

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE PURSUANT TO  
SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE § 4.52.080**

I, Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director, have declared an emergency purchase order to repair the sewer line and fixtures at the Stearns Wharf public restroom.

This emergency declaration complies with Municipal Code Section 4.52.080.

Routine purchase orders would require additional time which will compromise our duty to provide essential services to the harbor and boating community.

The restroom plays a vital service to the residential harbor community. The sewer line failed and requires immediate replacement for health and safety maintenance. The existing material is cast iron that has corroded and connections to the mainline and fixtures have been compromised.

*Update 2.17.26 After demolition of the mechanical chase it was discovered the fixture carriers required to accommodate the space were more expensive than anticipated. Also, the concrete foundation curb was not structurally stable and needed to be re-cast.*

The Waterfront department has reached out to three companies for quotes but needs to decide very soon to schedule a contractor is best qualified for the logistical considerations of working on and under the wharf and who is available. Contractors are very busy, and waiting 30 to 60 days for the lowest bidder to be available further impacts the safe accessibility to this facility.

The emergency work will be funded by Waterfront's Capital Improvement Project fund. The Emergency PO will be for NTE **\$131,120**.  
*Update 2.17.26 The Change Order shall be NTE **\$18,386**.*

Thank you.



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Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director

2/17/2026

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