

Channel Islands Neighborhood Council

Serving 1,900 homes on Channel Islands Harbor

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Measure Up, Pay Up

City of Oxnard calculates our waterways to determine water quality maintenance cost allocations, due to the power plant pump shutdown in 2018.



District Water Maintenance Responsibility (Total Surface Area ~139.25 acres)

	Common Area	20.1%	(~28.00 acres)
	Seabridge at Mandalay Bay	23.4%	(~32.53 acres)
	Waterway Zone 1, Mandalay Bay	40.7%	(~56.68 acres)
	Waterway Zone 2, Harbour Island	5.5%	(~7.69 acres)
	Westport at Mandalay Bay	10.3%	(~14.35 acres)

“Common Area” is Owned by Center Point Energy

Two Sensor Budget - Percentage based on Sq Ft w/ City Contribution

	Seabridge (CIH 6/23)	Westport (CIH 7)	Mandalay Bay (CIH 20)	Harbour Island	City of Oxnard
Remote Sensor Services	\$ 11,731.12	\$ 5,163.70	\$ 20,404.13	\$ 2,757.32	10076.733
Laboratory Services	\$ 3,163.68	\$ 1,392.56	\$ 5,502.64	\$ 743.60	\$ 2,717.52
Consulting	\$ 5,754.06	\$ 2,532.77	\$ 10,008.13	\$ 1,352.45	\$ 4,942.59
District Totals:	\$ 20,648.86	\$ 9,089.03	\$ 35,914.90	\$ 4,853.37	\$ 17,736.84
Number of Parcels	542	321	747	129	
Cost per Parcel	\$ 38.10	\$ 28.31	\$ 48.08	\$ 37.62	
Grand Total:	\$ 88,243.00				

Remote sensor services: Located in Seabridge and Westport removed.

Laboratory Services: Lab samples taken from CIH 6 & CIH 23 in Seabridge, CIH 20 in Mandalay Bay and CIH 7 in

Consulting Services: Utilized for the totality of the Oxnard Waterways portion of the Channel Islands Harbor. Split

Split Methodology: Split based on square footage with the City taking responsibility for the "General Benefit/Common Area" in the waterways. Seabridge 23.4%, Westport 10.3%, Mandalay 40.7%, Harbour Island 5.5% and 20.1% by the City of Oxnard General Fund.

Two remote sensors are placed by the City's Consulting ABC Labs to monitor the DO—dissolved oxygen levels in the harbor at the points where the water's residence time is the highest in Westport and Seabridge. These sensors record and report so that the City can monitor the water quality and report to the LA Regional Water Board, how the harbor is thriving or IF the harbor and marine life is dying from lack of oxygen. (Residence time is the number of days the water stays in the same location.)

CINC's Marine Advisory Committee—The defenders of our REC1 Harbor!

For more information visit: www.cineighbors.com

The Back Story

After months of discussion with the City, CINC's MAC team (Marine Advisory Committee) has refined and reduced the original proposal from ABC Labs—Aquatic Bioassay, for almost \$400,000 down to \$88,000 by reducing the amount of remote sensors and supplying volunteer efforts to offset staff and consultant expenses. We are told that this contract should take us through the end of the seasonal measuring cycle.

These remote sensors are a necessary element to monitor the harbor and the declining water quality. The City has and will post the data on the City's website. While the harbor residents are not responsible for the declining water quality due to the power plant shut down, the plant's cooling pumps that used to pull water north and out to sea through the Edison Canal, now are gone. The only movement of the harbor water is tidal. That's why our harbor water is not as pristine as it was prior to June 2018.

If this budget is not approved, the sensors will not go back in the water, and our ability to measure and report on the water quality ceases. If we can't measure the problem, we can't identify the potential solutions.

At the same time MAC is putting forth a solution to the City and Coastal Commission to recreate a flow of water out the northern end of the canal. We will keep you posted on how this project is moving forward.

The CINC / MAC team of volunteers are not providing "approval or an endorsement", but we are tasked with communicating between the residents and the City as a Neighborhood Council with transparency. We feel that this is a reasonable investment in our waterfront community that we all love.

Comments from the 4 CINC Member HOAs:

The MAC committee will not object to the proposed distribution of charges for harbor water sampling/analysis (\$88k) among the four HOAs and the City. If Center Point Energy or the County or VCAILG (farmers) were to contribute funds, the HOA contributions would be reduced proportionately. CINC / MAC notes that this cost allocation for this sensor monitoring, specifically does not constitute an agreement for any future charges, nor does it constitute a waiver of Seabridge or Westport rights or City/County obligations to pay for an Updated Harbor Water Quality Study as provided in the MOUs."

In Regards to Mandalay Bay HOA and Harbour Island HOA, they do not have MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) but each of their Boards would agree to this one-time expense. It violates agreements from the past and they do not agree with the methodology for allotment of payment percentages on a go forward basis.