

SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:37 Fran Diamond 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:

David Coupe made a clarification regarding public comment.

Michael Blum made public comment regarding listing of Malibu surfing area as National Register of Historic Places.

2. Informational Items

a. Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda was not changed.

b. Report from the Chair

Fran Diamond gave the Chair report. Diamond reported that she was pleased to represent the Commission at the ribbon cutting of the Milton Street project in the City of LA. Diamond reported the commission supported this project and the project was multi-benefit.

c. Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay gave the TAC report. Bay reported that the TAC has not met since the last Governing Board meeting and the next meeting is February 28th.

d. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP staff

Guangyu Wang gave the Chief Administrative Director report. Wang commented on the partnerships that made the Milton Street project possible. Wang reported on the January 17th Watershed Advisory Council meeting. Wang reported on the last board meeting elections, the open tourism seat on the board, that there are no criteria for classification of any board seats, and the possibility of filling the tourism seat with a recommendation received from a board member. Wang reported on \$6.8 million remaining in Prop 12. Questions and discussion followed regarding Prop 12 funding.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. Ford reported on the upcoming National Estuary Programs meeting in Washington D.C, on the abalone restoration project, kelp projects, Malibu Lagoon monitoring project, LAX dunes restoration project, the Santa Monica beach restoration pilot project, and a new similar project on Westward and Zuma beach. Ford also reported on the Coastal Research Institute at Loyola Marymount University. Questions and comments from Board members followed.

3. Governing Board Business

a. Consideration of Approval of December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The December minutes were approved as amended. Moved by: Wing Tam Seconded by: Tim Pershing

b. Consideration of Reappointment of Technical Advisory Committee Members

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Re-nominated members including Dr. Richard Ambrose, Steve Bay, Dr. John Dorsey, Dr. Mas Dojiri, Dr. Rainer Hoenicke, Dr. Karen Martin, Dr. Dan Pondella, and Dr. Eric Stein were reappointed to the TAC. Moved by: Kevin McKeown, Seconded by: Gloria Gray.

Election of SMBRC Governing Board Vice Chairs (Comprising the Executive Committee)

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and announced the nominees received so far: West Basin Municipal Water District (Gloria Gray), Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Charles Caspary), Heal the Bay (Sarah Sikich), Los Angeles Waterkeeper (Bruce Reznik), Los Angeles County Supervisory Sheila Kuhls office (Timothy Lippman), and State Coastal Conservancy (Sam Schuchat). Wang opened the floor for nominations. There were no floor nominations. The floor nomination was closed, and Wang recommended a voice vote for the nominees. All six nominated organizations were elected to vice chairs. Moved by: Dan Murphy Seconded by: Kevin McKeown.

c. Presentation and Discussion: Draft Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program FY 2019 Work Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and asked Karina Johnston and Tom Ford from the Bay Foundation for a brief presentation for informational purposes. David Coupe commented on an email received from Walter Lamb of the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust regarding the Work Plan and Bay Restoration Plan. Discussion followed.

d. Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and asked Karina Johnston and Tom Ford gave an overview of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan revision and workshop details. Workshop in breakout groups followed.

e. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

f. Member Comment

There was no member comment.

g. Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for April 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 without objection.

Attendance

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board
Charlie Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Fran Diamond, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Debbie Angela George, LA County Department of Public Works
Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District (At Large Member)
Robert Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers (At Large Member)
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks & Recreation
Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy
Timothy Lippman, Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Dan Murphy, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Bruce Reznik, Public Member (Environmental/ Public Interest), Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Sarah Sikich, Public Member (Environmental/ Public Interest), Heal the Bay
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Rod Spackman, Public Member (Business/ Economic Interest), Chevron
Clark Stevens, Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District (At Large Member)
Wing Tam, LA City Department of Public Works
Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Michael Tripp, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Laurie Newman, President, The Bay Foundation
Timothy Pershing, Office of Richard Bloom, State Assembly Member, 50th District
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:

Heather Burdick
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Julie DuBrow
Tom Ford
Victoria Gambale
Karina Johnston
Jack Topel
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:

Michael Blum, Sea of Clouds
Emily Blum, public
Craig Dadwallader, Surfrider South Bay
Chris Newman, LA County Fire Department Life Guards
Chung Nguyen, LA County Dept of Public Works
Ryan Riguun, Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Westside Cities (City of Culver City)
Allen Sarlo, public