

What are California
State Lands
Commission

Benchmark Rates for Tidelands?

SIMPLE – TRANSPARENT – FAIR – RELIABLE



The City of Newport Beach must manage Newport Harbor fairly on behalf of the state. Due to increasing pressure from the State Lands Commission (SLC), the City is reviewing their tidelands management and are considering new rates for tidelands users including pier and mooring permit holders. We believe the City should adopt the SLC Benchmark Rates, which are state-approved “**uniform rental rates**” that ensure **consistency** and **fairness** across the harbor.

Why should Newport Harbor use Benchmark Rates?

- Complies with CA Statutes, the Public Trust Doctrine, & SLC guidelines
- No more expensive, questionable appraisals
- Avoids improper gifting of public lands
- Avoids discrimination between user groups (e.g., piers vs. moorings)

Benchmark Rates For Docks and Moorings

- SLC’s Category 1 rate applies to **private docks, piers, and moorings**
- Current Category 1 Benchmark Rate for Southern California, including Newport, is **\$0.45/ sq ft**

Wait–isn’t that less than the current City rates in Newport Harbor?

- Yes! Rates are already higher and could increase exponentially. Recent City appraisals recommend mooring rates of **\$6.00/sq ft** or more, with similarly increased dock rates possible.
- Current Newport Beach Rates:
 - **Piers..... \$0.58 sq ft**
 - **Moorings.....\$1.39 sq ft**



Attend the City’s Townhall Meeting

May 27th @ 5:00pm
Oasis Senior Center
801 Narcissus Ave

**→ Contact City Council and tell them
you support fair tidelands fees for all!**

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