

SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:39 Enrique Zaldivar called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

1) Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda and Public Testimony on All Agenda Items

Public Comment:

Michael Omary made public comment regarding reducing TMDLs, specifically bacteria, with Clean Water Technologies in the City of LA. Omary asked for approval of a demonstration project using Clean Water Technologies.

2) Informational Items

a. Order of Agenda.

The order of the agenda was not changed.

b. Reports from the Chair

Enrique Zaldivar gave the Chair report. Zaldivar reported on the transition of the Commission's Executive Director (ED) to the Chief Administrative Director (CAD). Zaldivar reported the Executive Committee (EC) discussed the draft timeline for the Bay Restoration Plan revision process that will be presented today.

c. Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay gave the TAC report. Bay reported there were three items discussed at the June TAC meeting. Bay reported on those items including the State of the Bay report development timeline, Comprehensive Monitoring Program, and new TAC membership nomination. Discussion followed.

d. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP staff

Guangyu Wang gave the CAD report. Wang thanked the EC members for their support during the transition from the ED to the CAD. Wang gave an update on the progress of the projects that the commission recommended to the State Water Board for Prop 84 funding. Wang also reported on the status of the pH and dissolved oxygen sensors that were deployed off the coast in partnership with LA County Sanitation and funding from the EPA.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. Ford reported on four new annual reports posted on the foundation webpage including the Aerial Survey report, Iceplant Removal project report, LADWP Education Grant report, and LAX Dune Community Restoration project report. Ford reported the Malibu Lagoon fourth year post restoration monitoring and Palos Verdes kelp restoration project reports are in progress. Ford reported on work conducted by six summer interns in partnership with LMU. Ford reported restoration and monitoring continues for LAX dunes, Santa Monica Beach pilot restoration project, Arroyo Sequit, and Malibu Lagoon. Ford reported on the abalone restoration project, kelp restoration project, boating outreach program, and volunteer coordination for the Marina del Rey Anglers fishing trips. Ford reported on the permit amendment from the Coastal Commission for the Iceplant Removal project, the September 28th Coastal Connections fundraising event for the Foundation, two EPA reports including NEPORT and the semi-annual report, and lastly the bight 18 monitoring program. Discussion followed. Suzanne Goode offered advice for the iceplant removal project.

3) Governing Board Business

a. Consideration of Approval of June 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The June minutes were approved as amended. M: Charlie Caspary S: Bruce Reznik, O: Ted Bardacke, Kara Kemmler, E.J. Caldwell, Roberto Uranga

b. Consideration of Appointment of Phyllis Grifman to the Technical Advisory Committee

Guangyu Wang introduced this agenda item and gave a brief summary. Steve Bay gave a recap of TAC members' recommendation regarding adding Phyllis Grifman as a member. Bay mentioned the State of the Bay report may add a socio-economic values and benefits section and Phyllis Grifman's expertise in the socio-economic field. Brief discussion followed. Phyllis Grifman was appointed as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee. M: Dan Murphy, S: Sara Sikich.

c. Presentation and Consideration of Adoption of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan Revision Process and Schedule

Erica Yelensky gave the first part of the presentation as the SMBNEP program officer from the EPA. Discussion followed. Guangyu Wang and Tom Ford continued the presentation jointly as the two main partners of the National Estuary Program. Discussion followed regarding the format of future meetings including working groups. Caspary recommended board members get their group assignments two weeks before the next board meeting so they can do their homework. Frances McChesney suggested all board members have access to the BRP prior to the meeting to do their homework.

d. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

e. Member Comment—Governing Board members may wish to comment on issues not otherwise on the agenda

No member comment. Frances McChesney was wished a happy retirement and given words of congratulation and appreciation.

f. Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for October 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. without objection

Attendance

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Charlie Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Ted Bardacke, Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles
E.J. Calfwell, West Basin Municipal Water District
Debbie Dyer Harris, Councilmember, Los Angeles City Council District 11
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks & Recreation
Gary Hildebrand, LA County Department of Public Works
Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy
Timothy Lippman, Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Dan Murphy, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Bruce Reznik, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Westside Cities (City of Culver City)
Sarah Sikich, Public Member (Environmental/ Public Interest), Heal the Bay
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Rod Spackman, Public Member (Business/Economic Interest), Chevron

Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Michael Tripp, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Roberto Uranga, California Coastal Commission
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Sanitation

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee, Chair
Sam Ziegler, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:

Heather Burdick
Julie Du Brow
Tom Ford
Victoria Gambale
Melodie Grubbs
Frances McChesney, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Jack Topel
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees:

Craig Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter
Tonya Durrell, LA City Bureau of Sanitation
Chris Newman, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Michael Omary, APD Clean Water Technologies
Wing Tam, LA City Department of Public Works
Frank Wu, LA County Public Works
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX