

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD

April 15th, 2010
Del Rey Yacht Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:43 AM, vice chair Fran Diamond called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

2. Approval of the February 18th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Diamond moved to approve meeting minutes. Minutes approved without objection. (M: Gold, S: Maguin. Abst: Spivy-Weber, Cameron)

3. Order of Agenda

Agenda Item 9 was removed. Otherwise, there were no changes.

4. Reports from the Chair and Executive Committee

Tom Ford announced that the report from the Executive Committee would be covered through agenda Items 7 through 9. Gold added his recommendation for SMBRC staff to approve recommendations of the Bay Restoration Plan regarding phase out of Once-Through Cooling. Gold requested that SMBRC staff should move forward in a manner that is consistent with the current Bay Restoration Plan.

Discussion of Once-Through Cooling followed Gold's recommendation. Charles Caspary asked if technology exists to prevent sea life from being stuck on screens of intake pipes. Gold explained that the technology doesn't exist; however there are different attempts that have been developed that help prevent destruction of sea life. Louise Rishoff asked what SMBRC staff can do if the comment period is closed. Gold said staff can go to meetings and simply comment that Once-Through Cooling is inconsistent with the Bay Restoration Plan.

Staff was directed by the Governing Board to proceed as noted above. Without objection.

5. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Steve Bay discussed and delivered an update from the Technical Advisory Committee. The TAC reviewed the State of the Bay report and conference. Additionally, Occidental college, along with other entities, performed a comprehensive survey on the sub-tidal reefs in Santa Monica Bay and all of Southern California. The status of the reefs and monitoring programs was discussed. The report will be finalized and can be compared to all of Southern California. Follow through of this topic will be discussed at the next Governing Board meeting in June, 2010.

6. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Luce announced the development of the reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act. Part of the WRDA reauthorization, Congress is also reauthorizing the National Estuary Program (NEP), per section 320 of the Clean Water Act. A floor vote takes place today in the House of Representatives, and if the bill (HR 4715) passes as written, it would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to allocate \$1.2 million per year to each NEP. The bill would also require an increased level of accountability from each NEP. Reporting would be required more frequently, up to every four years.

Luce also announced the arrival of the second edition of *Urban Coast*. Copies will be available as of June, 2010.

Lastly, Luce updated the Governing Board on the Public Involvement in Education Program. SMBRC awarded \$10,000 to Courdelane Elementary School in Venice Beach last year. The school was able to

acquire \$100,000 in funds from other grants and in-kind matches and developed a Rain Garden to help solve their flooding problems.

Scott Valor distributed the sign-in sheet, and requested members make necessary changes to contact information.

7. Consideration of Approval of Projects to be Funded through Proposition 84 Grant Program

Luce announced that the State Water Resources Control Board would possibly be ready to distribute Prop 84 monies. Of the projects we approved funding for in 2008, three projects still required funding and were ready to begin. The project applicants are City of Inglewood, City of Torrance, and City of Manhattan Beach.

The City of Inglewood project includes the addition of trash inserts for Catch Basins which drain into Ballona Creek. The grant award request was \$205,000, requiring a \$300,000 match. Approved without objection. (M: O’Leary, S: Gold; Abst: Spivy-Weber)

The City of Torrance project involves the Storm Water Basin Enhancement Program. The grant award request was \$3.3 million, requiring a \$1.1 million match. Approved without objection. (M: Maguin, S: Gold; Abst: Spivy-Weber)

The City of Manhattan Beach project involves a Green Belt Low Flow Infiltration Project. The grant award request was \$500,000, requiring a \$100,000 match. Approved without objection. (M: Maguin, S: Gin; Abst: Spivy-Weber).

8. Consideration of Support for the California Ocean Protection Council’s Policy & Implementation Strategy for Reducing the Sources of Plastic Marine Debris

Luce asked for consideration of support for the California Ocean Protection Council’s Policy (OPC) and Implementation Strategy. Luce asked the Governing Board to allow her to send letters and comments regarding the OPC Implementation strategy and resolution. Amendments which include removing the misspelling of the word “sand” to “and”, and the removal of the word “State” were made without objection. Resolution approved unanimously. (M: Washburn, S: Gold)

9. Consideration of Approval of Proposition 12 Grant Award for Cabora Road Trail Improvement Project

Removed from agenda.

10. Member Comment

Washburn offered advice from the City of Calabasas regarding alternative packaging bans and requirements for discouraging polystyrene use by merchants and vendors.

Maguin announced the arrival of the annual informational boat tour event offered by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. Please contact Philip Friess if you would like to attend.

Mark Pestrella announced a “Dam to Coast” tour offered by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

Ford announced his resignation from the Governing Board as a voting member, as he will join the staff of the SMBRF.

Enrique Zaldivar reminded members of Earth Day on April 22nd, where Los Angeles City will give away free tote bags and promote a new recycling reward program.

11. Public Comment

No public comment.

12. Announcement of next meeting date

The next Governing Board meeting will be held on June 17th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

The Governing Board meeting for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation will follow promptly after this meeting at 12:00 pm.

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Attendance:

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Paul Backstrom (alternate for Bill Rosendahl), Councilmember LA City Council District 11
Fran Diamond, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles
Tom Ford, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Santa Monica Baykeeper
Mike Gin, South Bay Cities (City of Redondo Beach, Mayor)
Mark Gold, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Heal the Bay
Sona Kalapura (alternate for Portia Cohen), At-Large Member (City of Manhattan Beach)
Dean Kubani (alternate for Richard Bloom), President, Bay Watershed Council (City Council Member, City of Santa Monica)
Steve Maguin, LA County Sanitation District
Michael Mullin (alternate for Antonio Villaraigosa), Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Susan Nissman, (alternate for Zev Yaroslavsky) Office of Supervisor, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Michael O'Leary, Ballona Creek Watershed Cities (Culver City)
Mark Pestrella (alternate for Gail Farber), LA County Department of Public Works
Marvin Sachse, Public Member (Business/Economic Interest), Brash Industries
Mary Small (alternate for Ann Notthoff), California State Coastal Conservancy
Fran Spivy-Weber (alternate for Linda Adams), California Environmental Protection Agency
Pamela Ulich (alternate for John Sibert), Malibu Creek Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Dennis Washburn, At-Large Member BWC (City of Calabasas, City Council Member)
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Department of Public Works

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Steve Bay (alternate for Richard Ambrose), Technical Advisor Committee, Vice Chair
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Callie Hurd (alternate for Fran Pavley), State Senator, 28th District
Rorie Skei (alternate for Joe Edmiston), Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Louise Rishoff (alternate for Julia Brownley), State Assemblymember, 41st District
Catherine Tyrrell, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, President

Commission Staff:

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

Other Attendees, including other Bay Watershed Council Members:

Lauren Amimoto, City of Inglewood
Rob Beste, City of Torrance
Michael Blum, Malibu Surfing Association
Barbara Cameron, Malibu Creek Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
John Dettle, City of Torrance
Philip Friess, LA County Sanitation District
Patrick Glick, Public
Bob Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers
Michael Guerrero, City of Manhattan Beach
Marcia Hanscom, Sierra Club & Ballona Institute
Wing Tam, LA City Department of Public Works