

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – 6:00 PM



Capitola City Hall, Community Room
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Chair: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Vice-Chair: Michael Maroney

Commissioners: Mayor Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Staff Representative: Erika Senyk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

3. Public Oral and Written Communications

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item. The Committee Members may not discuss Oral Communications to any significant degree but may request issues raised be placed on a future agenda.

4. Staff Comments

5. May 28th, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

6. General Business

A. GreenWaste Recovery Presentation

Recommended Action: Discuss the opportunity for GreenWaste Recovery representatives to provide a presentation at a future COE meeting and identify priority topics for discussion.

B. The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025

Recommended Action: Provide feedback on the proposed annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza event.

7. Items for Future Agenda

8. Adjournment

Next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Commission on the Environment Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org/ on Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. If you need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 475-7300.

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Commission on the Environment Special Meeting Minutes

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Vice Chair: Michael Maroney

Commissioners: Mayor Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Absent: Mayor Clarke

City Staff Present: Erika Senyk (Environmental Projects Manager)

2. **Swearing in of new Commissioners**

Commissioner Rohlf was sworn in by staff.

3. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. **Public Oral and Written Communications**

Gayle Ortiz, a Capitola resident, provided a written communication to the Commission requesting that the COE consider inviting GreenWaste representatives to a future meeting to present on what items can and cannot be recycled in Capitola.

Goran Klepic, a member of the public, spoke about his concerns with illegal dumping in the City.

5. **Staff Comments**

Staff provided the following updates to the Commission:

- Saturday, June 7th is National Trails Day, and the City will be hosting one of the sites for invasive ivy removal at the Rispin Mansion in partnership with the Natural History Museum and the Santa Cruz Mountains Trails Stewardship. Volunteer pre-registration is required.

6. **April 16, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

Motion to approve the April 16, 2025 minutes: Commissioner Norton

Seconded: Chair Beritzhoff-Law

Motion passed 4-0-1

7. General Business

A. Capitola Wharf Master Plan Options

Recommended Action: Provide feedback on the draft options for the Capitola Wharf Master Plan.

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager, presented the staff report.

Each commissioner individually provided their feedback and then the Commission discussed their joint feedback as a whole.

Chair Beritzhoff-Law

- It is important for City Council to consider the highly likely event of additional wharf damage caused by extreme storms in tandem with preferences from the public.
- The Planning Commission did not discuss the likeliness of coastal impacts.
- I would be interested in knowing the likelihood of coastal impacts to the wharf from data collected by the contracted wharf project engineers or architects.
- It does not make sense to remove the boat hoist. The hoist has a great purpose and removing it would create more construction waste.
- The City should explore other options for where boats can be stored and repaired, other than on the wharf. It should be determined whether repairing boats on a pier over the Sanctuary is still a permissible activity.
- There is value in the City asking Fuse how we can make energy usage on the wharf more sustainable (e.g., solar panels) and how these upgrades would be reflected in additional costs.
- City Council should consider sustainability and resiliency data for the wharf and weigh that data against public opinion.
- I do not have a strong opinion about any of the specific proposed options and would be okay with entertaining a hybrid option.
- City Council should review vulnerability data for the wharf and projected future storm data to understand the risk profile and associated costs for some of these proposed options.

Vice Chair Maroney

- My written comments are included in my written communications document dated March 20th, 2025 and included in the agenda packet for this meeting.
- I have a preference for Option 3.
- Removing the boat hoist is a bad idea and would prevent the community from connecting with the Sanctuary and environment.
- I am not in favor of building new structures on the wharf, since they would be vulnerable to future extreme storm events.
- City Council should consider the new waste streams that would be created by adding vendors, restaurants, or markets to the wharf, as well as the viability for the City managing that additional waste.

Commissioner Rohlf

- I have concerns about the environmental risk for building new structures on the wharf and how the City would insure these structures.
- Fixed facilities are vulnerable over the ocean and would be challenging.

- Mobile vendors could be removed seasonally when there are risks of incoming coastal hazards or extreme storms.
- I would not want to remove any features that provide fishing access on the wharf. We should keep fishing a priority because this is a great opportunity for the community to engage with the ocean.
- My main concern is how coastal hazards would impact the wharf. I prefer lower cost options for building and maintaining new wharf structures and features.
- I have a preference for vendors and structures to be mobile and removable from coastal hazard space.
- The COE maybe shouldn't select to recommend a specific option, since we are first requesting a more thorough review of the wharf vulnerability data.
- Any vendor on the wharf is going to generate a waste stream, even if it isn't food or drink related.
- There was not enough information in the public survey related to resiliency of the wharf and how each of the proposed options may be impacted, physically and financially, by extreme storm events. If members of the public were made aware of the risks associated with each option, maybe they would have answered survey questions differently.
- It is important for City Council to balance public opinion and feedback from the survey with the reality of the wharf's vulnerability to climate hazards.

Commissioner Norton

- I agree with Vice Chair Maroney's comments and have a strong preference for Option 3.
- The wharf serves as an important way to connect people to the ocean. Some people only have the opportunity to go out onto the ocean when they walk out onto the pier.
- I don't believe that we would need another bathroom – one should be enough if this remains as a fishing pier.
- The wharf should remain as a fishing pier and retain features that promote fishing. Fishing is an important activity on the wharf to foster connection to the ocean.
- The wharf's primary time of use is the spring and summer, so this should be considered when weighing these options.
- I don't believe permanent fixed structures should be placed on the wharf. Instead, there should be open space and the structures could be movable (e.g., portable stage instead of a fixed stage) so that the community can find new uses for the wharf over time. We could design the wharf for the next 2 to 3-year period instead of for a 20-year period.
- The current bait shop is in a location that makes sense because you can launch your boats right near that location.
- I do not consider it to be a good public investment to build structures that are vulnerable to climate hazards.

**Motion to recommend to City Council that Council consider the longevity of the wharf, the capacity of the wharf to hold new weight, the likelihood that the wharf will be damaged by future climatic events, the impact of future waste streams, and the impact of new structures on the wharf: Vice Chair Maroney
Second: Commissioner Norton**

Chair Beritzhoff-Law amended the motion to include a recommendation that City Council should also consider wharf vulnerability data and modeled storm frequency and intensity data prior to or in combination with public opinion and the results of the public survey.

