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THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Ambrose called the meeting to order on April 4, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the online webinar GoToMeeting (Meeting ID: 365-754-470) and in Pereira 128, Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive, Westchester, CA 90045. Round robin introductions followed.

TAC Members

Rich Ambrose (Chair)	Present (online)
Steve Bay (Vice Chair)	Present (online)
Mas Dojiri	Absent
John Dorsey	Present
Rainer Hoenicke	Present (online)
Karen Martin	Present (online)
Dan Pondella	Absent
Eric Stein	Present (online)

Staff Present

Lia Protopapadakis, Marine Scientist & Project Manager
Guangyu Wang, Deputy Director (online)

Shelley Luce, Executive Director
Ivan Medel, Research Coordinator

Members of the Public

Kathy Knight, Sierra Club – Airport Marina Group & Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

ORDER OF AGENDA. Approved with no changes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kathy Knight spoke about the Ballona Wetlands and saving local wildlife with TAC support.

Walter Lamb came after this item was closed, but was given 2 minutes at the end of the meeting to public comment on items not on the agenda. He spoke about a proposed Annenberg work group.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. Approved with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion: State of the Bay Report

Staff Report

Shelley announced her plans to step down as executive director and take the helm at Environment Now. She also described the search process and the interim plans.

Lia reported on the Watershed Advisory Committee meeting held on March 19, 2014. At that meeting, Lia presented on the ideas being considered for the State of the Bay 2015 and solicited feedback from the Watershed Advisory Committee. Lia also reported on the draft timeline for

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completing the State of the Bay Report and the plans for holding workshops to develop habitat health assessments.

Presentation. Lia walked through 2 side-by-side presentations containing the ideas for the State of the Bay Report and a straw man proposal for a draft outline. The goal of this meeting is finalize the topics that will be covered and to select one story per topic to feature in the report.

Discussion. Discussion took place throughout the presentation. The TAC decided on the following topics and focus stories:

1. Water Resources
 - a. Water Supply and Use
 - i. Low Impact Development
 1. Sidebar on active conservation and infiltration programs and how to get involved.
 - b. Existing Water Quality Programs
 - i. Bacteria: Natural removal and LFDs, two different approaches.
 - ii. Toxics: New data available, any improvement?
 - iii. Trash – If data are available and analysis is possible
 - c. Emerging Water Quality Issues
 - i. New regulatory and monitoring frameworks
2. Natural Resources
 - a. Habitat
 - i. Stream bio-assessments
 - ii. Malibu Lagoon restoration
 - iii. MPA implementation and monitoring
 - b. Biodiversity
 - i. Red legged frog
 - ii. Grunion
 - iii. Sea star wasting disease
 - iv. Fishery management
3. Looking Ahead
 - a. General
 - i. Climate change predictions and adaptation planning
 - b. Upper watershed
 - i. Changing land use in the Santa Monica Mountains effects water quality, water supply and habitat availability
 - ii. Cyano-toxins have been found in streams, HABS of freshwater
 - c. Coastal areas
 - i. Sediment movement and stabilization and in the face of sea level rise.
 - d. Marine
 - i. Nutrients, coastal hypoxia and HABS
 1. Sidebar on HAB network
 - ii. Ocean acidification, upwelling, climate change, and local marine life.

Public Comment. There was none.

MEMBER COMMENT. There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be in person on June 5, 2014 at 9:30am on the LMU campus.

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