

Harbor District Awarded Grant to Replace Citizens' Dock

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The Crescent City Harbor District (CCHD) announces an \$8 million award from the U.S Dept. of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) to completely replace Citizens' Dock- a cornerstone of Crescent City's commercial fishing industry and local economy.

The funding, secured through MARAD'S Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) will enable CCHD to replace the deteriorating 1950s-era dock, which is at risk of failure, even while it remains vital for seafood unloading and intermediate transportation. The new Dock will incorporate weather-resistant materials, state-of-the-art hoists, enhanced public viewing platforms and modern equipment designed to support the local fishing fleet and seafood-related businesses. Additionally, the new dock will improve accessibility for large trucks, forklifts and vessels, enhancing supply chain efficiency.

CCHD Harbormaster Mike Rademaker acknowledged the teamwork and collaboration behind the grant. "The grant is a testament to the hard work of our team and the unwavering support of our community and

partners. I would like to extend special thanks to our grant writers, Mike Bahr and Aislene Delane, with Community Solutions,” beamed CEO Rademaker.

Congressman Jared Huffman played a pivotal role in securing the funding. Huffman stated, “It’s terrific that DOT’s Maritime Administration understands the need for important infrastructure improvements in the Crescent City Harbor. These funds will help modernize the port and improve safety, accessibility and resilience in the face of future tsunamis, floods and sea-level rise.

The Citizens’ Dock Replacement Project is part of the Harbor’s broader transformation into a resilient, economically vibrant port. With a total cost of \$10 million, including \$2 million in State and local matching funds, the new project builds on existing projects, such as replacement of the Harbor’s seawall, through the 2022 MARAD PIDP grant.

Planning on the Citizens’ Dock Project begins immediately.