

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
May 17, 2018, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
Westchester Community Room
(LA City Council Member Mike Bonin's Field Office)
7166 West Manchester Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Attendance:

Members/Alternates:

Fran Diamond
Kara Kemmler (Alternate)
Timothy Lippman
Bruce Reznik
Charlie Caspary
EJ Caldwell (Alternate)

Absent:
Shelley Luce

Staff:
Guangyu Wang (SMBRC),

Guests:
Tom Ford
David Coupe
Kurt Weissmuller
Richard Harmel

Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m.

Fran Diamond chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 2. Informational Items

a. Order of Agenda

The order of agenda was adopted with no changes.

b. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director (CAD), reported on the progress made in filling Governing Board (GB) member vacancies.

Wang reported on the announcement made regarding availability of Prop. 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration grant fund in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last GB meeting.

Wang reported on the information staff compiled to date regarding the status availability, eligibility, and timeline of the remaining Prop. 50 Santa Monica Bay Restoration grant fund and answered member questions. Discussion followed. The Committee suggested that an information item be agendaized at the June GB meeting to disseminate Prop. 50 information to GB members, including the history (projects funded), the priority and criteria, the project selection process, and the comparison between Prop. 12 and Prop. 50.

Wang reported on ongoing dialogue between the staff of the Commission, EPA, SWRCB, and TBF to clearly define and streamline the organizational structure of the SMBNEP. Wang distributed and briefly introduced a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on National Estuary Program Governance document provided by EPA. Questions and discussion followed. The Committee suggested that this information be presented to the Governing Board as part of the introductory presentation to the BRP revision workshop.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

a) Consideration of Approval of November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Kara pointed out an omission of Kathy Knight's name. The minutes was approved as amended. Moved by Charlie Caspary, seconded by Kara Kemmler.

b) Establish Governing Board Agenda for June 21 GB Meeting

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

i) Consideration of Election of Tourist Representative to the Governing Board

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained that this is the next step following the election of a tourist representative to the Watershed Advisory Council at the last Governing Board meeting.

ii) Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained the workshop will include an introductory presentation and focus on potential actions to be included in the revised Bay Restoration Plan. Per suggestion of Committee members, a draft FAQ on organizational structure of the SMBNEP will be included in the introductory presentation.

iii) Presentation

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained the potential topics are for consideration only if time allows. The Committee recommended no presentation be scheduled at the upcoming Governing Board meeting due to

the time need to present Prop. 50 grant funding and SMBNEP organizational structure issues.

The recommendation to place proposed items i and ii on the June 21 Governing Board meeting agenda, with addition of presentations on Prop. 50 and SMBNEP organizational structure was approved. Moved by Bruce Reznik, seconded by Charlie Caspary.

b) Closed Session.

A closed session was held beginning at 2:10 pm and ended at 3:40 pm.

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

There was no member comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm without objection.