

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

November 17, 2011, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Conference Room 5, Public Safety Facility, Santa Monica, CA

Attendance:

Dean Kubani (for Richard Bloom)

Liz Crosson

Fran Diamond

Mike Gin

Mark Gold

Absent:

Senator Pavley, Mark

Pestrella

Staff Present:

Shelley Luce, Scott Valor

Guests:

Barbara Cameron

Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up.

Dean Kubani chaired the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of September 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection (M: Crosson, S: Gin)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce stated that the South Bay COG sent a letter approving the new MOU and appreciating the new structure.

Luce noted that the Foundation is applying for a new Urban Greening grant for over \$1.6 M on Cochran Ave Gateway, at the top of the Ballona Creek channel, where it daylights. Jessica Hall wrote the application and did a great deal of community leg work.

Luce noted that the lone US EPA person at our ANEP conference was surprised how much concrete lines Ballona Creek. This person wants to involve us in the EPA's Urban Waters program. Luce stated that she has been working on having this happen for some time now.

Mark Gold asked staff to look at "green solutions" along the Expo Line, based on mention in his Prop O meetings. He suggested that SMBRC staff and GB members approach MTA board members for starters. (Katz, Villaraigosa, Yaroslavsky)

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for December

Governing Board Elections (Including WAC Nominations)

Valor briefly explained how the procedures will work and referred to the memo that was part of the agenda package. Placed on the GB agenda without objection (M: Diamond, S: Gin)

Consideration of Amendments to Prop 84 Grant Award to City of Calabasas

Luce addressed this previous award, noting that the previously considered project will not work and needs to be reconsidered. The City of Calabasas is requesting double the original award amount, whereas SMBRC staff recommends the same amount of money for half the number of trash screen inserts. Gold suggested funding at the current level but also encourage using the best screen for the area—not all areas would need the best screens that are suggested by LA County—as a pilot study, determining the efficacy and durability of the various types of screens.

Luce noted that Pestrella has stated that they are not necessarily interested in a “pilot” at the county drains because they have done extensive testing and concluded which storm drains are best.

Luce also suggested putting this on the agenda, but reserving the right to remove it if not sufficient. Placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Gin, S: Crosson)

End of Year Update on 2011 Projects

Luce noted that we have numerous projects that either have not been mentioned or only briefly mentioned, so she would like to brief the entire Governing Board on this year’s activities. Luce also wants to bring up big issues for 2012, including the Malibu Lagoon restoration.

Luce also noted the Ballona EIR will come out soon and wants to make a point in the meeting that a lot of work has actually gone on in 2011 to give a sense of the progress that has been made. LA County FCD has agreed to be the 408 applicant.

We will also have a Ballona symposium in 2012 and we want to also discuss work with the Montrose Settlement funds (if/when available). Placed on agenda without objection. (M: Gin, S: Crosson)

Artificial Reefs Presentation

Gold mentioned a meeting with Angus Alexander and Douglas Fay regarding artificial reefs and noted opportunities are available in the region to consider. EC members agreed that a follow-up presentation is in order. On agenda without objection. (M: Gold, S: Diamond)

- b. Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Gold mentioned the Vermont Corridor project that may be ready to mention by the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. without objection.