Vice Chair Maroney and **Commissioner Norton** accepted the motion amendment.

Voting Yea: Chair Beritzhoff-Law, Vice Chair Maroney, Commissioner Rohlf, Commissioner Norton (4-0-1)
Mayor Clarke Absent

8. Items for Future Agenda

1. Provide feedback on the proposed annual Monte Foundation Firework Extravaganza event.
2. Discuss the opportunity for a GreenWaste representative to provide a presentation at a future COE meeting and identify priority topics for discussion.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on June 18th, 2025.

ATTEST:

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair

Capitola Commission on the Environment

Agenda Report

Meeting: June 18, 2025

From: Public Works Department

Topic: GreenWaste Recovery Presentation



Recommended Action: Discuss the opportunity for GreenWaste Recovery representatives to provide a presentation at a future COE meeting and identify priority topics for discussion.

Background/Discussion: On October 14, 2021, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an amended and restated Franchise Agreement (Agreement) with GreenWaste Recovery, Inc. for collection and disposal of garbage, recycling, organics, food waste, yard waste, and construction and demolition debris for the City of Capitola. The Agreement is effective through June 30, 2030. The Agreement is included in the agenda packet for the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting (Attachment 1) and an updated Appendix C is provided in the table below with data current for 2025.

APPENDIX C. PUBLIC REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTAINER AND LOCATIONS

Location	FREQUENCY OF PICKUP	NUMBER & TYPE	SIZE
City Hall	Monday - 1xWeek Thursday - 1xWeek Saturday - 1xWeek	(2) Organic carts (1) Recycle bin (1) Trash bin	64gal 4-yard bin 2-yard bin
Village Area	Monday-Friday - 5xWeek	(45) Trash carts	32gal
Esplanade Park	Monday - 1xWeek Monday-Saturday - 6xWeek	(15) Recycle carts (2) Trash bins	64gal 4-yard
Community Center	Tuesday - 1xWeek Tuesday - 1xWeek Tuesday - 1xWeek	(2) Trash carts (2) Recycle carts (1) Organic cart	96gal 64gal 64gal
Corporation Yard	Friday - 1xWeek On-Call Monday/Thursday - 2xWeek On-Call	(1) Recycle Bin (1) Trash roll off (1) Trash roll off (1) Recycling roll off	4-yard 40-yard 40-yard 30-yard
Library	Tuesday/Friday - 2xWeek Tuesday/Friday - 2xWeek	(2) Trash carts (2) Recycle carts	64gal 64gal

At the April 16th COE meeting, the Commission on the Environment agreed that investigating the City's needs for managing recycling and waste would be one of the goals of the Commission for calendar year 2025. The Commission received a written communication at the May 28th, 2025 special meeting, requesting for the Commission to consider inviting GreenWaste representatives to provide a presentation at a future COE meeting. Specifically, the requested presentation would outline which

refuse items GreenWaste would consider as recyclable. GreenWaste provides residential recycling guides (Attachment 2) on their City of Capitola-specific webpage (<https://www.greenwaste.com/service-areas/capitola/>). GreenWaste also mails biannual newsletters to all Capitola customers with additional refuse pickup scheduling information and reminders for which items to place in trash, recycling, and organics bins (Attachment 3).

Report Prepared By: Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

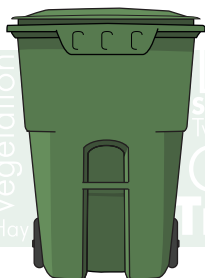
Attachments:

1. October 14th, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda Packet with GreenWaste Franchise Agreement (Pages 176-257)
<https://www.cityofcapitola.org/sites/default/files/10-14-21%20City%20Council%20Agenda%20Packet.pdf>
2. Residential Recycling Guide
3. Spring 2025 Wasteline Newsletter

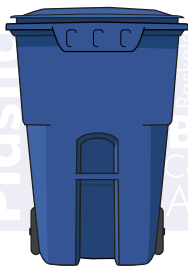
CAPITOLA

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLE GUIDE

for **Yard Waste**, **Recyclables** and **Garbage**



Flowers
Vegetation
Hay
Landscaping vegetation
Stumps
Twigs
Sod
Flax
Cactus
Small pruning
Sawdust
Leaves
Christmas trees
Bushes
Succulents
Shrubs
Grass clippings
Tree trimmings
Branches
Construction lumber
Plants



Bubble wrap
Toys
Magazines
Newspaper
Cardboard
Frozen food bags
Food jars
Baby wipe containers
Detergent bottles
Paper
Coupons
Can lids
Plastic
Cereal and cracker boxes
Nuts and bolts
Cameras
Junk mail
Keys
Glass
Beverage bottles
Colored or construction paper
Aerosol cans
Metal



Shoes
Burlap
Pillows
Carpet and rugs
Straws
Speakers
Meat trays
Cloth
Foam
Diapers
CDs
DVDs
Linen
Stuffed animals
Cups and plates
Foam egg cartons
Carbon paper
Latex gloves
Vinyl
Wool
Cotton
Leather
Blue Glass
Audio and video tapes
Rayon
Rubber bands
Corks
Beverage pouches

RECYCLABLES

Please place all recyclable materials together in your blue recyclables container.

All items must fit inside the recyclables container with the lid closed. Extra items may be set out in a 32-gallon container or paper bag.

