

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
November 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:

Liz Crosson
Gloria Gray
Susan Nissman
Micheal O'Leary
Sarah Sikich

Absent:
Fran Diamond

Staff Present:

Tom Ford, Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

Guests: Walter Lamb,
Damian Skinner, Leighanne
Kirk

Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:21 p.m.

Micheal O'Leary chaired the meeting

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

Members of the public (Walter Lamb) presented to the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of September 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged.

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Tom Ford discussed a recent national meeting of ANEP in Washington DC, including a meeting with US EPA. US EPA noted that climate change adaptation and resilience will be at the forefront of requested future performance from NEPs, which will affect subsequent work plans.

Ford noted research on climate change on the city block level (as opposed to larger regions) which portrays more accuracy regarding climate change effects.

Ford stated that an RFP for remaining Proposition 84 and 50 funds is being considered, with \$8 million of the \$9 million remaining to be made available. He would like input from the EC and the GB before issuing the RFP. He would like to engage various entities in

partnerships and use our limited funding to fill gaps, rather than dole out funding for individual, stand-alone projects. This leveraging would enhance the effects the expenditures would have. Flood control, groundwater recharge/re-use, and reduction of pollutant loading are examples of areas he would like to focus on. Guangyu Wang noted that he has been attending various water quality project workshops, with conceptual projects that could fit into the stormwater capture, storage, re-use, and infiltration models. Liz Crosson believes the projects should focus on EWMP areas, where municipalities are taking positive steps, including green infrastructure projects.

Ford updated the EC on various other projects throughout the watershed, including the Hermosa Beach oil drilling issue, etc. He noted that staff is working on the annual report, the Foundation is working on its audits and Form 990, and that the SMBRA has met and approved its recent budget.

Sarah Sikich has asked for a presentation on the Hermosa Beach oil drilling issue at an upcoming Governing Board meeting. She suggested the City of Hermosa Beach as a presenter. Director Gray has ideas regarding presenters as well. She will meet with staff.

Scott Valor noted that staff is working on an “Orientation” page for the smbrc.ca.gov website. The page will feature documents to better inform new members and the public regarding the SMBRC’s structure and relationship with its partner entities.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for December

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs

Valor noted that the nomination process will begin tomorrow. He explained the process for the new members.

Consideration of Approval of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority FY 2014-2015 Budget

Tom Ford explained the budget specifics for the three programs that will be funded through this budget.

Consideration of Approval of 2015 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Valor explained the meeting dates and meeting procedures.

Discussion of Potential Request for Proposals

See discussion under ED report, above.

Staff Presentation on Hermosa Beach Oil Drilling Issue

Sarah Sikich and Director Gray will work with staff on potential speakers.

The agenda items above were approved for the December Governing Board agenda without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Crosson)

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

Susan Nissman noted recent project approvals on the county level. Sarah Sikich announced that Heal The Bay is hiring.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. without objection.