

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014

Location:

Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

The meeting was convened at 1:10 p.m. John Sibert chaired the meeting. Agenda items are noted in the order they were taken up.

1. Introductions took place.

2. Order of agenda was not changed.

Agenda adopted without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Caldwell)

3. Public Comment

John Davis made public comment.

4. Approval of minutes of February 23, 2012 meeting.

John Davis made comment on the minutes.

Approved without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Caldwell)

5. Consideration of Approval of US EPA Wetlands Protection Development Grant

Karina Johnston gave a brief update and overview of the program. Board members asked various questions regarding the scope of the grant, the local and state partners, timing, etc. Johnston noted that the focus is primarily no vegetation, but also birds and fish to a lesser extent. She noted that there were public meetings held through the SMBRC's Technical Advisory Committee. Board members requested a presentation on this at a future SMBRC meeting.

John Davis made public comment.

Grant approved unanimously. (M: Sibert , S: Nissman)

6. Consideration of Approval of CVA - Boating Education Program Grant

Grace Lee gave an overview of the popular boating program. Board members inquired about boat discharge laws, pump out facilities, etc.

John Davis made public comment.

Grant approved unanimously. (M: Nissman , S: Sibert)

7. Consideration of Approval of Malibu Lagoon Monitoring Grant

Karina Johnston gave a brief overview of the program. She noted that she does hands-on field work in the region. She stated that this monitoring program meets the Coastal Development Permit requirements for the project. She noted improved water quality, improved vegetation, and increased sightings of fauna.

John Davis made public comment.

Grant approved unanimously. (M: Sibert, S: Nissman)

8. Consideration of Approval of 2014-2015 SMBRA Budget

Staff noted that the budget follows the federal budget cycle. Over 5,000 hours of staff time, volunteers, and work of partners is not included in the actual monetary costs, but these are significant contributors to the programs. Menerva Ariki noted that an audit will be conducted beginning in November and will finish by the end of February 2015. Audits will be conducted annually thereafter.

John Davis made public comment.

Budget approved unanimously. (M: Caldwell, S: Sibert)

9. Member comment

Nissman asked about budget review by SMBRC. Staff noted that the SMBRC Governing Board will consider the same budget at its December meeting.

Sibert commented on the clean restaurant program. Nissman asked that the program tie in with county public health officials. Ford noted that it is a non-regulatory program designed to reduce discharge to storm drains. Expansion will be considered.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. without objection.

Attending members: Ariki, Caldwell, Nissman, Sibert

Absent members: Sikich

Attending Staff: Ford (SMBRC), Johnston (TBF), Lee (TBF), Valor (SMBRC), Villagomez (SMBRC), Wang (SMBRC), Svensson (LA Cty. Public Works), Kara Droz (LA Cty. Public Works)

General Public: John Davis, David Warren