

HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Humboldt Bay Harbor District Hires New Director for the District's Conservation Division

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At the Board meeting of June 8, 2011, the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District approved an employment agreement with Daniel Berman to fill the Director position for the District's Conservation Division.

The District's Selection Committee (Commissioner Pat Higgins, District Planning Officer Chad Roberts, Adam Wagschal of HT Harvey and Associates and District CEO David Hull) received and processed 13 applications from all over the Country for this position. As a result of this process, Daniel Berman was recommended by the Committee and approved unanimously by the District's Board of Commissioners. He will start on July 11, 2011.

Daniel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology from UC Santa Cruz and a Masters in Biological Sciences from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He was recently the Program Director for the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and is presently an Aquatic Monitoring Supervisor for Green Diamond. As Director of the Morro Bay program, his job duties were nearly identical to the District's Director of the Conservation Division position. Commissioner Higgins stated "The Harbor District was very lucky to find a Conservation Director with such a strong background in marine science and planning. I am confident that Daniel will help the Harbor District maintain its position of leadership on North Coast nearshore ocean fisheries co-management. He also has the skill set to help us develop a strategy to improve the health of Humboldt Bay."

Under direction of the Chief Executive Officer of the District, the Director of the Conservation Division oversees conservation-related programs of the District, which include but are not limited to the implementation of the policies contained in the Humboldt Bay Management Plan; acting as staff to Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee; preparing meeting materials and displays; writing and administering grants; making presentations; coordinating planning efforts with other agencies; developing or participating in field research; directing the Environmental Specialist position; assisting in environmental (CEQA) documentation for projects; coordinating the Humboldt Bay Symposium; coordinating Adopt-the-Bay program; attending meetings; overseeing and coordinating development permit processing; and other related work as required.

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