



Port Wharves 1 & 2 Redevelopment Project Update

Another key step in the Port's Wharves 1 & 2 redevelopment project was approved by the Commission recently, authorizing creation of a Request for Qualifications package and subsequent evaluation of responses to pre-qualify up to four the number of qualified firms to undertake the work.

■ **Objective:** The main objective of the project is to 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.

■ **Wharves & Adjacent area:** The project site consists of two adjacent sub-areas –the existing Wharves 1 and 2 site and the areas to the east of

the wharves that contain the upland Cemex aggregate handling operations and Warehouse 1. The wharves comprise approximately 74,600 square feet (approximately 1.7 acres) of space and contain a 520-foot long by 128-foot wide wood deck with three access ramps/trestles connecting the wharf to the shore. A fixed-location hopper and conveyor system for handling dry bulk cargo is connected to the wharf.

■ **Need for the project:** The need for the proposed project stems from the steady growth in cargo throughput that the Port has experienced over the last 10 years as well as from the poor current physical condition of the existing wharves and warehouse.

■ **Construction Activities:** The first phase of the project, include: 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.

■ **Cost:** Construction cost of \$16 - \$18 million.

■ **Construction Schedule:**

- o RFP (request for proposals) to design/build contractors – April 2012.
- o Design/Build Contract – June 2012
- o Start of construction – August 2012
- o Completion of construction – 9-11 months.



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Decorated Boat Parade Kicks Off 74th Annual South Bay Sailing Season May 19

Planning is underway for this year's South Bay Opening Day of the sailing season, Saturday, May 19 at the Port. This year's theme that will be the focus of a decorated boat parade is "Rockin' & Rollin' on the South Bay."

Activities for the 74th annual Opening Day start at 9 a.m. with an Outrigger race between Redwood City employees and the Park and Recreation Department. The Opening Day decorated boat parade and blessing of the fleet starts at 11 a.m., with the best viewing at the Port from the waterfront observation deck and fishing pier adjacent to the Seaport Conference Center.

Spectators can vote for their favorite decorated boat to determine who will receive the coveted "Spectators Choice Award."

Enjoy the many exhibits in the parking lot area shared by the Sequoia Yacht Club and Spinnaker Sailing, including booths by the Marine Science Institute, police and fire departments, West Marine/Leukemia Foundation, Dock-walkers, Power Squadron's



Decorated boat parade is always a crowd favorite.

special fire extinguishing simulator, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Music will be provided by the Rhythm Shakers Band

Grand Marshal this year is Assemblyman Jerry Hill.

The public is invited to an all you can eat pancakes and eggs breakfast at the Sequoia Yacht Club between 8 and 10 a.m. The Yacht Club will also sell hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs after the parade.

For updates, please logon to <http://southbayopeningday.org/2012/>

Port Honored for Work with Local Schools

Recognizing the contribution of business to education, the Port of Redwood City received the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber's Golden Apple Award for their commitment to local education at the Chamber's Annual Dinner and Awards Recognition Banquet recently.

The Golden Apple recognizes businesses that strive to make a difference in Redwood City schools.

Nominated by Jo-Ann Sockolov, the president of the Redwood City Education Foundation, the Port was recognized for not only being a lead sponsor in the RCEF's premiere fundraising event "Benefit for a Brighter Future," but with the Port's support RCEF was able to also expand the "Music for Learning" program to reach 4,000 students. The Port also sponsors regular visits by historic tall ships which offer educational tours and programs on their vessels to local school children.

The Port has a history of supporting the schools as for more than 25 years it has conducted an annual "Port Poster Contest" as an opportunity for Redwood City elementary school grade children to compete for prizes while learning about their hometown port. More than 300 students participate each year.

In making the nomination Sockolov said, "We are proud to partner with the Port of Redwood City. Its commissioners and staff are stalwart advocates of our students and schools and they have chosen to make a solid investment in our children's and our community's future."



