



SAN FRANCISCO BAR PILOTS
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Pier 9 East End
San Francisco, CA 94111

March 23, 2026

Commissioner Karen Tynan
President, California Board of Pilot Commissioners
VIA EMAIL

Subject: Request for Preliminary Authorization for Construction of Station Boat No. 1

Dear Commissioner Tynan,

Please accept this letter and supporting documentation as SFBP's request for a Preliminary Authorization to contract for the construction of Station Boat Replacement Vessel No. 1 under CCR Title 7 Division 2 236.1. It is anticipated that the PV California will be retired upon successful trials of this new vessel. However, future station boat fleet condition may change which current station boat is retired.

After much research and evaluation, SFBP have settled on a design that is very similar to the existing, proven station boat design, updated with an innovative hybrid propulsion system that is CARB-compliant, and other technical improvements. SFBP have entered into a letter of intent for the vessel to be built at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, located in Freeland, WA.

Details regarding the design, builder and project management are included in the attached documents. Below are estimated vessel construction costs. These estimates are subject to change – unforeseen expenses including additional engineering, tariffs and supply chain constraints may impact the final delivered cost.

San Francisco Bar Pilots	
Station Boat No. 1	
Construction Cost Estimate	
	Estimated Cost
Total Construction Cost	\$ 27,061,531
Shipyard base contract	\$ 23,294,531
Engine Change - Est Contract Adjustment	\$ 250,000
Change Order allowance (2%)	\$ 466,000
Daughter boat contract (safeboats)	\$ 256,000
Misc. Owner Supplied Items	\$ 50,000
Contingency for Fuel	\$ 45,000
Construction Management svcs (MCP)	\$ 750,000
Ad Hoc Engineering Support	\$ 250,000
Pilot and staff travel and expenses	\$ 150,000
Legal	\$ 50,000
Interest and Bank Fees - Not Capitalized	\$ 1,500,000

Submitted with this request are:

1. SFBP BOPC PV Construction Pre Authorization Presentation 3 26 26
2. NBBB SFBP Letter of Intent
3. MCP SFBP Draft Statement of Work
4. General Arrangement and Tank Plan
5. Technical Specification
6. SFBP Station Boat Request for Proposals
7. SFBP Daughter Boat Rendering

Within the submissions you will find significant information regarding the specifics of the project. Once approved, we will be finalizing the vessel construction contract and financing. Throughout the project, SFBP will continue to provide BOPC with construction and financial updates.

Thank you to the BOPC and our industry stakeholders for your consideration. We remain available to answer any questions and provide additional information as you may request.

Sincerely,



[John Carlier \(Mar 24, 2026 14:58:25 PDT\)](#)

Capt. John Carlier
President