METAL

Empty and rinse food and product containers

- Aerosol cans (*empty and non-hazardous*)
- Aluminum foil, foil trays and pans (*clean*)
- Aluminum pie pans
- Beverage and soda cans
- Can lids - metal
- Car parts - small (*no fluids*)
- Doors and screens*
- Electrical motors
- Food and soup cans
- Furniture* (e.g., chairs, tables)
- Hangers - metal/wire
- Keys
- Lids and caps - metal (e.g., from glass bottles, jars)
- Nuts and bolts
- Paint cans (*remove excess paint, let residue dry*)
- Pet food cans
- Pipes
- Plumbing fixtures
- Pots and pans
- Propane/gas tanks* (*empty*)
- Scrap metal*
- Screws and nails
- Sporting goods - metal
- Tools - metal
- Toys - metal
- Umbrellas - metal
- Utensils - metal

GLASS

Empty and rinse food and product container

- Beverage bottles
- Broken glass
- Dishware - glass
- Food jars
- Windows - uncoated/unlaminated
- Wine bottles

PAPER

Staples and tape are acceptable

- Books - hardback and softback
- Carbonless paper (e.g., receipts)
- Cardboard - unwaxed (*flattened*)
- Cereal and cracker boxes (*remove liners*)
- Coffee cups - paper
- Colored or construction paper
- Computer paper
- Coupons
- Egg cartons - cardboard
- Envelopes (*plastic window OK*)
- Frozen food packaging - cardboard
- Gift wrap (*no metallic/foil*)
- Juice boxes and cartons
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mailers - cardboard (e.g., FedEx, UPS)
- Milk and cream cartons
- Newspaper - clean (*including inserts*)
- Office paper
- Paper bags
- Paper cups and plates - clean uncoated
- Photographs - photo paper
- Pizza delivery boxes - clean
- Shoe boxes
- Shredded paper (*tie in clear plastic bag*)
- Telephone books
- Tissue paper (e.g., gift wrap, dry cleaning)

PLASTIC

Empty and rinse food and product container

- Auto parts - plastic (*no fluids*)
- Baby wipe containers
- Baskets - plastic
- Beverage bottles (e.g., soda, juices, water)
- Bleach and detergent bottles
- Buckets (*remove metal handles*)
- Coat hangers - plastic
- Coffee-cup lids
- Coolers*
- Crates - plastic
- Disposable razors
- Flower pots - plastic
- Food containers (e.g., cottage cheese, yogurt)
- Furniture* - plastic (e.g., chairs, tables)
- Gloves - rubber (*not single-use or latex disposable*)
- Hoses (e.g., car, garden, appliance)
- Household cleaner bottles (*non-toxic*)
- Mouthwash
- Pet carriers*
- Pipe - plastic (*non-PVC*)
- Plastics (*with numbers 1-7*)
- Prescription bottles (*must be empty*)
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles
- Shelving* - plastic
- Squeezable bottles (e.g., honey, mayo, ketchup)
- Swimming pools* (e.g., rigid, inflatable)
- Take-out food containers - plastic
- Toys - plastic
- Umbrellas* - plastic (e.g., patio, beach)

FILM PLASTICS

Bundle in a clear plastic bag and knot the top

- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Cellophane bags (e.g., pasta, salad, cookies)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Frozen food bags or pouches
- Newspaper bags
- Pallet wrap
- Plastic liners (e.g., from food packaging)
- Plastic wraps
- Produce bags
- Shopping bags - plastic
- Shrink wrap

ELECTRONIC WASTE

- Appliances - small (e.g., coffee maker, toaster)
- Calculators
- Cameras
- Cell phones
- Computer mice
- Computer tower* (detach from computer monitor)
- Cords - tied up (e.g., telephone, computer, appliance)
- DVRs, VCRs, DVD players*
- Fax machines*
- Inkjet and toner cartridges
- Keyboards
- Microwave*
- Pagers
- PDAs
- Printers*
- Radios
- Scanners*
- Stereos*
- Telephones

GARBAGE Please place all NON-reusable NON-recyclable, NON-compostable and NON-hazardous items in your garbage container.

All items must fit inside the garbage container with the lid closed. Extra items may be set out in a 32-gallon container or 32-gallon bag.

GLASS

- Blue glass
- Ceramics
- Cookware - glass (e.g. baking pans, Pyrex TM)
- Dishware - ceramic
- Eye glasses
- Glass art
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Mirrors

PAPER

- Aseptic containers (e.g., juice, soup)
- Blueprint paper (*recycle the cover sheet*)
- Carbon paper
- Cardboard - waxed or soiled
- Envelopes - padded, Tyvek
- Ice cream cartons
- Newspaper - dirty (*paint, pet waste or food/grease*)
- Paper cups and plates - coated
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Photographs - Polaroid
- Pizza delivery boxes - soiled (*food, grease*)
- Take-out food containers (e.g., fast food)
- Thermal fax paper
- Tissues (e.g. Kleenex)
- Waxed paper

PLASTIC

- Chip Bags
- Credit cards
- Foil beverage pouches
- Gloves - latex (*single-use and disposable*)
- Pipe - PVC
- Rubber bands
- Shoes
- Straws
- Take-out food containers - polystyrene foam
- Tarps*
- Toothpaste and ointment tubes
- Utensils - plastic (e.g., spoons, forks, knives)
- Webbing/mesh (e.g., from lawn furniture)

POLYSTYRENE/STYROFOAM

- Cups and plates
- Egg cartons - molded foam
- Foam packing (e.g., from electronics)
- Meat trays - molded foam
- Packing "peanuts"
- Take-out food containers - polystyrene foam

FABRICS and TEXTILES

- Boots
- Burlap*
- Carpet and rugs*
- Cotton
- Diapers - cloth or disposable
- Clothing accessories (e.g. belts, purses)
- Down - filled items
- Electric blankets
- Fabrics - clean or soiled with chemicals, oil, or paint
- Leather goods
- Linen
- Pillows
- Polyester
- Rayon
- Rubber
- Shoes
- Stuffed animals
- Vinyl
- Wool

ELECTRONIC WASTE

- Audio and video tapes
- CDs and DVDs (e.g., computer, music)
- Speakers

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bones
- Bread
- Coffee grounds
- Compostable plastic bags
- Compostable plastics
- Corks
- Dairy products (e.g., cheese)
- Dough
- Eggs
- Filters (e.g., coffee, tea)
- Fish
- Fruits
- Grains (e.g., rice)
- Meat
- Pasta
- Poultry (e.g., chicken, turkey)
- Shellfish
- Tea bags
- Vegetables

YARD WASTE

Items may not exceed 3 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter and must fit inside with the lid closed.

