

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD

October 16th, 2008
Del Rey Yacht Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:45 AM, chair Richard Bloom called the meeting to order. He acknowledged the passing of Dorothy Green, Founding President of Heal the Bay. Introductions followed and reflections made about Dorothy Green.

2. Approval of the August 21st, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Richard Bloom asked for a motion to approve minutes. Meeting minutes moved for approval by Barbara Cameron, seconded by Philip Friess. Approved without objection.

3. Order of Agenda

Agenda approved without objection.

4. Reports from the Chair and Executive Committee

Bloom reported on recent work done by the Executive Committee for the revision of the Bay Restoration Plan. Additional comments need to be considered before approving the Plan by the Governing Board. Objective is to have this completed before the next Governing Board meeting.

5. Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

In place of the TAC Chair, Richard Ambrose, Bay Commission Staff, Lia Protopapadakis reported on TAC updates. Protopapadakis discussed the last TAC Meeting, and announced that the Committee has set a timeline and a general outline for the State of the Bay report. Protopapadakis also discussed the work done by the TAC in establishing an editorial board for the Bay Journal.

Shelley Luce briefly discussed the Bay Journal and two members of the Committee, John Dorsey of Loyola Marymount University, and Mas Dojiri of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Monitoring Division.

The TAC identified a need to add a new member from the socio-economist field to the Committee at the last governing board meeting, and has recommended Dr. Linda Fernandez.

6. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Bay Commission staff, Scott Valor, discussed and distributed the new sign in sheet.

Executive Director, Shelley Luce, announced the appointment of Commission Staff member Lia Protopapadakis, to the Regional Stake Holder Group for the MLPA effort in Southern California. This Group works to propose placement of MPAs between Point Conception and the border of Baja California.

Protopapadakis thanked Laurie Newman for organizing a letter of support for her nomination. The Stake Holder Group meet for the first time on October 6th-7th, 2008. Protopapadakis was selected as an alternate, where alternates and primaries share a vote. The Group must comment on the Draft Regional Profile area between Point Conception to the Baja Border by October 31st, 2008. The report is accessible for public view on www.parkdfig.ca.gov/mlpa.

Luce announced the approval of the Feasibility Study and recommendation of alternatives 4 & 5 by the Department of Fish and Game for the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Planning. Luce discussed the

alternatives to remind the Board of their content. Alternative 4 involves increasing the intertidal zone of Ballona Wetlands, increasing the tidal flush of the area. Alternative 5 supports removal of the current levies, where area C would remain untouched due to heavy public use and infrastructure. More information is available on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission website at www.ballonarestoration.org

Luce announced that the deadline for proposals Prop 84 funds given by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is August 22nd, 2008.

Bay Restoration Commission Staff, Unica Luna, presented on Coastal Cleanup Day data and results. This year the Commission's site was Marina del Rey. The event recruited over 130 volunteers, distributed food from sponsors and \$250 in gift cards, and extracted 131 pounds of trash from the marina. The Commission plans to add Grand Canal to the site for 2009 Coastal Cleanup Day.

7. Election to fill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Vacancy

Motion to nominate Dr. Linda Fernandez as new TAC member (M: Ford, S: Newman). Approved without objection.

8. Consideration of Approval of the IRWMP MOU

Luce discussed consideration of signing the MOU that confirms and renews SMBRC's involvement with the leadership committee of the Los Angeles County IRWMP. Approved unanimously (M: Cameron, S: Spivy-Weber).

9. Presentation on the Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies

Luce discussed the MOU for the Center, which will be considered by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation Board of Directors.

10. Presentation by the Executive Director of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, David McNeal

McNeal discussed the Conservancy, which is a State agency created by legislation 7 years ago. Baldwin Hills is a vital link between the upper watershed and the lower watershed of the Ballona Wetlands.

11. Public Comments and announcements regarding matters not on the agenda

Dr. Susan Benedittis expressed concern over the Baldwin Hills Oil field. She requests Governing Board members show support at the Public Hearing by the City of Culver City on October 16th, 2008. She recommends attention is paid to prevent catastrophic results from drilling oil in this park, and requests support in converting the oil fields into a national park.

11. Announcement of next meeting date

The next Governing Board meeting will be held on December 18th, 2008. The Governing Board meeting for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation will follow promptly after this meeting at 11:30 am.

12. Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Attendance:

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Richard Bloom, SMBRC CHAIR, City of Santa Monica, Mayor
Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu (for Andy Stern)
Alex Fay, Councilmember, LA City Council District 11 (for Bill Rosendahl)
Tom Ford, Santa Monica Baykeeper
Mike Gin, City of Redondo Beach
Susan Nissman, Office of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 3rd District
Micheal O'Leary, Council Member, Culver City
Mark Pestrella, LA County Department of Public Works
Marvin H. Sachse, Brash Industries
Fran Spivy-Weber, California EPA
Paul Backstrom (for Jack Weiss, LA City Councilmember, Pres. of the BWC)
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Department of Public Works

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Angus Alexander, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Bryant Chesney, NOAA-NMS Southwest Division
Laurie Newman (for Senator Sheila Kuehl, CA State Senate, 23rd District)
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Louise Rishoff (for Assembly Member Julia Brownley, State Assembly, 41st District)
Catherine Tyrrell, President, SMBR Foundation

Commission Staff:

Sean Bergquist
Joel Hanson
Michelle Kearney
Shelley Luce
Unica Luna
Lia Protopapadakis
Jack Topel
Scott Valor
Guangyu Wang
Sarah Woodard

Other Attendees, including other Bay Watershed Council Members:

Randal Orton, LVMWD
Diego Cadena, LA County Department of Public Works
Steve Finton, Culver City
Paul Herzog
David McNeil, Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Christopher Sellers, LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors
Wing Tam, City of LA Public Works