

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

Location:

Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

The meeting was convened at 10:38 a.m. John Sibert chaired the meeting.

Introductions took place.

Order of the Agenda:

There was no change to the order of the agenda.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given

Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2016:

The minutes from September 7, 2016 were approved with a correction: this meeting started at 12:37 p.m. instead of 12:37 a.m. (M: Wu, S: Nagel)

Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with City of Los Angeles Department of Airports (dba Los Angeles World Airports):

Executive Officer Tom Ford gave a description of the agreement between LAWA and the SMBRA and spoke about how the goals of the agreement relate to the mission of the SMBRA and the Commission's Bay Restoration Plan (BRP). Ford said this 3-year partnership will combine the desired expertise and funding to work on restoration involving; removal of invasive and non-native vegetation, seeding and planting of native vegetation, and landscaping. TBF will bring community members to monthly events at the LAX dunes to conduct and support the aforementioned operations. Members discussed issues related to the term of current permit, which Ford and Tamira McCrossen addressed and clarified that the permit for the project is still valid. Members discussed other details of the MOU, including the funding of it and payments to the County's account as work is done.

Members also discussed the scope of the work and the status of the roads at the dunes and the drain system. McCrossen addressed the roads question and cited a 30-year plan to remove the roads beyond

the scope of this agreement. She said the scope of the agreement comprises 48 acres of habitat restoration only. Members discussed the drain system at the site.

Public Comment:

Kathy Knight, public citizen, cited a study from the early 90's by Rudy Mattoni regarding the endangered species El Segundo Blue Butterfly and recommended careful restoration of specific coastal buckwheat, after learning from past mistakes.

The Memorandum of Understanding with City of Los Angeles Department of Airports (dba Los Angeles World Airports) was approved without objection (M: Nagel, S: Wu).

Member Comments:

John Sibert announced that he was termed out of office at the end of November. Ford recognized Sibert's role as SMBRA chair and member of the Commission, and thanked him for his service and leadership.

Adjournment

11:17 a.m.

Attending members: Rich Nagel, John Sibert, Frank Wu

Absent members: Timothy Lippman; Sarah Sikich

Attending staff: Ford (SMBRC), Wang (SMBRC), Villagomez (SMBRC)

General public:

Kathy Knight

Lin Carolyn Lin, Los Angeles World Airports

Tamara McCrossen-Orr, Los Angeles World Airports