

## **SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 14, 2017**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

At 9:37 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:**

Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust, made public comment. David Coupe addressed Lambs' comment regarding public comment and litigation between BWLT and the SMBRC. Laurie Newman requested an agenda item to discuss the settled litigation in a public forum and made comment. David Coupe responded to Newman' comments and went over the settlement terms of the litigation between BWLT and the SMBRC.

#### **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 that his term has come to an end and thanked several people.

##### **c. Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee**

Steve Bay gave the TAC report. Bay reported that the TAC meeting on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> included two main items: Coastal Research Institute partnership between LMU and The Bay Foundation and revision of the Bay Restoration Plan.

##### **d. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP staff**

Guangyu Wang gave the Chief Administrative Director report. Wang reported on the WAC meeting/workshop on November 8<sup>th</sup> and gave a quick update on the Prop 84 projects the board recommended for funding, and follow up on the discussion from the last meeting regarding an extension for the public comment period on the Ballona EIS/EIR.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. Ford reported on work to update documents such as the annual report and work plan. Ford reported on projects under the work plan that the Foundation is working on, including outplanting of abalone, bilge pumpout installation at Newport Beach, sensors tracking great white shark, and other fish species, Malibu Lagoon monitoring, and the launch of Coastal Research Institute at LMU. Ford reported on progress made under Resource Conservation District's leadership regarding the puma passage.

### **2) Governing Board Business**

#### **a. Consideration of Approval of October 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The October minutes were approved. Moved by Gloria Gray, Seconded by Charlie Caspary.

#### **b. Election of Watershed Advisory Council Members to the Governing Board ( A Vote by Voting Governing Board Members)**

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and the nominees received so far. Wang opened the floor for nominations to the Utilities/ Industry/ Business Positions. There was one nominee for the two available positions therefore a voice vote was taken. Chevron/ Rod Spackman was appointed to the Industry position. Wang opened the floor

for nominations to the Environmental/ Public Interest position; Debbie Dyer Harris nominated Ballona Creek Renaissance for this position. The Environmental Public Interest Position had three nominees and two available positions so each nominee was given the opportunity to speak. A roll-call vote was taken, Heal the Bay and LA Waterkeeper were appointed to the Environmental/ Public Interest Positions. Wang opened the floor for nominations to the At-Large position; Debbie Dyer Harris nominated Ballona Creek Renaissance for this position. The At-Large position had four nominees and three available positions so each nominee was given the opportunity to speak. A roll-call vote was taken, Marina del Rey Anglers, Santa Monica Mountains Conservation District and West Basin Municipal Water District were appointed to this position.

After the vote, several members noted the importance of filling the tourism position. Members also raised questions regarding the process to fill an open seat and if the tourism seat can be re-categorized and filled with a business.

**c. Election of SMBRC Governing Board Chari (A Vote by Voting Governing Board Members)**

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and the nominees received so far. Wang opened the floor for nominations to the Chair. There was one nominee and one position available so a voice vote was taken. Fran Diamond was appointed to the Chair position.

**d. Consideration of Approval of 2018 Governing Board Meeting Dates**

The proposed meeting dates and times were approved. Moved by Timothy Lippman, Seconded by Sarah Sikich

**e. Consideration of Prop 84 Funding Recommendation Adjustment for Ladera Park and Gates Canyon Park Projects.**

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. The board approved funding adjustment recommendation for submission to the State Water Resources Control Board for final approval and execution. Moved by Fran Diamond, Seconded by Gloria Gray

**f. Presentation by the Bay Foundation on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project**

Tom Ford made the presentation for informational purposes.

Kathy Knight, Sierra Club and Ballona Ecosystem restoration project, gave public comment.

**Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan**

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Workshop style discussion followed.

**g. Closed Session**

No closed session was held.

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

There was no member comment.

**i. Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for February 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 without objection.

## **Attendance**

### ***Voting Members of the Governing Board:***

Ted Bardacke, Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
William Brand, South Bay Cities (City of Redondo Beach)  
Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board  
Charlie Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Fran Diamond, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Debbie Dwyer Harris, Councilmember, Los Angeles City Council District 11  
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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Foundation  
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
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  
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Sanitation

### ***Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:***

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair  
Laurie Newman, President, The Bay Foundation  
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

### ***SMBNEP Staff present:***

Rodney Abbott  
Heather Burdick  
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel  
Julie DuBrow  
Tom Ford  
Victoria Gambale  
Melodie Grubbs  
Karina Johnston  
Grace Lee  
Jack Topel  
Marcelo Villagomez  
Guangyu Wang

### ***Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:***

E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District  
Craig George, City of Malibu  
Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project  
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust  
Jim Lamm, Ballona Creak Renaissance  
Michael Omary- APD Clean Water Technologies  
Dave Pederson, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Westside Cities (City of Culver City)

