

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission  
March 17, 2016, 12:00 to 2:00 pm  
West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility  
1935 S. Hughes Way  
El Segundo, CA 90245

### *Attendance:*

Fran Diamond  
Rich Nagel  
Bruce Reznik  
Enrique Zaldivar

Absent:  
Joan Cardellino, Timothy  
Lippman, Sarah Sikich

### *Staff:*

Tom Ford, Jack Topel, Scott Valor (via  
teleconference), Marcelo Villagomez,  
Guangyu Wang

Guests: Walter Lamb, Wing  
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*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 12:08 p.m.*

Enrique Zaldivar chaired the meeting. Lacking a quorum, the Executive Committee started as a subcommittee.

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

Walter Lamb commented on the Watershed Advisory Council process and structure of the SMBRC and The Bay Foundation.

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

#### a. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Tom Ford updated the EC on various Bay Restoration Plan goals and actions. He discussed the status of the rain garden program, including receiving local TV coverage. Ford noted that The Bay Foundation received support from SoCal Edison regarding the Los Angeles World Airports dune restoration project. He described the volunteer work that is currently underway.

Ford noted that the kelp restoration effort continues to be successful despite the effects of El Nino on current ocean temperatures.

Ford said the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) meeting is on March 30<sup>th</sup>. He outlined how the meeting process would work.

Ford acknowledged the reappointments of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members and noted the outcome of the latest TAC meeting, including election of a TAC chair (Steve Bay).

He discussed the deployment of a new ocean acidification sensor and the need for data for this trend.

An application to US EPA for a climate change vulnerability analysis was submitted on behalf of the SMBNEP consistent with the Bay Restoration Plan.

Fran Diamond entered the room at 12:31 pm, constituting a quorum for the EC.

Ford and EC members discussed the current rainfall and snowpack levels.

Ford discussed a proposal by Michael Blum regarding Marine Protected Areas and their cultural values.

Finally, Ford acknowledged the Department of Fish & Wildlife (by way of TBF) receiving a coastal development permit to remove invasive ice plant from the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.

Bruce Reznik asked about the Prop. 84 proposals that have been received. Ford noted that the RFPs will come before the Governing Board at June so the EC would have a look at them at the April meeting.

Fran Diamond asked about the Coastal Commission meeting and the DFW permit. She asked about who was and was not given notice to the meeting. Ford said he would address that at the April GB meeting.

b. Consideration of Approval of January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection. (M: Diamond, S: Reznik)

c. Order of Agenda

Item 2c was taken up first, then 2a and 2b..

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for April

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

Chair Zaldivar asked whether it would be appropriate for the TAC members to attend the GB meeting and be introduced to the board. Ford noted that this happened at the September 2015 State of the Bay Conference. Ford noted that the TAC chair is a non-voting member of the GB and typically attends the meeting to provide updates. Reznik suggested that TAC members attend to help guide the Prop 84 discussion. Ford noted that Prop 84 proposals will be addressed at the June GB meeting, not the April meeting.

Proposition 84 Request for Proposals Update

Ford emphasized that the proposals will come at the June GB meeting. Jack Topel explained the process to date and going forward. Topel noted that approximately \$9 million is available and that staff has been contacting applicants for clarification and further explanation. After review, staff will present the EC and GB with a recommended projects list.

Rich Nagel asked about matching fund requirements. Topel noted that it depends on the amount of requested funding.

Chair Zaldivar asked whether the GB has full authority to address the funding amount or extent of a particular project. Staff responded yes. Ford noted that an analysis of the costs, etc., will be presented for the GB consideration.

#### WAC Meeting Process and Eventual Results

Ford and Guangyu Wang explained the WAC process, discussing the breakout into various groups to address the goals of the Bay Restoration Plan.

#### Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis Presentation

Ford noted that he would like to present on this issue at the April GB meeting.

Chair Zaldivar asked for a litigation update at the April meeting. He asked for clarification on closed session and what can/cannot be discussed with legal counsel and what process there would be to go into closed session.

Ford suggested that this be postponed if the ACA 8 presentation is to be made.

#### Presentation on ACA 8 by West Basin (and General Legislative Update)

Rich Nagel asked for an opportunity to present on ACA 8 currently pending before the legislature. ACA 8 addresses stormwater regulation and funding. Senate Bill 163 was also discussed. Nagel also asked for a future presentation on West Basin's desalination process (not at the April meeting). Members suggested 20 minutes be given on the agenda.

These items (other than the Climate Change Vulnerability) were collectively placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Reznik, S: Nagel)

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. without objection.