Receiving the award: (l to r) Commissioners Tom Cronin, Lorianna Kastrop, and Ex. Dr. Michael Giari.

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Port Tonnage Up 36% in Second Quarter of New Fiscal Year

Cargo tonnage at the Port of Redwood City for the second quarter of FY12 was 312,516 metric tons, an increase of 82,927 MT or more than 36 percent above the second quarter of FY11, Commission Chairman Dick Claire announced.

Total tonnage for all commodities during the first half of FY12 was 608,750 MT, an increase of 197,297 MT, or nearly 48 percent higher than the first half of FY11.

In the last quarter, imported sand & aggregates were the largest commodities moving across port docks, totaling 176,508 MT, reported Port Operations Manager Don Snaman. Fifteen vessels (13 ships and 2 barges) made calls during the second quarter of FY12 compared to 14 vessels (11 ships and 3 barges) during the second quarter of FY11.

Imported sand and aggregates accounted for 366,769 MT, or nearly 60%, of the tonnage for the first half of the fiscal year. This was over three times the amount from the same period last fiscal year and nearly double than Budget. Shipments of bauxite, gypsum, and fly ash, although not large tonnages, added to the mix of inbound cargo.

Thirty vessels (25 ships and 5 barges) made calls during the first half of FY12 compared to twenty-six vessels (19 ships and 7 barges) during the first half of FY11.

Sims Metal Management is down from its record prior FY, with exports of 174,508 MT of scrap metal to the Far East during the 1st half of FY' 2011-2012.

Celebrating Tall Ships, the Port, & Schools



Pictured to the Left: Redwood City Mayor **Alicia Aguirre** welcomed Lady Washington's Captain **Jeremiah Gempler** and Hawaiian Chieftain's Captain **James McClurg** to the Port of Redwood City during the tall ship's nearly two-week visit in late February and early March during which it gave tours to hundreds

of area school children and the general public, along with its tall ship partner, the Hawaiian Chieftain.

Mayor Aguirre commented that for more than 15 years these tall ships and the Port have partnered to allow thousands of Redwood City and area school children to learn first-hand about these 18th Century vessels.

In the picture in the upper right, Port Commission Chairman **Dick Claire**, Port Commissioner **Lorianna Kastrop**, and **Hilary Paulson**, president, Redwood City School District Board of Trustees.

The Chieftain, to the right, with visitors during the welcome ceremony on Feb. 24.





2012 marks the Port's 75th anniversary as an official port established in the Redwood City Charter by a vote of the people. February 18, 1937, was the first Commission meeting after voters passed the 1936 bond issue to expand the port and make it an official entity of the city.



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- 1) **Lithograph of Early Port - 1878** Wharves for loading and unloading cargo lined both sides of the turning basin, located behind the intersection of Main and Broadway. During the early years, the wharf was known as the "Redwood Embarcadero." 2) **Regatta - 1947** As commercial activities at the port continued to increase, a public marina for recreational boaters was also added along the waterfront. Sequoia Yacht Club was founded in 1939 and has since sponsored many events and regattas along Redwood Creek. 3) **Capitol Hotel - c. 1900** Visitors to the Capitol Hotel had a good view of the Embarcadero and its activity. Built in 1895, the Capitol was located on Broadway between Main and Jefferson Streets. It was torn down in 1906 after suffering considerable damage in the earthquake. 4) **Turning Basin - 1892** When not full of ships, the turning basin was a haven for sailboats and rowboats. This 1892 photograph was taken from Broadway, near where the entrance to the new parking garage is today. 5) **Navy Ships - 1937** Two Navy ships, the USS Monaghan and USS Dale, were available for tours as part of the Port dedication in 1937.

