

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD

August 19th, 2010
Del Rey Yacht Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:42 AM, Chair Richard Bloom called the meeting to order. Introductions followed. Bloom gave a special welcome to West Basin Municipal Water District Board President, Gloria Gray.

2. Approval of the June 17th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Wing Tam noted that the minutes should be amended to include Richard Bloom in the attendees list. Minutes approved as amended. (M: Maguin, S: Zaldivar)

3. Order of Agenda

Agenda order not changed.

4. Reports from the Chair and Executive Committee

Bloom discussed a site visit to West Basin Municipal Water District, where several Governing Board members toured the recycled water facility. Additionally, Bloom announced the planning efforts of the Commission to host several symposiums in the future. First, October 13th, 2010 will be the date of the Low Impact Development (LID) symposium, at the Tree People facility. Second, April, 2011, will be the Oil Spill symposium, which is still under discussion. Third, the Ballona Wetlands symposium to release the first year monitoring data will be held in December, 2010. Lastly, Bloom discussed the postponement of the hearing for Malibu Lagoon Coastal permit to October 13th, 2010.

Mary Small briefly commented on the restoration planning for Ballona Wetlands by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation. Small commented on the range of resources Ballona Wetlands offers, including suggestions for alternatives and restoration of the site. Additionally, Small announced the initiation of formal environmental review process. Expectations are that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Notice of Intent intended for the CEQA process to complete the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will take place this Fall, 2010. Lastly, Small announced the Open House tours of Ballona Wetlands, offered by staff of the Bay Restoration Foundation, which are held on the third Saturday of every month from 9 am-12 noon.

Bloom discussed a letter signed by Small, California Coastal Commission, and Karen Minor, California Department of Fish & Game, which describes the partnership of the Bay Restoration Commission and the California Coastal Commission to restore Ballona Wetlands. Bloom requested that Bay Restoration Commission staff be directed to draft a resolution that would consider support of the Ballona Wetlands restoration efforts and that it be taken up by the Governing Board at the October meeting. Without objection, staff was so directed.

5. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Guangyu Wang, SMBRC staff member, reported on behalf of Richard Ambrose regarding the last TAC meeting. Wang noted that there was no TAC meeting between the this Governing Board meeting and the last Governing Board meeting, but the MRAC did work on the Marine Protected Area (MPA) monitoring data. The California State MPA monitoring enterprise is going to release a request for proposals (RFP), with funding available for baseline monitoring of MPA in the southern California area. The \$4 million funding may become available by the end of the year.

6. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Tom Ford, SMBRC staff member, discussed the planning of the Oil Spill symposium, proposed for April, 2011.

Wang announced the Public Involvement & Education (PIE) grant application period is now over. Fourteen applications were submitted and staff anticipates a quick turn around to review and announce winners by September 1st, 2010. Funding available for this round of PIE grants totals \$30,000. If you have further questions please contact staff member Sarah Woodard, swoodard@waterboards.ca.gov.

Catherine Tyrell, SMBRF President, announced the upcoming LID symposium, scheduled for October 13th, 2010, and invited Governing Board members to attend.

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

7. Consideration of Approval of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority Annual Work Plan and Budget to Implement the State Clean Boating Education Program

Wang briefly described the SMBRF's Boater Education Program, and the role of our program within the State of California Clean Boating Education Program. Additionally, a brief discussion of the way the Santa Monica Bay Joint Power Authority operates. The benefit of integrating our program with the State Clean Boating Education Program is to synthesize invoicing within the State, and to raise awareness of the efforts of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation.

The Work Plan and Budget of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority was approved unanimously. (M: Cameron, S: Nissman)

8. Presentation by West Basin Municipal Water District. Ron Wildermuth, Manager of Government & Public Affairs, will discuss West Basin MWD's Water Reliability 2020 Program.

