

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
March 20, 2014, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

Attendance:

Fran Diamond
Timothy Lippman
Susan Nissman
Micheál O'Leary
Ron Smith

Absent:
Liz Crosson
Sarah Sikich

Staff Present:

Shelley Luce, Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

Guests: Leighanne Kirk,
Damian Skinner

Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:17 p.m.

Micheál O'Leary chaired the meeting

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged.

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce updated the EC on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Planning Process. DFW expects to release a draft EIR/EIS in or about October 2014. She noted the various acting agencies, including DFW, the Coastal Conservancy, the LA County Flood Control District, Army Corps, etc. The draft chapters will have to be reviewed by the various agencies. An outreach website is being developed by the lead agencies.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for April

Update on IRWMP Process

Russ Bryden from the LA County FCD gave a presentation on the IRWMP process, including a new round of IRWMP funding. Bryden walked the EC through opportunities past and present from existing bonds as well as possibilities for future bonds, from both a water quality and water supply aspect (including addressing drought issues).

EC members discussed the value of having this information come to the Governing Board in light of the drought situation, upcoming funding opportunities, etc.

This item was placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Diamond, S: O'Leary)

Update/Summary of the Watershed Advisory Council Meeting

Guangyu gave a brief summary of the WAC meeting. Chair O'Leary asked questions regarding some of the issues raised by WAC members. Luce addressed some of the broader WAC structural issues and how we can increase/expand participation moving forward.

This item will be discussed during the Executive Director's report in April.

Discussion re Potential Projects & Presentations

This item was incorporated into the items above.

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

Susan Nissman noted a county contribution to the Rindge Dam study report in order to complete the EIR.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m. without objection.