Update on Port Security Efforts

To ensure compliance with federal standards and to incorporate improvements/changes to the Port's security efforts, the Port Commission recently retained Aanko Technologies to perform these tasks:

- Conduct a vulnerability assessment that evaluates the current level of Port security against possible threats and physical risk using industry standards.
- Evaluate port tenant operations and equipment, as well as changes in the Port's access controls, signage, lightning, and CCTV system, and incorporate into a revised and updated federally required Port Facility Security Plan (FSP).
- Make any recommendations to mitigate identified security risks and threats that have not been addressed, if any.

Save the Date:

PortFest III Set for Saturday, October 6

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) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for special activities and announcements throughout 2012. You can also look for us at www.rwcportfest.org/

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We also are on Twitter. These are the ways to find and follow us: [twitter@redwoodcityport](https://twitter.com/redwoodcityport), or put RedwoodCityPort in your Twitter search box, or follow this link: <https://twitter.com/#!/RedwoodCityPort>

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MEDIA REPORT :The following story was presented recently by Bay City News picked up by ABC, NBC, San Mateo Daily Journal, and Redwood City Patch



Port Executive Director Mike Giari. Photo by San Jose Business Journal

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The Port of Redwood City is gearing up to take on what regional leaders hope will be an expanding role in cargo shipping and water transportation on the Peninsula and in Silicon Valley.

With a \$16 million renovation project set to begin this summer and talks under way on a future ferry terminal, port and city officials say the port's future is bright.

Located about 18 nautical miles south of San Francisco, the Port of Redwood City — the southernmost cargo seaport on the San Francisco Bay — is uniquely positioned to contribute to the development of waterborne commerce in the region, Redwood City community development director Bill Ekern said.

"They aren't building any new ports," Ekern said in a recent interview. "I hate to use so many metaphors, but we think it's a fantastic anchor to use for business development in the area."

When the port first started operating during the height of the Gold Rush in 1851, it was primarily used to transport timber from the Peninsula to lumber mills in San Francisco. Since then, the port has grown into a major supply point for the region's construction industry and a busy point of export for scrap and recycled metals, port executive director Mike Giari said.

The demand for recycled metal in the Far East helped fuel a 3.5 percent increase in exporting metals in fiscal year 2010-11, which amounted to a record high of more than 871,000 metric tons, Giari said.

Sims Metal Management, an international metals recycler that operates a facility at the port, recycled more than 300,000 scrapped vehicles last year and shipped the broken-down metals directly out of Redwood City, Giari said. More than 420,000 metric tons of construction materials — such as Mexican gypsum used to make wallboards and Australian bauxite used to make cement — were unloaded at the docks in fiscal year 2010-11.

"Certainly the good news with those materials is that they're the same as the year before," Giari said. "All of those materials are driven by construction activity," he said.

A \$16 million project to upgrade the port's main terminal will break ground THIS summer or fall, expanding the port's capacity, Giari said. At present, the port's dock can only accommodate one ship at a time.

The Wharves 1 and 2 Improvement Project, which has already passed an environmental review, will replace a 60-year-old wooden dock with a reinforced concrete structure that can accommodate two cargo ships at a time.

"It expands the port's capacity," Giari said. "With the new configuration, we'll be able to have two ships call at the same time, rather than just one."

The renovation is expected to create scores of much-needed construction jobs, Giari said.

Aside from its continued commercial importance, the Port of Redwood City is poised to become an important player in the region's transportation network by taking advantage of its access to the Bay and proximity to U.S. Highway 101.

Port officials are working with the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority to identify potential sites for a ferry terminal on port-owned land, with the ultimate goal of establishing high-speed commuter ferry service from Redwood City to San Francisco and the East Bay.

WETA hopes to put into service two catamaran ferries that would take 149 passengers per trip to San Francisco's Ferry Building in about 45 minutes.

The ferry service is still in its initial planning phases — an environmental review won't be completed for at least another two years, Giari said. With the ferry and renovation projects in the works, port and city officials are confident that Redwood City's port will play a crucial role in the region's industrial and economic development.

"As commerce evolves over time, it will continue to open up other opportunities," Ekern said.

"From the city's perspective, it remains an incredibly valuable asset," he said.