West Basin Municipal Water District's Public & Government Affairs Manager, Ron Wildermuth, presented West Basin's "Water Reliability 2020" program. Looking to reduce dependence on imported water by 50% by 2020, West Basin is instituting extensive recycling and conservation efforts and is in the process of bringing on line an ocean water desalination pilot project in Redondo Beach.

Wildermuth noted that the continuing drought and the likelihood of a chronic water shortage have lead local water districts to develop strong conservation measures in recent years

9. Presentation by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. Randal Orton, Resource Conservation Manager, will discuss meeting drought reduction targets, water conservation project, et al.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's Resource Conservation Manager, Randal Orton, noted that the water district exceeded water consumption reduction goals in recent years. Efforts to meet these goals included reduced distribution to agricultural customers, voluntary reductions by some customers, increased penalties for excessive water use, and the adoption of specific water budgets.

10. Presentation by Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts. Adam Ariki, Assistant Deputy Director, will discuss various water conservation efforts.

Adam Ariki, Assistant Deputy Director for the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, discussed water conservation efforts at the county's Waterworks District 29. Key conservation programs include public education and outreach, a viable leak detection program, providing rebates for efficient water use appliances, and a tiered water rate structure. Mr. Ariki also noted a popular cash incentive program for removal of home lawns.

11. Member Comment

No member comment.

12. Public Comment

Marcia Hanscom made public comment regarding Agenda Item number 9. In addition, Hanscom expressed concern for the Malibu Lagoon restoration on behalf of the Ballona Institute, Sierra Club, and the Wetlands Defense Fund.

13. Announcement of next meeting date

The next Governing Board meeting will be held on October 21st, 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 11:34 am.

Attendance:

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Richard Bloom, President, Bay Watershed Council (City Council Member, City of Santa Monica)
Barbara Cameron (alternate for John Sibert), Malibu Creek Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Liz Crosson, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest, Santa Monica Baykeeper)
Fran Diamond, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles
Mike Gin, South Bay Cities (City of Redondo Beach, Mayor)
Sona Kalapura (Alternate for Portia Cohen), At-Large Member BWC (City Council Member, City of Manhattan Beach)
Nate Kaplan (alternate for Bill Rosendahl), Councilmember LA City Council District 11
Steve Maguin, LA County Sanitation District
Michael Mullin (alternate for Antonio Villaraigosa), Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Dana Murray (alternate for Mark Gold), Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Heal the Bay
Susan Nissman (alternate for Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, 3rd District), LA County Board of Supervisors
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
Sara Wan, California Coastal Commission
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:

Angus Alexander, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Bryant Chesney, NOAA-NMFS Southwest Division
Kathline King (alternate for Santos Kreimann), LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Stephanie Molen (alternate for Fran Pavley), California State Senator, 23rd District
Louise Rishoff (alternate for Julia Brownley), State Assemblymember, 41st District
Rorie Skei (alternate for Joe Edmiston), Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Catherine Tyrrell, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, President

Commission Staff:

Tom Ford
Joel Hanson
Diana Hulbert
Karina Johnston
Michelle Kearney
Grace Lee
Shelley Luce
Scott Valor
Guangyu Wang
Sarah Woodard

Other Attendees, including other Bay Watershed Council Members:

Adam Ariki, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Michael Blum, Malibu Surfing Association

Gloria Gray, President of Board, West Basin Municipal Water District

Marcia Hanscom, Sierra Club, Ballona Institute, Wetlands Defense Fund

Kevin Jontz, Heal the Bay

David Lawhead, California Department of Fish & Game

Steve Littlejohn, Public

Geoffrey Nathanson, Malibu Advocate

Randal Orton, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Kevin Powers, Charles Abbott Associates, Inc.

Rebekah Rodriguez, California State Senator, 23rd District

Dave Rydman, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Neal Shapiro, At-Large Member, BWC (City of Santa Monica)

Alexis Tale, West Basin Municipal Water District

Wing Tam, LA City Department of Public Works

Ron Wildermuth, West Basin Municipal Water District

Kaden Young, City of Culver City