

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
January 31, 2013, 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

Jeff Duclos (for Mike Gin)

Micheál O'Leary

Sarah Sikich

Ron Smith

Jennifer Zivcovic

Absent:

Fran Diamond

Guests: None

Staff Present:

Tom Ford, Shelley Luce, Scott Valor,
Guangyu Wang

Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Micheál O'Leary chaired the meeting

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of November 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection (M: Crosson, S: Duclos, Abst: O'Leary, Zivcovic)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce discussed the latest financial audit which she noted was "unqualified," meaning it was 100% clean, with no issues. She noted that our administrative expenses are extremely low, well below average, which is excellent.

Luce presented a draft of our annual report, which includes the financial information, a broad project overview, etc. She noted that we print few copies of the report, but it will be available on the website.

Luce updated the EC on the Water Quality Funding Initiative. The EC in the past directed Luce to work with the County on this measure. She has worked on various outreach, project selection criteria, and other committees on behalf of the SMBRC. Ron Smith noted that the WQFI needs to be demystified in order to garner more support.

Luce updated the EC on the Annenberg Foundation's proposed visitors' center that was recently announced. It was noted that the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife didn't do sufficient outreach prior to the announcement which caught people off guard and caused negative reactions. She noted that the proposed project must become part of the CEQA/NEPA process with all alternatives considered. She also stated that there is a new 60-day comment period.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for February

Appointment of Dr. Eric Stein to the Technical Advisory Committee

Luce noted that the TAC has a vacancy that can be filled by Dr. Eric Stein, who is qualified as one of the foremost wetlands scientists in the state. He also has stormwater expertise. O'Leary suggested that he be invited to say a few words. Smith asked for a roster of the TAC.

The item was placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Crosson, S: Gin)

Consideration of Approval of Amendments to the SMBRC MOU

This is cleanup language based on new district numbers and additions to the Watershed Advisory Council.

Election of WAC Member to Governing Board At-Large Position

The nominating period will open tomorrow, February 1st and close the Tuesday before the GB meeting. Floor nominations will be allowed. Any WAC member is eligible.

Presentation on Bay Restoration Plan Progress and 5-Year Update

Luce stated that we develop the Bay Restoration Plan per US EPA requirements. She noted that it includes 14 goals, with various objectives, and milestones. Luce noted some milestones need to be updated, some are obsolete, and new ones need to be added. She stated that a WAC workshop on February 13th will be used to discuss and expand on important issues that could be incorporated into the BRP.

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

Smith suggested that we produce a structural/organization chart to show the WAC relationship to the Governing Board, etc. and to include the TAC.

O'Leary suggested the Clean Bay Restaurant program take a look at new Culver City restaurants.

Duclos noted that he is interested in applying for the At-Large seat as a Hermosa Beach City Council member. He also noted that he was recently appointed as an alternate to the Coastal Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. without objection.