- Ashes (*hot ashes prohibited*)
- Bamboo
- Burlap
- Construction lumber** (*painted, treated*)
- Crates - wood**
- Dirt**
- Food scraps
- Lumber** (*painted, treated*)
- Manure
- Pampas grass
- Pet waste
- Poison oak
- Rocks**
- Soil**
- Tan bark**
- Wood chips**
- Wood wastes**

YARD WASTE Please place all yard waste together in your green yard waste container. Items may not exceed 3 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter and must fit inside with the lid closed. Extras may be set out in a 32-gallon container.

- Branches - cut to fit loosely in container
- Cactus
- Christmas trees - (stand/decorations removed)
- Flax
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Hay
- Ivy
- Ice plant
- Landscape vegetation
- Leaves
- Lumber (unpainted, untreated)
- Plant trimmings
- Raw fruits and vegetables
- Sawdust
- Shrubs
- Small prunings
- Sod (remove as much soil as possible)
- Stumps - see size limitations above
- Succulents
- Tree trimmings - see size limitations above
- Yucca

HAZARDOUS WASTE These items **cannot** go into the garbage, recycling or yard waste cart for collection.

- Auto and brake fluids
- Car batteries
- Cleaning fluids
- Computers*
- Electronic waste** (except as listed in recyclables)
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs (e.g., CFLs, tubes)
- Fuel tanks - with valve on (e.g., helium, propane, gas tanks)
- Grease and cooking oil
- Household Batteries** (e.g., AA, AAA, D, nickel cadmium, lithium)
- Medicines (unused, expired)
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Monitors*
- Motor oil**
- Oil filters**
- Paints and stains (e.g., oil based and latex)
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Solvents
- Syringes and sharps
- Televisions*
- Transmission fluid

For more information, please call the Santa Cruz County Household Hazardous Waste Program at **831.454.2606** or visit **www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org**.

*These items can be collected curbside as Bulky Items, please call Customer Service at **831.768.9505** to schedule a pick-up appointment.

**See information in Extra Services for disposal options through GreenWaste.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

GreenWaste Recovery Customer Care	831.768.9505
Santa Cruz County Household Hazardous Waste Program	831.454.2606
Buena Vista Landfill	831.454.2430
Recycling and Solid Waste Services	831.475.7300

EXTRA SERVICES

Annual Clean-up

Each customer can set-out up to 10 additional bags or items for collection during their regular collection day. Max. size 5ft. in length and max. weight 70lbs. No tree stumps, no hazardous waste or construction debris (dirt, concrete, brick, asphalt). Use a clean-up sticker for each item.

Bulky Item Collection

Furniture, refrigerators or other large items may be picked up at your curb for a small fee per item. To schedule a pick-up appointment, call Customer Service.

E-Waste

GreenWaste accepts TV's, computers and computer monitors as Bulky Items. Please call Customer Service to schedule a pick-up appointment.

Extra Garbage

Call Customer Service to arrange for pick up of extra garbage. Extra garbage must be placed in a 32-gallon can or 32-gallon bag. Please call Customer Service prior to your collection day to schedule extra garbage collection.

Household Batteries

To recycle small batteries, simply seal the batteries in a clear Ziploc bag and place the items on top (not inside) of your recycling cart.

Used Motor Oil and Motor Oil Filters

To recycle used motor oil and filters at curbside, you must use a FREE GreenWaste issued oil jug because it is designed to prevent leaks. Seal drained oil filters in a sturdy clear plastic bag. Please place filled oil jugs and filter bags on the curb near your containers for collection. Oil mixed with other automotive fluid will not be collected. To order a FREE oil jug, call Customer Service.

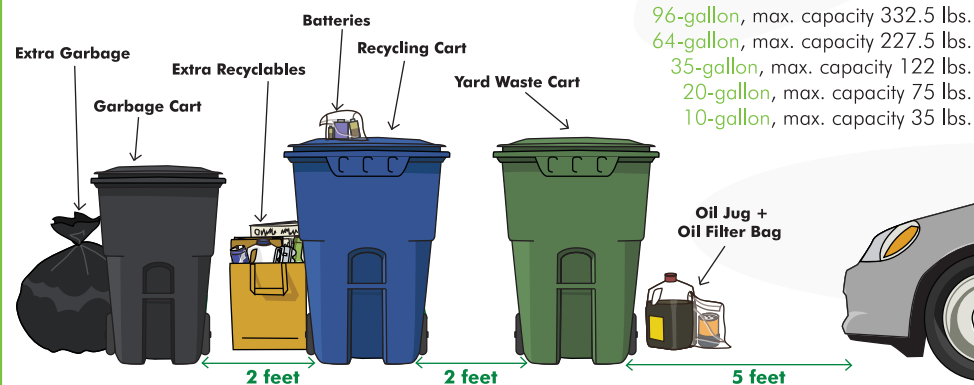
CART SET-OUT

Cart Set-Out and Weight Restrictions

Set carts out by 7am on your service day. Cart cannot exceed the weight limit listed below.

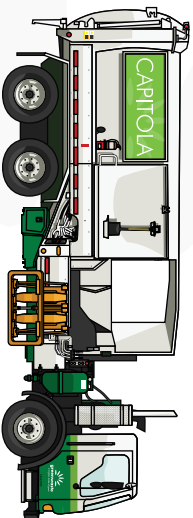
GreenWaste Container

- 96-gallon, max. capacity 332.5 lbs.
- 64-gallon, max. capacity 227.5 lbs.
- 35-gallon, max. capacity 122 lbs.
- 20-gallon, max. capacity 75 lbs.
- 10-gallon, max. capacity 35 lbs.





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Reduce, Reuse, Restore

Earth Day Citywide Garage Sale | Saturday, April 19th



Reduce buying new, reuse to save resources, and restore your storage space! Make plans to shop or sell at the Annual Earth Day Citywide Garage Sale on Saturday April 19th! Register your garage sale online at www.cityofcapitola.org by April 16th and City of Capitola will do all the advertising.

Starting Friday April 18th, a map will be available at City Hall (420 Capitola Ave.) and on www.cityofcapitola.org listing the addresses of all garage sale participants. Treasure hunters: Get your map; grab your reusable shopping bags and drink cup, and go!

