

SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:40 a.m. Charles Caspary 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:

John Tommy Rosas of the Tongva Nation commented on the Tribal Consultation Policy with regards to the Ballona Wetlands.

2. Informational Items

a) Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda remained the same.

b) Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

c) Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay reported that the September 26, 2018 TAC meeting reviewed revisions of the action plan and endorsed the revisions, reviewed Prop. 84 project monitoring plans, and established a subcommittee to review Prop 50 proposals. The next meeting is scheduled for late November.

d) Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang reported that a Request for Proposal for Prop 12 funding solicited 14 proposals and total funds of just over \$13 million were requested. Proposals are being reviewed and six site visits have been conducted. Recommendations for awarding Prop 12 funding may be brought to the December Governing Board meeting.

Tom Ford gave an SMBNEP report on the status of programs and projects carried out under the current annual work plan. Ford reported that the SMBNEP Semi-Annual Report will be submitted to EPA and be made publicly available.

a. Facilitated Evaluation of the SMBNEP Structure during the CCMP Revision Process

Guangyu Wang reported on discussion at the last Executive Committee meeting to hire a facilitator to evaluate the structure of the SMBNEP. Wang reported that the Request for Proposal has solicited several responses and hopes to start the process in early November.

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on State Board facilitator services brought up at June 2017 meeting and attempted to make check donation to SMBRC.

David Coupe addressed Lamb's comments and said he will follow up with the State Board to see how this type of money may or may not be accepted and follow up on the request of the SWRCB facilitation service.

Charles Caspary asked Coupe to inform the next Executive Committee meeting of his findings with regards to the SMBRC account and review the RFP for the facilitator and look into the State Board facilitator services.

Patricia McPherson commented on the history of SMBRC and The Bay Foundation, and the role of SMBRC involvement in Ballona Wetlands restoration.

John Tommy Rosas commented on noncompliance of the SMBRC with Public Resources Code section 30988.3.

David Coupe addressed Rosas' comments and offered to follow-up with him to discuss the issues he raised at a later time.

3. Governing Board Business

a) Consideration of Approval of August 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The August minutes were approved with an amendment to include Erica Yelensky's name and representing body under "Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board."

Approved. Moved: Wing Tam; seconded: Shelley Luce. Abstained: Martha Tremblay, Suzanne Goode, Claire Waggoner.

b) Presentation and Consideration of Adoption of the Final Draft Action Plan of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP)

Guangyu Wang and Karina Johnston gave a presentation on the Final Draft Action Plan of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan.

Kara Kemmler, Martha Tremblay, Dennis Washburn, Kevin McKeown, Shelley Luce, Erica Yelensky, and Charles Caspary commented and asked questions regarding the Final Draft Action Plan of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan.

Adoption was unanimous. Moved: Shelley Luce, seconded: Gloria Gray.

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on finalization of the Final Draft Action Plan will result in litigation by Ballona Wetlands Land Trust.

David Coupe responded to Mr. Lamb's comments and stated that the Executive Committee will discuss the threatened litigation in closed session at the next Executive Committee meeting.

c) Closed Session

No closed session was held.

d) Member Comment

Shelley Luce congratulated Gloria Gray on her appointment as new Board Chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Dennis Washburn announced a speaker series at the Thousand Oaks Library. Dan Murphy announced that the Polynesian canoe, Hikianalia, will be at King Harbor in Redondo Beach this weekend.

e) Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for December 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m. by Charles Caspary with no objection.

Attendance

Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board

Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District
Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Michael Tripp, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Daniel Murphy, LA County Fire Department
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy
Wing Tam, Watershed Protection Division (City of LA)
Timothy Lippman, Office of Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Jeff Duclos, City of Hermosa Beach
Shelley Luce, Heal the Bay
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Robert Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers (At Large Member)
Dennis Washburn, Santa Monica Mountains Resources Conservation District
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Claire Waggoner, California, CalEPA (State Water Resources Control Board)

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:

David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Guangyu Wang

Karina Johnston
Marcelo Villagomez
Tom Ford
Kimberly Riley

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:

Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
EJ Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District
Patricia McPherson, Sierra Club and Grassroots Coalition
John Tommy Rosas, Tongva Nation