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### **Napa Welcomes New Main Street Landing Dock** *West Coast Contractors Built Long-Awaited Replacement*

**COOS BAY, OREGON – November 1, 2013** – Floating a 175-foot-long dock three miles up a river isn't a typical construction task. But transporting the City of Napa's new Main Street Landing Dock from the construction site to its new permanent home wasn't a problem for West Coast Contractors ([www.westcoastcontractors.com](http://www.westcoastcontractors.com)) (WCC), which specializes in marine and heavy construction projects. Thanks to the efforts of WCC, recreational and commercial boaters are once again enjoying easy access from the water to the city's restaurants and shops.

The City of Napa removed the original 4<sup>th</sup> Street dock in 2006 to allow for flood control improvements, then tried unsuccessfully for years to obtain grant funding for a replacement. Late in 2012, the City Council decided to finance the \$1.5 million dock out of its own budget, and awarded the contract for its construction to WCC, a Pacific Northwest firm with an extensive portfolio of similar marine projects.

After several months of planning, WCC mobilized its equipment at the site in August and immediately began laying the groundwork for the dock's construction. They installed a 197-foot sheet-pile retaining wall to prevent future erosion of the riverbed then used a barge-mounted excavator to dredge the riverbed to an even depth. The dredging was complicated by the unexpected presence of large boulders in the riverbed, a remnant of a 1930s-era road. WCC had to remove those boulders before work could continue.

In the meantime, other WCC employees were working on the construction of the dock itself at the Napa Pipe project site three miles downstream. The structure consists of 13 pieces of polystyrene foam covered in a layer of three-inch-thick concrete, which were brought by truck to the construction site and assembled into the 10-foot-wide dock. Using a tugboat, WCC pushed the 318,000-pound completed dock to its permanent mooring at the base of Napa's 4<sup>th</sup> Street, attaching it securely to the completed pilings. The company then put the finishing touches on the dock, connecting it to the gangway that leads from the promenade steps. The gangway has been attached to a winch that allows it to be lifted to a safe height during seasonal flooding, which allows the dock to be used year-round.

The City is reserving the uppermost 70 feet of the dock for commercial operations, the middle 70 feet for public boat docking and the 36 feet on the southern end for passenger loading and off-loading. This area also has a 10-foot-long detachable section that can be used for launching



canoes and kayaks. Non-motorized boats can also dock at the 100 feet of usable dock space closest to the promenade.

The City of Napa dedicated the dock on Wednesday, October 23. Riverfront business owners will benefit from the dock's completion, which will allow boaters to access and explore downtown restaurants and shops.

### **About West Coast Contractors**

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, and governmental work. WCC is renowned for construction jobs that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit [www.westcoastcontractors.com](http://www.westcoastcontractors.com) or contact Jessica Kopach at Christie Communications at [jkopach@christiecomm.com](mailto:jkopach@christiecomm.com) or via phone at 805.969.3697.