

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

March 22, 2012, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

### *Attendance:*

Richard Bloom (Chair)

Liz Crosson

Fran Diamond

Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn (for Senator Pavley)

Sarah Sikich

Absent:

Mike Gin, Mark Pestrella

Guests:

Dean Kubani

Staff Present:

Shelley Luce, Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 2:15 p.m.*

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

None

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

- a. Consideration of Approval of January 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

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

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce reported on the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) meeting in February. She noted that having a community advisory body such as the WAC is a requirement of the National Estuary Program. She said the WAC reviewed the Work Plan and made suggestions/recommendations for the Governing Board to consider.

Luce noted that the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) approved funding for the Ballona Wetlands Environmental Restoration. She also noted that an Army Corps permit for levy alteration is in the works. We are working with the Flood Control District, among others, on the 408 (levy) permit.

Luce mentioned the wetlands symposium from last week, which was well attended and received good local media coverage. She brought examples of reports that SMBRC funded that were the bases of some symposium presentations.

Luce discussed the annual DC trip that she took with staff member Tom Ford. They met with EPA staff and Congressional staff, among others.

She noted that we are working with our open space agencies (State Parks, et al.) regarding contamination from their properties that could affect TMDL listings.

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

- a. Report from February 2012 Watershed Advisory Council Meeting

See ED report, above, and under “d” below for discussion.

- b. Discussion of Available Bond Funding & Priority SMBRC Projects

Luce and Wang presented the current status for bond funding and asked for input from the EC regarding future funding. Luce reviewed the staff report that broke out funding by types, geography, and who received money. Staff also presented a table for proposed allocations. Fran Diamond asked for updates on completed projects. Sarah Sikich asked for information on success (or not) of certain projects to better inform future projects. Luce noted that the TAC discusses these types of issues on a regular basis. Kubani suggested funding a demonstration project that can create a number of other projects over the years. He suggested that a focus group could be convened to discuss ideas for the type of project. The group was less interested in simply putting out an RFP without a more specific plan. Luce noted that a presentation on projects that are completed will be prepared for the governing board.

- c. Update on Bond-Funded Projects

See discussion under “b” above.

- d. Establish Governing Board Agenda for April

Consideration of Approval of SMBRC 2012-13 Work Plan

Luce noted that the information provided is based on the base funding we use for our projects. Luce also noted the recommendations from the WAC that are being integrated, to a degree, in the new Work Plan. Luce noted the majority of recommendations are being incorporated, while others are already being done. She also noted the need to improve tracking of implementation of the Bay Restoration Plan. EC members expressed interest in coordinating to track TMDLs as they come on line and suggested incorporating this into the Work Plan.

Consideration of Support for SB 1066 (Lieu)

Luce introduced this bill which would clarify that the Coastal Conservancy can fund projects that may address climate change.

Consideration of WAC Appointments

Valor noted some groups are interested in joining the WAC. Assuming that they forward the proper information as required by the MOU, their WAC membership will be agendized for the April Governing Board meeting.

Tsunamis & At-Risk Cities in the Watershed Presentation

Luce noted that Angus Alexander requested to do this presentation.

The EC approved these items for the April GB meeting without objection (M: Sikich , S: Diamond).

e. Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Fran Diamond noted that there will be an MS4 workshop in April. The MS4 will be presented at the September RWQCB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. without objection.