

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DATE: **October 8, 2026**

TIME: **Closed Session – 5:30 P.M.**
 Regular Session – 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: **Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501**

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1. Call to Order Closed Session at 5:30 P.M.

2. Public Comment

Note: This portion of the Agenda allows the public to speak to the Board on the closed session items. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes regarding each item on the Closed Session Agenda. The three (3) minute time limit may not be transferred to other speakers. The three (3) minute time limit for each speaker may be extended by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners.

3. Move to Closed Session

Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2026

- a) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Terms of lease of real property in Fields Landing, Humboldt County, with Assessor's Parcel Numbers, 307-101-002 California pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.8. District negotiators: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director and Ryan Plotz, District Counsel. Negotiating party: Tod Reincke aka Reincke Marine Fabrication. Under negotiation: price and payment terms.

4. Call to Order Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. and Roll Call

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Report on Closed Session

7. Public Comment

*Note: This portion of the Agenda allows the public to speak to the Board on the **various issues NOT itemized on this Agenda.** A member of the public may also request that a matter appearing on the Consent Calendar be pulled and discussed separately. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board may not take action on any item that does not appear on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes regarding each item on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes during the PUBLIC COMMENT portion of the Agenda regarding items of special interest to the public NOT appearing on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. The three (3) minute time limit may not be transferred to other speakers. The three (3) minute time limit for each speaker may be extended by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting of the District.*

8. Consent Calendar

- a) Adopt Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on September 10, 2026
- b) Consider Accepting Application for Filing for Harbor District Permit 2026-03: Chevron Eureka Terminal Berthing & Mooring Upgrades
- c) Approve Tideland Lease with Todd Van Herpe dba Humboldt Bay Oyster

9. Communications, Reports, and Correspondence Received

- a) Correspondence Received
- b) Executive Director's Report
- c) Staff Reports
- d) District Counsel Report
- e) District Treasurer Report
- f) District Engineer Report
- g) District Planner Report
- h) Commissioner and Committee Reports

10. Unfinished Business

a) Receive Status Update Regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project

Recommendation: Receive report and provide direction.

Summary: The Board has requested a monthly update regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project. This report will provide an update for October 2026. Information on the Notice of Preparation and updated Project Description will be shared.

11. New Business

a) Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-11 Recognizing Ted and Pam Halstead for Their Remarkable Stewardship of the Tidelands and Trails Surrounding Humboldt Bay

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2026-11.

Summary: The District Commissioners and Staff recognize the remarkable achievements and stewardship of Ted and Pam Halstead, witnessing their constant removal of litter and trash throughout the trails and tidelands of Humboldt Bay.

12. Adjournment

**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

September 10, 2026

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District met in regular session on the above date, Closed Session met at 5:30 P.M. and Regular Session met at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodley Island Marina meeting room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:35 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters on the closed session meeting agenda: No one.

BUSINESS

- a) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Terms of lease of real property in Fields Landing, Humboldt County, with Assessor's Parcel Numbers, 307-101-002 California pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.8. District negotiators: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director and Ryan Plotz, District Counsel. Negotiating party: Tod Reincke aka Reincke Marine Fabrication. Under negotiation: price and payment terms.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BENSON
DALE
KULLMANN
NEWMAN
NORTON

ABSENT: NONE

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: No reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters not on the regular session meeting agenda: Rod Gonzales (pertaining to Agenda Item 10a).

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Adopt Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on August 13, 2026
- b) Approve Purchase Order 2489 for the Pacific Offshore Wind Summit
- c) Approve Purchase Order 2491 for Gelinax James

- d)** Approve Employment Agreement for Natural Resources Coordinator
- e)** Approve Lease Amendment for US Coast Guard
COMMISSIONER NORTON MOVED TO ACCEPT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A-E.
COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.
ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstain: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a)** Correspondence Received
 - I. None
- b)** Executive Director's Report
 - I. Executive Director presented Executive Director's report.
- c)** Staff Reports
 - I. Staff presented a report.
- d)** District Counsel Report
 - I. No report.
- e)** District Treasurer Report
 - I. No report.
- f)** District Engineer Report.
 - I. District Engineer presented a report.
- g)** District Planner Report
 - I. District Planner presented a report.
- h)** Commissioner and Committee Reports
 - I. Commissioners reported on recent activities and subcommittees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Receive Status Update Regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**
 - I. District staff presented the item.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. Eron Gonzales, and Tina Manos commented.
 - IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.
 - V. Discussion item only, no formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Receive a Special Presentation from the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt titled Humboldt Bay Shellfish Mariculture Business Survey: Assessing Economic Conditions and Contributions**

- I. Tanner Etherton of Schatz Energy Research Center and California Sea Grant presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.
- V. Discussion item only, no formal action was taken.

b) Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-10, A Resolution Affirming the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's Commitment to Support the Sustainability of Humboldt Bay Mariculture Operations

- I. Executive Director presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. Jennifer Kalt and Jane Madsen commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.
COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-10, A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HUMBOLDT BAY MARICULTURE OPERATIONS.
COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MODIFIED HIS MOTION TO ADD LANGUAGE REGARDING POSITIVE IMPACTS THROUGH MITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION COMPONENTS.

COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

c) Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with the Northern California Indian Development Council to assist the District in Engaging Tribal Governments and Tribal Organizations in Planning and Design Activities Associated with the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project

- I. Executive Director presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.
COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN ENGAGING TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PLANNING AND DESIGN ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEAVY LIFT MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT.
COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED.
ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Draft Minutes for September 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

ADJOURNMENT – 7:39 P.M.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Aaron Newman
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners

Mindy Hiley
Director of Administrative Services

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STAFF REPORT
HARBOR DISTRICT MEETING
October 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Board President and Harbor District Board Members

FROM: Vanessa Blodgett, Contract District Planner

DATE: September 30, 2026

TITLE: Consider Accepting Application for Filing for Harbor District Permit 2026-03: Chevron Eureka Terminal Berthing & Mooring Upgrades

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board: Accept Permit Application 2026-03 for filing.

SUMMARY: The Chevron Eureka Marine Terminal (CEMT) Berthing & Mooring Replacement project consists of the demolition of the existing timber mooring and berthing infrastructure and the construction of a new steel pile supported marine berthing system. The Chevron Eureka Marine Terminal is located on Humboldt Bay in Eureka, California (Figure 1. Project Site and Existing Terminal) and serves as a regionally critical import point for petroleum products. The work will be performed to maintain compliance with Marine Oil Terminal Engineering & Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS) requirements pertaining to safety and structural integrity related to commercial marine facilities. No expansion of terminal operations is proposed and the project is limited to replacement and modernization of existing marine infrastructure.

Consistent with District Ordinances and the Harbors and Navigation Code, this is a procedural step to accept a permit application to conduct physical improvements within the waters of Humboldt Bay. If the Board chooses to accept the filing of this permit, staff will follow standard procedures to review and evaluate the project. Following that analysis, the project will come before the Board for permit consideration at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION: The project is intended to maintain compliance with MOTEMS requirements for the seismic safety and structural integrity of commercial marine facilities. The project would demolish the existing timber mooring and berthing infrastructure and construct a new steel-pile-supported marine berthing system. The project would also repair and/or replace damaged bracing and piles along the existing causeway as needed based on the most recent MOTEMS inspection findings.

The project site is located on APNs 007-071-013 and 007-071-008 along the western shore of the City of Eureka and on the east side of the maintained North Bay Channel. The upland area behind the dock is mostly developed for industrial use. In-water work would occur within the existing terminal footprint using work barges, floating equipment, and the existing terminal facility as needed. The current plan set depicts the proposed new dolphin and catwalk layout and a four-stage construction sequence for the upgrades (Figure 2). Based on the applicant's project

description, water depths within the project area generally range from approximately -18 feet to -36 feet MLLW, and the active marine construction area is estimated at approximately 30,000 to 32,000 square feet (0.68 to 0.75 acre).

Demolition would include removal of two timber mooring dolphins, three timber berthing dolphins, four catwalk support bents, six catwalk segments, two fender structures, and 169 associated 14-inch-diameter timber piles. The replacement system would be supported by 28 new steel pipe piles. The two new berthing dolphins would each be supported by six 30-inch-diameter steel pipe piles, while the two new mooring dolphins would each be supported by four 30-inch-diameter steel pipe piles. Four new catwalk support bents would each use two 16-inch-diameter steel pipe piles to support the six new aluminum catwalk segments. New fender panels, mooring hook assemblies with capstans, guardrails, structural steel, and related hardware would also be installed. Based on the preliminary project description, removal of the timber piles and installation of the new steel piles would result in a net increase of approximately 51.68 square feet of fill within the dock footprint.

