

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 11, 2007

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Dona Spring

Subject: Bay Oil Spill Disaster Recommendations

Motion: Write a letter to our federal representatives, with copies to applicable agencies such as the Coast Guard, suggesting that they pass the following legislation:

1. Work for an international ban on the use of 'bunker oil' in sea or waterway traveling ships or boats.
2. Work for an international requirement that all water traveling vehicles must have double hull containment of oil or other toxic materials that could contaminate waterways.
3. Require that the owners of ship barges/tankers maintain contracts with on-call cleanup companies at US ports so that there is an immediate response for containment and cleanup should any toxic substances leak from a vessel;.

In addition, the letter should inform that the City of Berkeley will bill all responsible parties, including the owner of the Cosco Busca, for the cost of all short and long term cleanup work and detrimental impacts of spills affecting Berkeley's Marina and waterfront.

