines that are equipped with self-unloading conveyor systems.

Polaris Minerals Corporation is the supplier of these high quality construction aggregates from their Orca Quarry, located on the northeast coast of Vancouver Island, BC. The sand and gravel that is produced at the quarry is of very high quality and exceeds the specifications required for construction projects in California. Cemex Aggregates imports the material to the Port of Redwood city to be used primarily to make concrete.

This increase helped offset a 132,886 MT decrease in exports of shredded scrap metal by Sims Metal Management, which had experienced a record high 444,591 MT of exports the previous year.

Other materials for the FY included: 70,266 MT of imported gypsum, 53,517 MT of imported bauxite, 30,482 MT of domestic (SF Bay) sand, and 8,857 MT of fly ash.

Operations Manager Don Snaman said 78 vessels (48 ships and 26 barges) made calls during the year, compared to 47 vessels (36 ships and 11 barges) the year before.



Photos provided by Polaris Minerals Corporation from their Orca Quarry on Vancouver Island, B.C. Top photo shows overview of operations; above shows heavy equipment moving aggregates.

### Port Sponsors Music in the Park Series at Stafford Park

The Port once again is a sponsor of Redwood City’s “Music in the Park,” free live music in a beautiful park setting at Stafford Park on the corner of King Street and Hopkins Avenue, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. The remaining concerts are:

- July 18: Latin, **Tortilla Soup**
- July 25: Blues, **Caravan of Allstars**
- August 1: Acoustic-Eclectic, **Dream Posse**
- August 8: Jump Swing, **Lost Dog Found**
- August 15: Motown, **Pure Ecstasy**

## Meet Port Poster Contest Winners

Winners of the annual Port of Redwood City poster contest and their families were honored recently at a City Hall reception where Vice Mayor Jeffrey Gee and Port Commission Chairman Dick Claire and Commissioners Tom Cronin, Ralph Garcia, and Lorianna Kastrop were on hand to greet them.

Theme of the contest was the Port's 75th anniversary. Winners were:

- 1st place: Sofia Lopez, 4th grade, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 2nd place: Dakota Beaumont, 4th grade, Clifford School
- 3rd place: Andres Guerra, 4th grade, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Honorable mention: Logan Chin (3rd grade, North Star Academy), Justice Herrera (4th grade, Clifford), and Gerardo Ortiz (5th grade, Fair Oaks School).

There were 387 entries. Commissioners Claire and Cronin presented a \$500 check to Mt. Carmel Principal Teresa Anthony in recognition of Sofia Lopez' first place designation. **(photo to the left).**



Judging the contest were Stacie Chan, editor of the Redwood City Patch; Susan Baker, executive director of Seaport Conference Center; and, Amy Buckmaster, vice president for marketing and programs for the Redwood City-San Mateo Chamber.



**Upper right: Sofia Lopez, Andres Guerra, Dakota Beaumont, top 3 winners. Above: Sofia receives her gifts from Port Chairman Dick Claire (right) and Commissioner Tom Cronin.**

## PortFest Wins Industry Award

The Port of Redwood City's annual "PortFest" has been awarded a special recognition, what judges call the equivalent of a bronze medal, by the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), to be presented in October at its 101st annual convention.

AAPA is honoring the Port for its entry in "special events," competing against ports from through the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Caribbean, including many larger ports.

Port Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop initially spearheaded PortFest to raise public awareness of the Port and to showcase the working and recreational Port waterfront.

"PortFest is designed to educate visitors about the many direct benefits the Port provides, as an economic engine for the local economy and City of Redwood City, as a source of high-wage blue-collar jobs, a generator

of foreign waterborne trade, and an access point for on-the-water recreation," Kastrop said.

PortFest also "supports the education community so that young children in the area are exposed to the fact that maritime trade is essential to the economic well-being of the local and national economy, while teaching them to have pride in their city's maritime heritage," Kastrop added.

The third annual PortFest is scheduled for October 6, 2012 at the Port and will be co-sponsored by the Redwood City Education Foundation. This year's event will feature boat rides on the Bay, in boats both large and small.

*One judge asserted that PortFest "itself is very massive and includes events for all members of the family"*

## City Council Reappoints Commissioners Claire, Garcia, Kastrop

**C**hairman Richard “Dick” Claire and Commissioners Ralph Garcia and Lorianna Kastrop have been reappointed to four year terms on the Port Commission by the City Council.

Claire, who was first appointed to the Commission in 2007, had served 21 years on the Redwood City Council, including four as mayor, and seven years on the Redwood City Planning Commission.

His other community activities have included formerly being a board member of the local Little League, Sequoia YMCA, and Big Sisters; as well as former chair of the Housing and Human Concerns Committee and chair of the San Mateo Council of Mayors. Claire is a financial and accounting professor emeritus at Canada College in Redwood City, where he taught for 35, and currently is teaching again at Skyline College in San Bruno.

He holds an M.B.A. in finance from University of Santa Clara and a B.A. in accounting from San Francisco State. He has served as corporate controller or other financial management positions for several companies, including Raychem and National Semiconductor.

Garcia was first appointed to the Port Commission in 2005 after 10½ years on the Redwood City Planning Commission, including a two-year term as commission chairman.

He has owned Ralph’s Vacuum and Sewing Center in Redwood City for 29 years, a business he describes as one of the few remaining family businesses in that industry. He has been a member of the Redwood City Optimist Club for 27 years, including two terms as president and long-time sergeant-at-arms. The club during recent years has bought or donated nearly \$50,000 in music instruments and equipment to sustain music programs in the Redwood City Elementary School District.