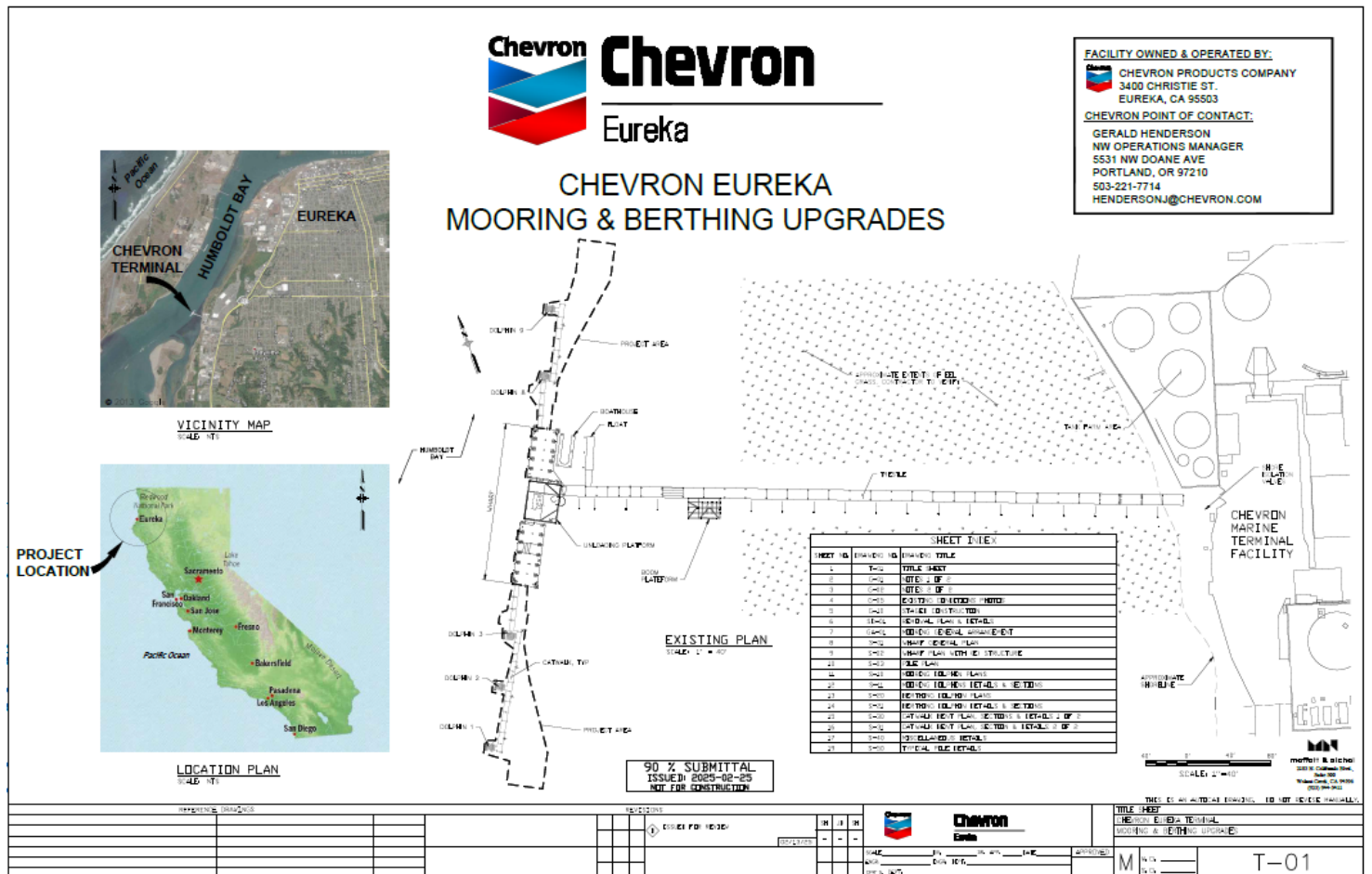
Pile removal would be staged from floating work barges using crane hoists and/or a vibratory hammer. Installation of the new steel pipe piles is anticipated to use a vibratory hammer, with impact pile driving used as necessary. The applicant identifies potential temporary construction effects including underwater noise, turbidity associated with pile extraction and marine construction, temporary displacement of fish and wildlife, vessel and marine traffic restrictions, use of barges and floating equipment, and short-term increases in construction-related noise and emissions. Potential permanent effects identified in the preliminary project description include the net increase in fill associated with the new piles and potential impacts to marine wildlife during construction.

The Harbor District is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency and an Initial Study is being prepared for the proposed project. The project's Biological Assessment and Hydroacoustic Monitoring Plan will address potential construction-related noise and vibration effects on wildlife and other special status species and habitats. Project-specific avoidance, minimization, and compensatory mitigation measures will be developed through the environmental review and regulatory permitting process. The need for eelgrass surveys, avoidance measures, or other requirements will also be evaluated. The application identifies related permits and approvals from the California Coastal Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and City of Eureka. The applicant has begun coordinating with regulatory agencies, and construction is currently targeted to begin in the summer of 2027, subject to completion of environmental review, agency approvals, and final scheduling.

The submitted Chevron Mooring & Berthing Upgrades Application will be available on the Harbor District website: <https://humboldtby.org/public-notice-announcements-information>.



