

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD

December 18, 2008
Del Rey Yacht Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:47 AM, chair Richard Bloom called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

2. Approval of the October 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendance record was corrected. Motion to approve meeting minutes, as amended, by **Gold**, second by **Pestrella**. Approved without objection.

3. Order of Agenda

Agenda order was not changed.

4. Reports from the Chair and Executive Committee

Chair Bloom introduced former State Senator Sheila Kuehl and her former staff member to the Commission, Laurie Newman. Bloom noted that because of term limits, Senator Kuehl (and Newman) no longer served on the Commission Governing Board. Bloom reflected on the list of numerous accomplishments by Kuehl to further protect the Santa Monica Bay watershed, including authoring the legislation that created the Commission. Kuehl and Newman briefly addressed the GB and audience and were presented with large framed photos of the Santa Monica Bay by Bloom and Executive Director Luce. Applause and photo ops followed...

Bloom briefly introduced the new State Senator, Fran Pavley, who was being represented by staffer Stephanie Molen. Senator Pavley assumed the Governing Board position relinquished by Kuehl.

Bloom reported on work done by the Executive Committee recently for the revision of the Bay Restoration Plan. Objective to have comments and approval by the Governing Board completed today.

5. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Chair, Richard Ambrose reported on the TAC updates. Ambrose discussed the last TAC Meeting, and the MTAC subcommittee.

Ambrose discussed the continuing work of the MLPA initiative. Ambrose described the importance of the MTAC and the Science Advisory Committee to list the species that will benefit most within the Santa Monica Bay. Ambrose briefly discussed review and recommendations of the TAC in regards to the Prop 84 grant fund.

6. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Executive Director, Shelley Luce briefly discussed the Prop 84 proposal reviews and the timeline for the suggested projects approval to the Executive Board meeting in January, 2009. If approved, the Governing Board would approve the proposed projects at the Governing Board meeting in February, 2009.

Luce also introduced a new staff member of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Karina Johnston, who will be working in the Ballona Wetlands Baseline Studies and Data Collection.

7. Consideration of Approval of the 2009 Governing Board Calendar

Bloom discussed possible conflict with the proposed Calendar with the Westside Cities COG Sustainability Committee. Bloom moved to approve the 2009 Calendar. Calendar motioned for approved by **Ford**, seconded by **Gin**, approved without objection.

8. Election of Vice-Chairs to the Executive Committee

Valor discussed consideration of six vacancies on the Executive Committee. Six GB members were nominated prior to the meeting, with no additional floor nominations. Motion to appoint **Diamond, Pavley, Farber, Gin, Gold, and Ford** to those vacancies approved by the Governing Board without objection. (Motion by **Nissman**, second by **Tam**)

9. Review and Discussion of the Bay Restoration Plan Checkup

Luce discussed the goals of the original 1995 Bay Restoration Plan and how those goals have been met over the last 13 years. Guangyu Wang compiled review of the status of the goals and the draft was presented to the Governing Board.

Gold suggested media coverage and possibly writing an editorial by Bloom and Luce in the Los Angeles Times about the successes of the Bay Restoration Plan.

10. Consideration of Approval of the Revised Bay Restoration Plan

Luce described goals, objectives, and milestones of the Bay Restoration Plan and the changed format to better speak to general audiences and to varying agency including those within our governing board. The staff improved language as suggested in the August 2008 governing board meeting to comply with regulatory matters.

Luce discussed goals of increased use of recycled water, and the producers and distributors of recycled water in the Santa Monica Bay.

Motion for approval by **Gold**, second by **Spivy-Weber**. Approved unanimously.

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

Jim Lamm commented on Culver City middle school ecology club. The group created a petition to ban Styrofoam in the Culver City school district.

12. Announcement of next meeting date (Proposed for February 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.)

The next Governing Board meeting will be held on February 19th, 2009.

The Governing Board meeting for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation will follow promptly after this meeting at 11:30 am.

13. Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Attendance:

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Richard Bloom, City of Santa Monica (SMBRC Chair)

Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu (for Andy Stern)

Gail Farber, LA County Department of Public Works

Alex Fay, LA City Council District 11 (for Councilmember Bill Rosendahl)
Tom Ford, Santa Monica Baykeeper
Philip Freiss, LA County Sanitation District (for Steve Maguin)
Mike Gin, Mayor, City of Redondo (South Bay Cities)
Mark Gold, Heal The Bay
Traci Minamide, City of LA Bureau of Sanitation (for Santos Kreimann)
Michael Mullin, Office of the Mayor, City of LA (for Mayor Villaraigosa)
Susan Nissman, Office of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 3rd District
Micheal O'Leary, City of Culver City
Mary Small, CA Coastal Conservancy (for Ann Notthoff)
Fran Spivy-Weber, Cal EPA (for Linda Adams)
Wing Tam, LA City Dept of Public Works (for Enrique Zaldivar)

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Rich Ambrose, Chair, TAC
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Bryant Chesney, NOAA-NMFS (for Bob Hoffman)
Ephraim Leon-Guerrero, US EPA Region IX
Stephanie Molen, Office of State Senator Fran Pavley, 23rd District
Jessie Switzer, Office of Assembly Member Julia Brownley, 41st District
Catherine Tyrrell, Malcolm-Pirnie, President, SMBRF

Commission Staff:

Sean Bergquist
Joel Hanson
Karina Johnston
Grace Lee
Shelley Luce
Lia Protopapadakis
Jack Topel
Scott Valor
Guangyu Wang
Sarah Woodard

Other Attendees, including other Bay Watershed Council Members:

Sheila Kuehl, CIWMB and former State Senator
Laurie Newman, newly-private citizen
Dean Kubani, City of Santa Monica
Mark Pestrella, LA County Dept of Public Works
Chris Sellers, Beaches and Harbors
Jim Lamm, Ballona Creek Renaissance
Stephen Groner, Stephen Groner Associates
Kathleen McGowan, consultant for Manhattan Beach
Steve Finton, Culver City
Charlotte Miyamoto, Beaches and Harbors
Marcia Hanscom, Sierra Club, Ballona Institute