Garcia is also on the Board of Directors of El Centro de Libertad (the Freedom Center), a program in Redwood City that offers outpatient alcohol and drug treatment and related services to residents of San Mateo County. Away from his business, he enjoys restoring cars and entering them into car shows. He has lived in Redwood City since he was 12, attending local schools as well as Menlo-Atherton High School. He and his wife, Teresa, have four adult children.

Kastrop was first appointed to the Port Commission in June of 2008. She was the second woman in history appointed to the position. She is vice president of The Kastrop Group architectural firm, and has a background in financial analysis. Lorianna was named the Businesswoman of the Year in 2001 by the Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce. She graduated from Stanford University, with a B.A. in international relations.

She has served on numerous local non-profit boards serving youth, including the YMCA, Rotary, and PTA. She co-founded the 350-member Redwood City Mothers Club and was president of the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools. She was elected to the Redwood City School Board and served from 1997 to 2001.

Kastrop has a strong connection to San Francisco Bay. She is a recreational boater and yacht racer who has crewed in hundreds of races on the Bay. She and her husband, Michael, race their Catalina 30 sailboat named “Goose.” She is one of the founders of award-winning PortFest, an annual community event the first Saturday of October at the Port.

They are joined on the Port Commission by Vice Chairman Richard “Dick” Dodge and Tom Cronin. Their terms expire in June 2014. Each of the newly reappointed commissioners’ terms expire in June 2016. The five-member commission is charged with managing the port by the City Charter.



**Richard Claire**



**Ralph Garcia, Jr.**



**Lorianna Kastrop**

# The Port & U.S.S. Potomac: Celebrating 75 Years Young



Nearly 1,000 people visited the Port on June 2 as the Port and FDR's presidential yacht the USS Potomac both celebrating their 75th anniversaries by having this historic vessel visit Redwood City.

Besides tours of the Potomac, visitors were treated to entertainment by the Happy Times Banjo Band, the Marjikeze Band, San Mateo Elk's Lodge 1112 Concert Band, and Broadway by the Bay Youth Theatre Conservatory – Shining Stars. The Marine

Science Institute sponsored an aquarium display of fish, sharks, and sea life. Food was provided by the Sequoia Yacht Club and Mama's Empanadas.

The celebration of 75 years of maritime history was co-sponsored by the Port and Sims Metal Management, the Port's largest customer. Sims is an international company whose core business is recycling ferrous and non-ferrous metals, with an emerging business in electronics recycling.

The USS Potomac was built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter Electra. The 165-foot vessel was commissioned as a U.S. Navy vessel in 1936, renamed the USS Potomac, and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht until his death in 1945. It was also known as "The Floating White House."

Since it opened to the public in the summer of 1995 at the Port of Oakland, more than a quarter of a million people have visited the USS Potomac. Five million dollars was spent over a 12-year period to restore the vessel as a memorial to the president who authored the New Deal and led the United States during the Great Depression and the World War II years.



*Photos: upper right: Visitors enjoy boarding FDR's U.S.S. Potomac upper left: San Mateo Elks Club Band performs with the Potomac in the background; above: Redwood City Council member Barbara Pierce and Port Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop; bottom left: Port Executive Director Mike Giari, Sims Metals' Marc Madden, Miss Redwood City Stell Bahrami, and Potomac's captain; bottom center: the captain with Dasani Hawkins showing her picture; bottom right: Commissioner Ralph Garcia enjoys a bite to eat on the Potomac.*



**Save the Date:** PortFest III is working diligently already to present its best event yet, scheduled for Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Port. Under the sponsorship of the Port and the Redwood City Education Foundation, organizers are working with numerous community organizations and businesses to coordinate this year's festival. You can get updated reports on PortFest at ([www.redwoodcityport.com](http://www.redwoodcityport.com)) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for special activities and announcements throughout 2012. You can also look for us at [www.rwcportfest.org/](http://www.rwcportfest.org/)

**PortFest III Set for Saturday, October 6**

### Commission Adopts Fiscal Year Budget

The Port of Redwood City Board of Commissioners has approved its fiscal year 2012-2013 budget, projecting operating revenues at \$6,029,110 and operating expenses at \$4,168,760.

The budget projects a \$365,520 subvention to the City of Redwood City from the Port's operating revenue; net income is projected at \$1.3 million after subvention and non-operating expenses.

Operating revenue assumptions, reported Executive Director Michael Giari, include:

- Tonnage up 44.5 percent from FY 2011-2012.
- Tariff general rate increase of 3 percent.
- Additional rent from potential expansion of a recycling operation.

The Port of Redwood City operates from its own revenues and receives no tax dollars. It is one of the few ports in the nation that returns funds from its net income to the city.

### Commissioner Presents AAPA Paper

Port Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop recently was one of three presenters on "Fostering Positive Relationships with Your Local Communities" at an American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Commissioners Seminar in Montreal. This annual program is designed for those who sit on port governing boards and commissions and need to keep abreast of the latest trends within the industry.

Commissioner Kastrop's presentation focused on bringing the community together through PortFest, an annual one-day festival each fall at the Port of Redwood City.



**Port of Redwood City**  
*San Francisco Bay*

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- Richard Dodge**, Vice Chairman
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