

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
November 21, 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:

Fran Diamond
Susan Nissman
Sarah Sikich
Damian Skinner (for Micheál O'Leary)
Ron Smith

Absent:
Liz Crosson
Jennifer Zivkovic

Staff Present:

Shelley Luce, Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

Guests: Leighanne Kirk, TJ
Moon

Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:14 p.m.

Fran Diamond chaired the meeting

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of July 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce introduced TJ Moon with the LA County FCD who is visiting today.

Luce noted that staff just posted data about Malibu Lagoon six months ahead of schedule. The information relates to water quality in the lagoon area and is posted on our website. The raw data will be crunched into a readable form for our annual report next year.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for December

Bay Restoration Plan Update

Luce noted that she was at the ANEP annual meeting where the US EPA strongly urged that these plans be kept up to date at least every 5 years in a public process. Luce asked the EC to recommend that the GB adopt the 2013 update of the Bay Restoration Plan. She noted that Guangyu Wang provided different versions to the EC members ahead of time.

Fran Diamond suggested that we give the GB plenty of advanced notice and note that we prefer not to print it out. However, if someone wants a print out, they should suggest in advance. Susan Nissman asked that staff tell GB members to review well in advance and come prepared, after noting whether their input/suggestions were properly addressed.

Members suggested that the WAC also be notified regarding the fact that its member comments were incorporated into the BRP.

This item was placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Diamond, S: Smith)

Election of Watershed Advisory Council Members to Governing Board

Luce explained the election process, the current WAC members who are in those positions, and how we have proceeded in the past.

The EC board directed staff to open the nomination period.

Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project

Luce described the project and emphasized the green street aspect of it. Luce noted that the project is on a public right-of-way on Vermont Avenue with very little green space and high trash and pollutant loads. Luce noted that staff would like to award \$1 million from our Prop 84 program for this project.

EC members recommended a brief presentation by City of LA staff, noting city and watershed-wide benefits. They requested mentioning TMDLs, how much water is drained (feet, acres, etc.), etc.

This item was placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Smith, S: Sikich)

Approval of 2014 Governing Board Meeting Calendar

This item was placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Diamond)

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

Susan Nissman has been attending Bay Delta Conservation Plan meetings recently and noted that the plan might be funded in an upcoming bond. She noted an ongoing public review process. She asked if it should be brought to our board. Some board members thought the information would be worthwhile for other board members. It was suggested for a possible 2014 Governing Board meeting.

Sarah Sikich noted that the Ocean Protection Council just funded a climate change study for the LA region. The project will move forward soon, so a presentation on this issue would be worthwhile for a future SMBRC meeting.

Sikich also noted that the Coastal Commission just released a sea level rise guidance document. She said that this will help identify vulnerable spots in the region.

Diamond suggested that the SMBRC make a presentation to the RWQCB in the near future regarding the SMBRC's role, tasks, etc. She suggested contacting Sam Unger to get on the agenda. Sikich suggested that a similar presentation be made to the Fish & Game Commission. Diamond suggested that the SMBRC makeup is a good model and should be shown to other organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. without objection.