

California Harbor Safety Committees

HSC Governing Statutes

- Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act
- Short Title for Government Code Title 2. Division 1. Chapter 7. California Emergency Services Act Article 3.5 Oil Spills Section 8670.23

HSC Governing Statutes

- Government Code 8670.23
- Harbor Safety Committees
- Members
- Qualifications
- Chairperson
- Expenses

HSC Governing Statutes

- Government Code 8670.23.1
- Harbor Safety Committee
- Harbor Safety Plan
- Regulations
- Implementation
- Revision

HSC Governing Statutes

- Government Code 8670.23.2
- Harbor Safety Committee Members Immunity from Liability
- Committee Members as Volunteers are entitled to the same rights and immunities granted to public employees.

HSC Governing Regulations

- California Code of Regulations
- Requires Administrator to create Harbor Safety Committees
- Membership
- General Provisions
- Harbor Safety Plan Content

Harbor Safety Committees are subject to the Brown Act

- The purpose is to facilitate public participation in local government decisions and to curb misuse of the democratic process by secret legislation by public bodies.

The Brown Act

- Defines bodies subject to the Brown Act
- Defines Meetings
- Provides Notice and Agenda Requirements
- Defines Rights of the Public
- Identifies Permissible Closed Sessions
- Provides Penalties and Remedies for Violation of the Act

Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act

- Governs Notice and Open Meeting Requirements for State Bodies

Humboldt Bay

- A lot of activity with dredging and small craft issues.
- Recently created a new Local Law Enforcement Seat by petition to the Administrator. Seat held by Humboldt County Sheriff Department.

San Francisco Bay

- Responding to Governors request to investigate causes of Cosco Busan Incident.
- Seeking expansion of P.O.R.T.S. and looking for steady source of Operations and Maintenance funding.

Port Hueneme

- LNG “Clearwater” Offshore Terminal is in Progress
- Dredging
- Port Security
- PORTS
- NOAA planning to remove Pt. Arguello and Pt. Conception Weather Bouys

Los Angeles/Long Beach

- Modification of the Tug Escort Matrix to accommodate deeper draft vessels of over 340,000 deadweight ton displacement.
- Best Maritime Practices submitted to NOAA for inclusion in Coast Pilot.

San Diego

- Best Maritime Practices have been incorporated into Harbor Safety Plan and are on the website.
- Outreach Committee is working with the Port of San Diego to educate small craft operators about large vessel traffic.

Harbor Safety Committee Statewide Summit

- Last held in October 2007 at Fort Mason in San Francisco
- Next Summit time and place to be determined.

National Harbor Safety Committee Conference

- Last National Conference was held on Seattle, May 2008. OSPR participated in a Special Prevention Program presenting Harbor Safety Committees as a model.
- Next National Conference will be in Tampa Bay in Spring 2009.

Physical Oceanographic Real Time Systems

- Sensor types, placement, funding, access to data

Best Maritime Practices

- An accepted and agreed upon method to conduct an operation or process that will enhance safety for vessels, personnel, dockside facilities and marine resources.
- Once developed are included in Harbor Safety Plans.

Liquid Natural Gas Terminals

- Proposed projects are under review by government agencies and the public