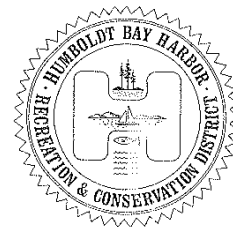


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**Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Updated
Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study Available for Review**

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) is pleased to announce that the Final Draft Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study will be available for review starting on Monday, February 18, 2008 on the District's website at www.humboldtby.org.

On February 28, 2008 the District's Board of Commissioners will hear an updated presentation by representatives of TranSystems, the consulting firm retained to produce the feasibility study. Written and oral comments on the draft Feasibility Study were taken by the Board of Commissioners at three Board meetings and over a 50-day comment period. At the February 28 meeting, TranSystems will present an updated report providing additional information based upon the comments received. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board will consider receiving and filing the feasibility study and authorizing TranSystems to proceed with preparation of a business plan for a selected terminal option. The Board Meeting will be held in the Supervisor's Chambers at the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 5th Street, Eureka, California at 7:00 PM.

The Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study is a continuance of the District's efforts to revitalize and diversify the maritime uses of the harbor portion of Humboldt Bay in an effort to create jobs, provide funding for the District's recreation and conservation needs and stimulate the local economy. The first step in this process was the completion of the Harbor Deepening Project in 2000 that allowed Humboldt Bay to be competitive in Pacific Rim maritime shipping. Building on the deepening project, the Harbor Revitalization Plan was completed in 2003 and concluded that, although there were challenges, the Port of Humboldt Bay was viable for a variety of maritime uses. As a result, the District obtained the Redwood Marine Terminal between 2004-2006.

The District retained TranSystems in 2007 with funding from Humboldt County's Headwaters Fund to conduct a site assessment, market evaluation and develop two development options for the Redwood Marine Terminal property. These reports and the recommendations are available on the District's website.

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