

# City of Brisbane

## Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council via City Manager  
**FROM:** Director of Marina and Aquatic Services  
**SUBJECT:** Notification of the Clean Marinas California Program Certification  
**DATE:** Meeting of September 13, 2010

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept Staff Report

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS:**

To develop plans and pursue opportunities to protect natural resources ( #8).

To provide public service that assures the safety of property and citizens residing, working or visiting in Brisbane (#9).

To develop programs to enhance training, professionalism and technical skills of City employees (#12).

**PURPOSE:**

To protect the City and State's coastal and inland waters from pollution through compliance of Best Management Practices.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Clean Marinas California Program was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit marina industry alliance to implement and manage the program. The purpose of the Program is to self-regulate marinas to the satisfaction of regulating agencies, and thereby avoid costly and burdensome regulatory permits.

It is a partnership of private marina owners, government marina operators and yacht clubs in California. The Clean Marinas California was developed to provide clean facilities to the boating community and protect the State's waterways from pollution.

The program's mission statement sums up the importance of the program: "An ongoing endeavor, by marina alliance determined to provide environmentally clean facilities and protect the State's coastal and inland waters from pollution, through compliance of Best Management Practices."

Recently, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) drafted a Coastal Marina Permit that would have been costly and expensive to implement. Industry representatives successfully demonstrated that the Clean Marinas California Program could address the objectives of the draft SWRCB permit as it pertains to the Clean Water Act. Had such a permit been adopted, it could have

cost the City of Brisbane \$100,000 to \$200,000 to implement for the Marina and would have put many small marina operators out of business.

**DISCUSSION:**

Although the program started in California, marinas in other states and countries, including Mexico and Costa Rica have adopted the program and been awarded the Clean Marinas California certification. As a result of this success, the name will change to the Clean Marina Program. Brisbane Marina is the 99<sup>th</sup> marina to be awarded.

The Certification Award is a comprehensive and detailed audit of the policies, marina rules, License Agreement, Best Management Practices, educational materials, employee trainings and certifications, emergency action plans, Haz Mat plans, spill response plans, exposure control plans, storm water plan, marina maintenance records and all related documentation.

The audit is followed by a very close walking inspection of all the facilities, buildings, restrooms, parking lots, sidewalks, Haz Mat collection areas recycling and trash collection areas, storm drains, gutters, landings, gangways, docks and berths.

The audit and inspection are tallied on a score sheet where some elements are mandatory to earning the Certificate Award.

The total process took about four hours between three marina inspectors. Brisbane Marina passed with 90%. Certification is good for five years and upon expiration, the process of re-certification will begin all over again.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Clean Marinas California Certificate demonstrates to the SWRCB and other regulatory entities that the City of Brisbane is addressing clean water and pollution control issues at the marina.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

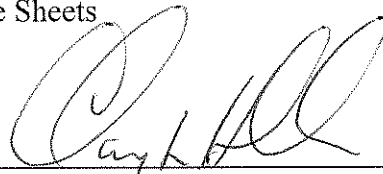
The fee for the inspection was \$300.00.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- The Clean Marinas Program Award
- The Clean Marinas California Program
- The Clean Marinas California Program Score Sheets



Marina Services Director



City Manager

*This is to Designate*

**Brisbane Marina**

*A*

**Clean Marina**

*by the*

*Clean Marinas Program*

*For Successful Implementation of the*

**Best Management Practices**

*This Designation of Completion is hereby awarded*

**July 28, 2010**

*Date*

  
*President - Clean Marinas Program*