

Marine Advisory Committee Closing Remarks for the Public Works and Transportation Committee April 14, 2026

My name is Alan Glen, I am a member of the CINC Board and a member of MAC.

My remarks will close out the MAC comments and suggestions for this evening. We continue to appreciate the city's support for this project and their willingness to engage our committees as we truly have a common goal of improved harbor water quality.

We know and understand that the city has limited resources and may have only a few opportunities for grants to cover the costs of this program. Thus, it makes good fiscal sense to select those mitigations that are cost effective and focused on meeting the goals and objectives of the program.

It makes no sense to our experts after studying harbor water quality for the last 8 years and expending tens of thousands of volunteer hours to invest nearly \$150 million on a handful of mitigations that will not achieve the expected result. There are better options within the completed study that meet the goal of improved harbor water quality at a lower cost. We do agree with staff that a "balanced approach" is correct to achieve regulatory support; we just want to make wise decisions from the mitigations available for selection.

In summary, the MAC recommends the following:

In the Non-Structural Category- Approve the Agricultural Coordination and Trash Reduction Strategies, defer the Street Sweeping strategy until there is a measurable determination of its effectiveness and reject the Illicit Discharge Detection strategy because the city already has one in place.

In the Structural Category- Defer the two Infiltration Basin BMP's to a later Phase and Approve the Agricultural Runoff Treatment Systems with a focus of filtration and tailwater recovery systems along Doris Drain and 5th Street Drain near the outfall of Edison Canal as those strategies will provide the largest reductions of the Contaminants of Concern.

In the Receiving Waters Category- Reject the Passive Edison Canal Connection as its too costly and provides no reduction of the Contaminants of Concern due to the southerly currents just pushing the pollutants into the harbor. Secondly, direct staff to work with stakeholders to identify the best Receiving Waters strategy that will result in improved harbor water quality. Then upon completion, return to the Committee for approval.

It is essential we get this right as the harbor is the Crown Jewel of Oxnard. The economy, tourism and future developments such as Karls and the Hyatt House rely on clean harbor water. Additionally, all Oxnard residents from all neighborhoods rely on clean harbor water for recreational boating, swimming, and fishing.

We are available to answer any questions that the committee may have and stand ready to continue our support and volunteer hours to offset city costs moving forward.

Thank you