

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
November 16, 2017, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

Attendance:

Members/Alternates:

EJ Caldwell
Sam Schuchat
Timothy Lippman
Bruce Reznik
Sarah Sikich
Enrique Zaldivar

Absent:
Fran Diamond

Staff:

David Coupe (SWRCB), Guangyu
Wang (SMBRC), Marcelo Villagomez
(SMBRC)

Guests:

Tom Ford, The Bay
Foundation
Wing Tam, LA County
Erica Yelensky (via
telephone), US EPA

Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Enrique Zaldivar chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

Erica Yelensky made comments regarding her concern about sufficient time for workshop at the December Governing Board (GB) meeting and similar concern for completing the BRP revision on time schedule.

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

- a. Consideration of Approval of July 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes was approved unanimously, Moved by Sarah Sikich, seconded by EJ Caldwell

- b. Order of Agenda

There is no change to the order of agenda

- c. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director (CAD), reported on the GB's directive to request extension on Ballona Wetlands EIR comment period and a presentation on the EIR at the December GB meeting. Wang informed the Committee that no request was made because the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife already extended the deadline to February 5, 2018. The EIR presentation is placed as a potential agenda item of the December GB meeting for consideration by the EC today. Wang reported that staff received good input on BRP revision from both the GB and WAC workshops, including online surveys and he gave a brief summary of common themes from the comments received.

Wang invited Tom Ford, ED of The Bay Foundation, and partner of the SMBNEP, to report on the progress of the current SMBNEP work plan implementation. Ford spoke about the federal and state role in the SMBNEP and the requirement for BRP revision. He asked the EC to consider adding half-hour time to the GB meetings to allow more time for the BRP revision workshop. Ford also reported on the agreement TBF signed with LAWA for LAX dune restoration, the progress on abalone restoration project, and the launch of Coastal Research Institute.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

a) Establish Governing Board Agenda for October GB Meeting

Agenda items to be considered for the December 2017 Governing Board meeting:

i) Election of Watershed Advisory Council Members to the Governing Board (A Vote by Governing Board Members)

Wang introduced this agenda item.

ii) Election of SMBRC Governing Board Chair

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained the election procedure.

iii) Consideration of Approval of 2018 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Wang introduced this agenda item and recommended meeting time extension to noon in 2018. Bruce Reznik seconded the idea of time extension. The rest of the members consented.

iv) Consideration of Prop. 84 Funding Recommendation Adjustment for Ladera Park and Gates Canyon Park Projects.

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained the need to resolve the funding overlap.

v) Presentation on Ballona Wetlands Ecological Preserve EIR

Wang introduced this item as a follow-up to discussion and request made by members at the October GB meeting. He recommended the presentation be given by TBF staff because lead agencies of the EIR do not give presentations. Discussion followed. After discussion, the Committee directed the staff to schedule this an information item only, and the presentation be focused on what the EIR includes with no follow-up clarification questions.

vi) Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained that the format of the workshop will be similar to the one conducted during the last GB meeting. EC Members gave input to Wang to better plan the workshop with the limited time and room space.

Agenda items to be considered for the February 2018 Governing Board meeting:

- i) Election of SMBRC Governing Board Vice Chairs
- ii) Approval of Amendment to the SMBRC Conflict of Interest Code
- iii) Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced these agenda items.

Approval of agenda items for December 2017 and February 2018 GB meetings: Items approved. Moved by Tim Lippman, seconded by Sam Schuckat.

b) Closed Session.

Closed session started at 2:04 pm and ended at 2:12 pm.

c) Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

There were no member comments or announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm without objection.