After the Garage Sale, pack up unsold items and donate them to a charitable cause of your choice! Disposable items can be picked up the week of April 21st on your regular garbage day by GreenWaste Recovery. Participating in the Citywide Garage Sale is a terrific opportunity to clean up your space, while keeping useful items out of our landfill!

Capitola Spring Cleanup Week

April 21-25

Let GreenWaste Recovery help you with your Spring Cleaning! During Spring Cleanup Week, GreenWaste Recovery customers may dispose of one bulky item (like furniture, appliances, etc.) and up to seven bags or cans of garbage, not to exceed 50 lbs. each, as part of your curbside service.

For bulky items, you must call GreenWaste Recovery 72 hours in advance of your regular collection day to schedule a pick up at 831.768.9505. It is important to notify GreenWaste in advance for bulky item pickups to ensure enough space for your items in the truck. All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular day of service. Household hazardous waste will not be accepted.



REMITTANCE ADDRESS:

GreenWaste Recovery LLC, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

CONTACT US:

800.665.2209 | 831.768.9505



Help Curb Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is not a victimless crime. Trash is a blight on our beautiful city and creates health and environmental hazards that cost your city thousands every year to clean up. With GreenWaste Recovery's curbside services, there's never a reason to dump illegally. Curbside pickup is available throughout the year for a minimal cost.

To dispose of bulky items, please call GreenWaste Recovery to schedule a pick up at 831.768.9505.

More options for bulky item disposal include donation, selling or giving away items in online marketplaces (such as NextDoor and Facebook), or holding a yard sale. Certain items are also accepted at the Buena Vista Landfill free of charge, like recyclable metal appliances, mattresses, and box springs. Thank you for doing your part to keep Capitola clean!



Holiday Schedule

GreenWaste Recovery will provide regular collection services on

Memorial Day | Monday, May 26

Independence Day | Friday, July 4

Please place carts out by 6 a.m.

Getting Into Organics

Can I use compostable bags in my green cart?

No. Although compostable bags seem like a great way to keep your kitchen food scraps pail clean and to transport food scraps to your green cart, the bags don't break down like food and plants, and decrease the quality of compost. Please place used bags in your trash bin and NOT in your green cart.

Thank you for using your green cart!

Did you know something as simple as using your organics container for food and yard waste can combat climate change? Try these tips to keep your organics container fresh and clean:

- Sprinkle baking soda on the bottom of your green organics cart.
- Layer yard trimmings and leaves between layers of food scraps.
- Keep carts in a cool, dry place out of the sun.
- Freeze food scraps in a container and empty them into the cart the night before service.



Capitola Commission on the Environment

Agenda Report



Meeting: June 18, 2025

From: Public Works Department

Topic: The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025

Recommended Action: Provide feedback on the proposed annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza event.

Background: Since the mid-1990s, the Monte Foundation has funded an annual charity fireworks show for residents of Capitola and Santa Cruz County. The 30-minute fireworks show has been scheduled for a Sunday night in October each year to attempt to focus the show as a community event. Historically, donations to the Monte Foundation for the fireworks display have supported a wide range of school programs and community projects, such as McGregor Park and the Capitola Library.

The Coastal Commission regulates events over coastal waters and previously issued a five-year Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the fireworks show, which expired in 2024. NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (Sanctuary) also regulates uses of sanctuary waters and requires a special use permit for the fireworks show, which must be acquired annually. New land use permits with both agencies are required for the proposed October 12th, 2025 Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza event.

At the January 9th, 2025 City Council Meeting, Council directed for staff to pursue acquiring land use permits with both aforementioned agencies (Attachment 1). In addition, Council directed for staff to complete an alternatives analysis that reviews alternative locations, types of display media, and strategies for reducing noise and environmental pollution. Lastly, Council requested that the proposed fireworks show be brought to a future Commission on the Environment meeting for discussion of the potential environmental impacts of the event and to gather the Commission's feedback.

Discussion:

Fireworks displays over bodies of water present both benefits and challenges:

- **Overall Context:** The Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza has operated for nearly 30 years as a community fundraising event providing broad public access to a cultural celebration. Proceeds have supported Capitola's parks, library, and local schools while drawing visitors to the Capitola Village and local businesses. This public benefit is weighed alongside environmental considerations.
- **Public Safety & Visual Experience:** Launching fireworks over a body of water offers both aesthetic and practical advantages. One of the primary benefits is safety: the presence of water reduces the risk of fire spreading to nearby vegetation or buildings. The expansive, unobstructed surface of Monterey Bay also enhances visibility and accessibility, allowing larger crowds to view the display from various angles without interference. Additionally, the reflection of fireworks on the water's surface amplifies the visual spectacle, creating a more immersive experience for spectators.

- **Marine Impacts:** Fireworks release chemicals and debris that can contaminate water, potentially harming aquatic life and ecosystems. Heavy metals used in fireworks for coloring, such as strontium and barium, can be toxic if they accumulate in water bodies. Moreover, the cleanup process is more challenging over water, as much of the debris sinks or disperses, making it difficult to retrieve and dispose of properly.

The permittee attempts to mitigate marine debris impacts by removing all plastic labels and wrappings from the pyrotechnic shells prior to launch. In addition, the non-biodegradable inner components of the devices used for the fireworks display are comprised of five percent or less of the mass of the device. The permittee organizes additional trash bins to be placed on the wharf prior to the event, immediately cleans up any debris on the wharf following the event and organizes a public Capitola Beach cleanup for the following day.

- **Wildlife Disturbance:** Noise pollution is another concern associated with fireworks displays, particularly for wildlife in the water and around the wharf. Noise from fireworks can have impacts on marine wildlife and nesting birds, particularly during critical breeding or nesting seasons.

To measure potential wildlife impacts, on the day of the fireworks event, and during daylight hours, the permittee ensures that a qualified biologist conducts a census of marine mammals and seabirds along the shoreline one mile in either direction of the Capitola Municipal Wharf. Within 24 hours following the fireworks show, the contracted biologist conducts a post-event census of marine mammals and seabirds one mile in either direction of the wharf. The biologist records species and location data for any injured or dead wildlife observed during debris beach cleanup efforts post firework display and reports this data to the Sanctuary.