Figure 1: Project Location, Vicinity, and Existing Plan for Upgrades



KEYNOTES

1. INSTALL CONDUIT 1 & 2.
2. INSTALL CONDUIT 3 & 4.
3. INSTALL CONDUIT 5 & 6.
4. INSTALL CONDUIT 7 & 8.

NOTES

1. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY MEANS OF ACCESS TO ALL EQUIPMENT.

STAGE 1
SCALE: 1" = 2'-0"

STAGE 2
SCALE: 1" = 2'-0"

STAGE 3
SCALE: 1" = 2'-0"

STAGE 4
SCALE: 1" = 2'-0"

90% SUBMITTAL
ISSUED: 2005-02-25
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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STAFF REPORT
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October 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Board President and Harbor District Board Members

FROM: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director

DATE: September 14, 2026

TITLE: Receive Status Update Regarding Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive report and provide direction.

SUMMARY: The Board has requested a monthly update regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project. This report will provide an update for October 2026.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR TECHNICAL SPEAKERS: The following is a tentative schedule (subject to change) of technical speakers for upcoming Board meetings:

- **October 2026**
 - Woodley Island Marina Work Dock and Fishermen Storage
 - Humboldt Bay Waterfront Recreation Center
 - Stormwater and grading
 - Ground improvements and seismic
 - Navigation and tow-out simulation
- **November 2026**
 - Beneficial use findings
 - Shoreline stabilization
 - SLR and Hydrodynamic modeling
 - Tsunami Risk
- **December 2026**
 - Onsite and offsite mitigation
 - Cultural resources
 - Anticipated land traffic volumes
 - Supply chain and workforce capacity
- **Additional topics that may be added:**
 - Anticipated ship traffic volume estimates and modeling. Add to the 10/8 Tow-out presentation?
 - Aquaculture related topics
 - Visual Simulations and Aesthetics
 - Schedule update
 - Community/Tribal Engagement
 - Permits
 - Community Benefit Program
 - Hydrodynamic model update
- **March or April 2027 – Draft EIR**

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STAFF REPORT
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October 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Board President and Harbor District Board Members

FROM: Chris Mikkelsen, Executive Director

DATE: October 1, 2026

TITLE: Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-11 Recognizing Ted and Pam Halstead for Their Remarkable Stewardship of the Tidelands and Trails Surrounding Humboldt Bay

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board: Adopt Resolution 2026-11.

SUMMARY: The District Commissioners and Staff recognize the remarkable achievements and stewardship of Ted and Pam Halstead, witnessing their constant removal of litter and trash throughout the trails and tidelands of Humboldt Bay.

DISCUSSION: Each day, despite the weather or events of the day, Ted and Pam Halstead may be found walking the shores and trails of Humboldt Bay with their companion Thor leashed close by their sides. They aim to combine recreation with their love of Humboldt Bay, as passionate people who labor freely to keep our outdoors debris-free while preserving our sacred environment. Ted and Pam can be found among their peers each Saturday serving with the Pac Out Green Team, having completed over 315 cleanups each as of mid-2026. Pac-Out Green Team and its volunteers have now surpassed 1,100,000 pounds of trash cleaned up from our environment. Way to go, Pac-Out, and way to go, Ted and Pam. We are grateful for your unwavering service.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution 2026-11

***HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT***

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TED AND PAM HALSTEAD FOR THEIR REMARKABLE
STEWARDSHIP OF THE TIDELANDS AND TRAILS SURROUNDING HUMBOLDT BAY**

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam serve daily as Stewards of the lands along Humboldt Bay and those Tidelands managed by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam routinely walk, assess, gather, and bag trash and debris from the water's edge of Humboldt Bay and coordinate its removal daily; and

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam volunteer weekly with PacOut Green Team for their Saturday 60-minute or 90-minute clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam have completed over 315 PacOut Green Team clean-ups, contributing to the over One Million One Hundred Thousand pounds of trash removed; and

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam Halstead lead by example through an outward expression of an inward commitment, routinely leaving things better than they found; and

WHEREAS, Ted and Pam Halstead, in humble service, lead by a deep desire of stewardship, conservation, and servant leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ted and Pam Halstead are officially designated as Remarkable Environmental Stewards of Humboldt Bay and its Tidelands and Trails.
2. In honor of their great service, the Harbor District will provide a \$1,000 contribution to the PacOut Green Team Cleanup fund to keep Humboldt Bay and surrounding lands clean.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the **8th day of October 2026** by the following polled vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

**Stephen Kullmann, President
Board of Commissioners**

**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2026-11** entitled,

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TED AND PAM HALSTEAD GREEN TEAM AS OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS OF HUMBOLDT BAY

as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on the **8th day of October 2026**; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **8th day of October 2026**.

**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**