

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
January 19, 2017, 12:30 to 2:00 pm
West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

Attendance:

Members:

Fran Diamond
Timothy Lippman
Rich Nagel
Bruce Reznik
Sarah Sikich
Enrique Zaldivar

Absent:

Sam Schuchat

Staff:

Tom Ford, Scott Valor (via
teleconference), Marcelo Villagomez,
Guangyu Wang, David Coupe
(SWRCB)

Guests: Kathy Knight,
Wing Tam

Meeting called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Enrique Zaldivar chaired the meeting. He invited board members to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

Kathy Knight bid the EC Happy New Year and hopes for a slow, careful recovery for the Ballona Wetlands. She commented on various issues regarding the wetlands, including water and various species.

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection. (M: Nagel, S: Sikich)

- b. Order of Agenda

No change

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Tom Ford reported on the recent Governing Board and Technical Advisory Committee meetings, including an update on the climate change vulnerability assessment. He also discussed the Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies. Ford also updated the EC on various projects, including the SAMO Dunes project and

the Abalone Lab project. He also noted that the SMBRA/LAWA MOU seeking to restore 48 acres of LAX dunes has been approved. Ford also commented on the upcoming Watershed Advisory Council meeting, including details and what to expect at the meeting, and urged Board and WAC members to attend. Ford also noted that there would be a Work Plan update at the February Governing Board meeting. Ford also discussed a presentation by John Dorsey about the Culver City rain garden at Ballona Creek.

*Agenda Item 3. **Executive Committee Business***

a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for February

Members discussed various topics for agenda items for the next Governing Board meeting. Items for the SMBRC governing board meeting included a presentation by John Dorsey, a WAC progress report, and the appointment of an SMBRC board member to the Joint Powers Authority (SMBRA)

Appointment of SMBRC Governing Board Member to SMBRA Governing Board:

Scott Valor explained the vacancy on the SMBRA and the appointments to it.

Sarah Sikich and Fran Diamond asked for a brief informational presentation about the SMBRA prior to the vote in February.

Items were placed on the agenda without objection. (M: Nagel, S: Sikich)

Closed Session

The EC went into Closed Session at 12:51 p.m. to discuss existing litigation filed against the SMBRC by the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust.

The EC came out of Closed Session at 1:49 p.m. and reconvened Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

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

Members made various announcements about upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m. without objection.