- **Community Noise Concerns:** Local communities may also raise concerns about the noise pollution caused by fireworks shows. The noise from fireworks can have negative effects on sensitive populations. Noise from fireworks can also be distressing for pets who have more sensitive hearing than humans.

Council directed staff to explore alternatives that may reduce environmental impacts while still providing a community event.

- The location and time of year selected for the Monte Foundation Fireworks show includes multiple benefits, including optimized logistics, reduced fire hazards and public safety risks, and support to local businesses. The Capitola Municipal Wharf was selected as the safest option for launching the fireworks, because it is the only City-owned location that allows for a 500 ft radius to protect the public and nearby buildings from firework debris and potential misfires. The water surrounding the wharf would also extinguish any ignited debris and greatly reduce fire hazards. The marine fog layer and potential winds present during the month of October, however, pose challenges for firework visibility and equipment operation of firework alternatives, such as drones. Additionally, there are anticipated impacts to marine wildlife and seabirds that utilize the wharf as habitat, where the loud explosions from the fireworks may cause wildlife to flee their haul out, resting, or nesting areas positioned on the wharf.
- Alternatives to fireworks, including drone shows, laser light displays, projection mapping, and noise-reduced fireworks, offer several advantages when used over sensitive environments like the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. These alternatives reduce noise pollution, protecting marine wildlife and nesting birds from stress and disorientation. These alternative media types, with the exception of noise-reduced fireworks, eliminate harmful debris and

chemical runoff that could contaminate the ocean and residing ecosystems. Additionally, these alternatives are viewed as more inclusive for people and pets sensitive to loud noises. However, these technologies can come with higher costs, logistical challenges, and may lack the traditional spectacle that holds high cultural significance for Capitola's community audience.

Report Prepared By: Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

Reviewed By: Jessica Kahn, Public Works Director

Attachments:

1. January 9, 2025 City Council Staff Report and Presentation

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report

Meeting: January 9, 2025

From: Police Department

Subject: The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025



Recommended Action: That the City Council 1) consider whether to support the continuation of the Monte Foundation Fireworks Show tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2025; and 2) if the Council supports continuation, direct staff to coordinate with the Monte Foundation to obtain the required Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the event.

Background: The Monte Foundation has funded an annual charity Fireworks Show since the mid-1990s. In 2015 the event was moved from Seacliff State Beach to the City of Capitola. The Monte Foundation has raised money for the McGregor Skate Park, the children's wing of the Capitola Library, resurfacing the tennis courts at Jade Street Park, and most recently, resurfacing the bike pump track at McGregor.

The event has been scheduled for a Sunday night in October, to attempt to focus the show on local Capitola residents and the broader Santa Cruz County community. The Capitola Police Department has managed the event by closing roads and ensuring community safety. The fireworks are launched from Capitola Wharf; other possible launch options have been evaluated, but none have been determined feasible. The Police Department estimates the event attracts 10,000 attendees each year, with increases in recent years.

Overall community feedback consistently highlights the event as a valued and unifying experience that promotes civic pride based on overwhelming attendance. However, the City also receives several complaints about the event each year.

The Monte Foundation contracts with Zamboni Fireworks to put on the fireworks display. The Capitola Wharf is closed to the public 16 hours before the event for safety checks and fireworks set up. "No Parking" signs are posted in the area 72 hours before the event and messaging is provided to the public that the Wharf is closed the day of the event. A permit for the event is also issued by the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County and Central Fire personnel are present for the duration of the event, along with the Coast Guard.

The City's permit requires the Monte Foundation to provide additional garbage containers and recycling bins for the event. The event organizers also coordinate with Save Our Shores to conduct clean-up for the event on the Wharf and surrounding area, as well as a one-day beach cleanup following the event.

The Coastal Commission regulates events over coastal waters and previously issued a five-year Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the fireworks show, which expired in 2024. A new permit will be required for the 2025 event.

Discussion: The continuation of the Monte Foundation Fireworks Show is an important consideration for the community, as the event has become a Capitola tradition. There has been ongoing discussion about the potential for exploring alternative forms of the event, including the possibility of a drone and/or hybrid show. Additionally, concerns have been raised about the event's impact on surrounding neighborhoods, particularly regarding noise and environmental factors. These considerations will play a role in the permitting process moving forward.

Staff has reached out to the Monte Foundation to discuss the potential for a drone or hybrid show. Based on the event coordinator's prior experience with drone shows, the Monte Foundation does not believe that this is a feasible option due to the possibility of high winds, among other factors.

Based on recent experiences in other jurisdictions, securing a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for a fireworks display of this nature is expected to be a more complex process than in the past, requiring a detailed alternatives analysis conducted by a reputable firm. The key components of this analysis include:

- **Alternative Locations:** Evaluating other potential venues for the event.
- **Alternative Media:** Exploring environmentally friendly alternatives, such as drone light shows, to replace traditional fireworks.
- **Environmental Impact Analysis:** Assessing potential impacts on wildlife, noise levels, and the surrounding environment, along with proposed mitigation measures.
- **Community Support:** Demonstrating strong public backing for the event.
- **Public Agency Accountability:** While the Monte Foundation has traditionally organized this event, based on recent hearings regarding fireworks displays over the ocean, the Coastal Commission appears to be strongly favoring issuing these permits directly to public agencies. If the City is willing to take a lead role in obtaining permits for the fireworks, preparation must begin immediately to maximize the chances of approval for the 2025 event, though securing the permit is not guaranteed.

Fiscal Impact: All costs related to the event, including permit fees and expenses for the required alternatives analysis, will be borne by the Monte Foundation. The Monte Foundation will also be responsible for all permit costs with other agencies. Funds raised by the Monte Foundation will be donated to benefit youth in the community.

