

**ADDENDUM TO
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

DATE: September 23, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room

7. Consent Calendar

- c. Consideration of reimbursement of travel expenses for Commissioner Wilson to attend the World Ocean Conference, September 7-10, 2010. \$289.00

Date: September 20, 2010

To: Board of Commissioners, Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District

From: Mike Wilson, Commissioner, Division 3

Re: Consideration of reimbursement of travel expenses for Commissioner Wilson to attend the World Ocean Conference, Sept 7-10, 2010. \$289.

I am requesting of the commission reimbursement for fees and some expenses while attending the California and the World Ocean 2010 conference. The conference was from Tuesday through Friday, September 7-10. If you approve the expense, the total cost to the district will be \$289.

The conference fee was \$200. I had some meals and used taxi and public transport to get around. I traveled to San Francisco with a friend and stayed with another friend and so I did not incur any significant travel or lodging costs.

The reason I am asking for this reimbursement after the conference (instead of before) is because I did not know I was going to attend the conference at our August 26th meeting. I had assumed, up until that point, that our conservation director (Adam) would be attending the conference on behalf of the District. Upon learning that Adam, or other District commissioner or employee would not be attending, I arranged my schedule so I could attend.

I did so because I believed it would be constructive to have a District presence at the conference as well as get updated as to what others are doing around the state regarding ocean and bay issues. I informed Dave of my intentions to make sure there were no conflicts.

The conference was productive and informative. I had a chance to reconnect and meet many other attendees from agencies, funders, researchers, private enterprise, and other ports. The Humboldt Bay area did have a few other people there from Fish and Game, Fish and Wildlife, NOAA and the SeaGrant program.

I attended all or portions of presentations and panels covering the following subjects:

- Climate Change
- Coastal Erosion
- Marine Aquaculture
- Marine Debris
- Ocean Acidification

- Port Environmental Programs
- Restoring the Klamath
- Sea Level Rise
- Sediment Management
- Wave Energy

I attended the most presentations regarding sea level rise and its impacts to shoreline structures and coastal planning. It was good to see how other coastal communities are or aren't addressing this issue and meet with many of the current leaders in this field. This is especially relevant to our current meeting as well as this week's Management Plan Committee meeting on this subject.

I also spent some time talking to various folks about aquaculture and marine lab projects around the state and met with staff from the Coastal Conservancy and the Ocean Science Trust.

District representation at this conference was productive and it was good to continue to let people know about our active role in responsible marine and estuary management. I plan on having a full debriefing with Dave before our meeting and will give a brief report during our commissioner reports.

If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them at or before the meeting.

Thank you.

Mike