

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

September 15, 2011, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

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

### *Attendance:*

Dean Kubani (for Richard Bloom)

Bill Brand (for Mike Gin)

Mark Pestrella

Mark Gold

Absent:

Diamond, Crosson, Pavley

Staff Present:

Shelley Luce, Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

Guests:

None

*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up.*

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm. Dean Kubani chaired the meeting.

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

None

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

- a. Consideration of Approval of July 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection (M: Pestrella, S: Gold)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Luce noted that we are working on the ANEP conference. She noted that most DC EPA staff will not be attending. She and board members expressed disappointment because it is believed that EPA Headquarters staff does not have enough perspective on the west coast programs. She noted that the agenda is still being worked on. Tuesday, October 18 Alexis Strauss is on the agenda at 11 a.m. We are also doing field trips on the Sunday and Thursday of that week (October 16-20).

Luce discussed the Arroyo Sequit project. It is going to the SWRCB on Monday and the chair had questions. She will be attending in order to answer questions and explain the process.

Luce gave an update on Ballona restoration planning. We are working with the USACE on a feasibility study. However, the USACE said it is over budget. Luce said we are looking at different options. She noted that they changed their in-kind credit rules, which puts in doubt the future of the feasibility study. She also said that we maintain the 408 option, allowing us to amend or change the configuration of the levies.

Luce mentioned that we have a strategic financial plan in process. Heather George is turning it into an action plan. The SMBRF will discuss this as well.

Luce stated that an MOU between the Foundation and Commission, while not specifically necessary, will be developed in order to help clarify their relationship with one another.

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for October

MOU Amendments

Placed on the GB agenda without objection (M: Gold, S: Pestrella)

Presentation to Governing Board

Luce noted that there is interest in a presentation by Joan Cardellino on the WQFI. She will speak with appropriate staff to arrange for this.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. without objection.