Attachments:

1. 2024 Monte Foundation Fireworks Major Special Event Permit
2. Staff Agenda Report from 2014

Report Prepared By: Sarah Ryan, Chief of Police

Reviewed By: Julia Gautho, City Clerk, Jessica Kahn, Public Works Director, Katie Herlihy, Community Development Director

Approved By: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF MAY 22, 2014

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: APPROVE A FIREWORKS SHOW BY THE MONTE FOUNDATION IN THE CAPITOLA VILLAGE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MCGREGOR DRIVE SKATE PARK

RECOMMENDED ACTION: (1) Approve a fireworks show on October 16, 2014, in the Capitola Village by the Monte Foundation; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to issue a special event permit.

BACKGROUND: The Rudolph Monte Foundation (Foundation) is well known for the annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Show (Show) at Seacliff State Beach which raised funds for local schools and nonprofits. In 2013 the show was cancelled after 18 years due to the high cost to put on the show at the state beach. The event would raise money by having the schools sell tickets and have booths at the event to sell food.

The Foundation still has a desire to find an avenue to raise money for youth activities while providing an opportunity for the community to come together for an evening of fun. In so doing, the Foundation has approached the City with a fundraising plan for the McGregor Property.

DISCUSSION: The Foundation has been putting on the fireworks show at Seacliff State beach for 18 years. This event has raised over 4 million dollars for schools and youth groups since its inception. The financial cost of producing the show which included highway exit closures, California Highway Patrol staff, State Parks and County Sheriffs personnel and the extensive permitting process through the State, County and Coastal Commission forced an end to the event.

The Foundation would like to partner with the City to produce the fireworks show in Capitola. The event would be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in the Capitola Village. Fireworks would be shot from either a barge or from the wharf depending upon the availability of either location. The show would be free to all attendees. Funds will be raised through a surcharge by participating local businesses, and donations will go to the City to fund the skate park element at McGregor Park.

It is anticipated the Village area will remain open until just prior to the start of the show then would be closed to vehicle traffic for the duration of the show, for approximately one to one and a half hours. Vehicles may exit the Esplanade, but vehicle access into the area will be stopped. The Depot Hill neighborhood would be closed to non-resident vehicle traffic earlier in the evening. All vehicle traffic into the Village will be closed one-half hour prior to the show to prevent cars from stopping in the middle of the road to watch the show and to prevent emergency accesses from being blocked. The Police Department may also consider closing Park Avenue 15 to 20 minutes prior to the show to prevent cars from stopping in the middle of the road to watch the show. All other areas will remain open to vehicle traffic.

The Foundation would be responsible for obtaining all the necessary permits from the state and working with the City on an implementation plan and special event permit.

FISCAL IMPACT: The costs associated with the event will be paid for through the special event permit process by the Monte Foundation. The Foundation will also be responsible for all permit costs with other agencies. Funds raised by the Foundation will be donated to the skate park element at McGregor Park.

ATTACHMENT: None

Report Prepared By: Lisa G. Murphy
Administrative Services Director

Reviewed and Forwarded
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MAJOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Application fee of \$68 must be submitted with this completed application

Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant: Marc Monte / Michael Monte

Address: 783-39 Rio Del Mar Blvd. City Aptos State CA Zip 95003

Phone #: 831-685-3317 Email: mnm36@mindspring.com

Organization Information:

Company Name: Rudolph F. Monte Foundation

Address: 783-39 Rio Del Mar Blvd. City Aptos State CA Zip 95003

Phone #: 831-685-3317 Nonprofit ID: 77-0427532

Website: Monte-foundation.org

Event Information:

☐ Athletic Competition ☐ Parade ☐ Festival ☐ Water/Surf ☒ Other: Fireworks display

Event Name: <u>Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza</u>					
Event Date: <u>October 13, 2024</u>			Event Date: <u>October 14, 2024</u>		
	Start Time	End Time		Start Time	End Time
Setup	7:00AM	All day	Setup		
Open to Public	All day		Open to Public		
Breakdown	9:00 PM	Midnight	Breakdown	Daybreak	8 AM

Event Location: Capitola Wharf Anticipated Attendance: 8,000 to 10,000

Event Description:

The Monte Foundation is holding its annual Fireworks Extravaganza display for the general public present to view on October 13th. Donations go towards kids programs and schools of Santa Cruz.

Name of Onsite Event Coordinator During Event: Michael Monte

Phone #: 408-540-4649 Email: mnm36@mindspring.com

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has this event been held before? Number of years? 29
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Is this a charitable fundraiser? For what cause? Kids Programs/SC County Sc
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will participant registration fees be charged? Registration fee amount?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be selling merchandise? Type of merchandise?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will alcohol be sold or served? <input type="checkbox"/> Beer <input type="checkbox"/> Wine <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Note: ABC Permit will be required. Applicant will coordinate with Capitola Police Department.
6.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will food be sold or served? <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-packaged <input type="checkbox"/> Food Trucks <input type="checkbox"/> Other Note: Food service may need to be approved by the County Health Department.
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be cooking onsite? <input type="checkbox"/> Wood/Charcoal BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Fuel Device
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will any generators be used? Location: On Capitola Wharf
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will banners/signs be used? Note: Applicant must complete an Over-the-Street Banner Application.
10.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will canopies be used? Quantity? Type?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be setting up a stage? Details (W x L x H):
12.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be using the Capitola Bandstand? Note: Describe use information on page # 4. Separate fees to be paid by applicant.
13.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will reserved parking be requested? Number of Spaces? Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document parking locations on page # 4. Separate parking fees to be paid by applicant. "No Parking" signs must be posted seventy-two (72) hours prior to your event start time. See <i>Guidelines for "No Parking" Signage and Towing During Special Events</i> document for specific public notification and posting requirements.
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will a street closure be requested? Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify street names and closure times on page # 4. "No Parking" signs must be posted seventy-two (72) hours prior to your event start time. See <i>Guidelines for "No Parking" Signage and Towing During Special Events</i> document for specific public notification and posting requirements.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Do you anticipate any police needs? Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe police needs on page # 4. Some events will be required to have Capitola Police Department Officers assigned and paid for at appropriate rates by applicant.
16.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Do you anticipate any lifeguard/first aid needs? Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe lifeguard/first aid needs on page # 5. Some events will be required to have City of Capitola Lifeguards assigned and paid for at appropriate rates by applicant.
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you be using private security? Security Company Name: First Alarm
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you have portable toilet facilities? Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe toilet facilities plan on page # 5. One (1) portable restroom per every 100 people with 10% being ADA Compliant is required.
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you have a garbage/recycling plan? Describe garbage/recycling plan on page # 5.

Amplified Sound Information:

Item 8 A.

1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Will sound amplification be used? Note: Applicant must complete an Amplified Sound Permit Application. Separate fee to be paid by applicant.
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you read, considered, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations for sound amplification?
Type of Amplified Sound			<input type="checkbox"/> PA Speaker System for Announcements Only <input type="checkbox"/> PA Speaker System for Announcements and Music <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Sound System for Music <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Sound System for Live Music/Band
Live Music/Band Info			Name of Band: Type of Music: Will sound checks be conducted prior to the event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, date(s) and time(s):
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will fireworks, rockets or other pyrotechnics be used? Pyrotechnics Company Name: Zambelli Fireworks Pyrotechnics Company Address: 120 Marshall Dr., Warrendale, PA 15086

AGREEMENT AND SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

There are no refunds for cancelled events. A completed application package, with associated forms, are required for permit consideration. Completed applications include:

- ☐ Application Form(s)
- ☐ Detailed Plans with Timelines
- ☐ Diagram of Event Layout and Set-Up Location(s) (including location markers)
- ☐ Security and Public Safety Plan
- ☐ Certificate of Insurance
- ☐ Non-Refundable Application Fee(s)

By signing below, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am the authorized representative of the organization listed on this application and that the information contained in the foregoing application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Name of Applicant: Marc Monte / Michael Monte

Signature of Applicant:  Date: July 8, 2024

Completed application, supporting documents and fee(s) should be submitted to the Special Event Coordinator. Checks should be made payable to the City of Capitola. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted in person only.

Capitola Police Department
Attn: Esmeralda Gonzalez
422 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010
(831) 475-4242

Bandstand Use Information:

Item 8 A.

Reserved Parking Information:

The turnaround area directly in front of the entrance to Capitola wharf is reserved for emergency vehicles ambulance/fire truck and the Pyrotechnic crew trucks as well as first alarm guard.

Street Closure Information:

The entrance to the Capitola Wharf will be closed to the public so that the pyrotechnics will not be meddled with at any time during the set up and lasting until cleanup is complete after the fireworks have been fired for the show. Requesting 1400 Wharf Road closure so the Fire engines have emergency access if need be and an ambulance usually is stationed there as well. The entrance to the Wharf is reserved so that the Pyrotechnic crew can work there and so that the First Alarm guard can park at the wharf entrance to enforce the wharf closure.

Police Needs:

Toilet Facilities Plan:

We provide the Zambelli pyrotechnic crew, First Alarm guard and officers of the Monte Foundation porta potties on site at the Capitola Wharf.

Garbage/Recycling Plan:

We work with Save Our Shores nonprofit to conduct beach cleanup on the two mornings after the firework show is held ensuring any pyrotechnic debris is cleared off the shore and beach as well as any other trash found on the beach.

Other Pertinent Information Not Listed on Application:

One guard from First Alarm is employed to enforce the closure of the wharf and watch/guard the entrance so no one without clearance for conducting the pyrotechnic show has access.

Concerning cleanup timeline on the 14th the morning after:

Daybreak: the Zambelli crew makes the final sweep of the wharf and surrounding beach/area for any debris or unexploded devices.

8 AM: Final debriefing and Zambelli crew departs.



Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025

City Council

January 9, 2025

Recommended Action

1. Determine whether to support the continuation of the Monte Foundation Fireworks Show, tentatively scheduled for October 12, 2025
2. If supported, direct Staff to:
 - Coordinate with Monte Foundation.
 - Obtain required Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for event.

Background

- **Event Established:** Mid-1990s, Seacliff State Beach
- **Moved to Capitola:** 2015
- **Scheduled during Fall to promote local attendance**
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - McGregor Skate Park
 - Capitola Library children's wing
 - Jade Street Park tennis court
 - McGregor bike pump track
 - Total funding to date approximately \$300k
- **Attendance:** Approximately 10,000 annually, with increasing trends

Event Management

- **Lead Organizer:** Monte Foundation contracts Zamboni Fireworks
- **Launch Location:** Capitola Wharf
- **Road Closures:** Managed by CPD
- **Safety Coordination:**
 - Wharf closed 16 hours prior
 - No parking 72 hours prior
 - CFD permit required; personnel present
 - Coast Guard coordination
- **Cleanup Efforts:**
 - Additional garbage/recycling bins
 - Save Our Shores post event cleanups

Coastal Development Permit & Key Considerations

- **CDP Requirement:** Coastal Commission mandates CDP for events over coastal waters
- **Previous Permit:** Expired in 2024; new permit required
- **New Permit Needs:**
 - Analysis of alternative locations/media (e.g., drone shows)
 - Environmental impact analysis (noise, wildlife, etc.)
 - Demonstration of community support
 - Public agency involvement

Discussion & Alternatives

- **Community Tradition**
- **Concerns:** Noise and environmental concerns
- **Alternatives Explored:**
 - **Drone Shows:** Limited feasibility (wind factors)
 - **Hybrid Shows:** Further exploration needed
- **Permit Complexity:** Significant effort required; additional permits needed from MBNMS, Central Fire, and Coast Guard

Fiscal Impact

- **Monte Foundation Costs**
 - Permit fees and consultants
 - Other agency permits
 - Special event fees (PD and PW staff time)
- **City Costs**
 - Staff time for permits from other agencies
- **Fundraising Proceeds:**
Donations benefit youth-focused community projects

Next Steps

- **Council Decision:** Support continuation of the event or explore alternatives
- **If Approved:**
 1. Begin CDP application process
 2. Collaborate with the Monte Foundation on requirements
 3. Ensure alignment with all agency regulations

Recommended Action

- 1) Consider whether to support the continuation of the Monte Foundation Fireworks Show tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2025; and if the Council supports continuation
- 2) Direct staff to coordinate with the Monte Foundation to obtain the required Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the event.

