

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission  
March 15, 2018, 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:

Fran Diamond  
Sam Schuchat  
Timothy Lippman  
Bruce Reznik  
Charlie Caspary  
Gloria Gray

Absent:  
Sarah Sikich

Staff:  
Guangyu Wang (SMBRC),  
Jack Topel (SMBRC)

Guests:  
EJ Caldwell  
Kara Kemmler

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

Fran Diamond chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

#### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

Kathy Knight made comments regarding Ballona Wetland restoration planning.

#### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

##### a. Order of Agenda

The order of agenda was adopted with no changes. Moved by Charlie Caspary, seconded by Gloria Gray.

##### b. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director (CAD), reported on the TAC meeting held on February 28, 2018.

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

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

The minutes was approved. Moved by Sam Schuchat, seconded by Charlie Caspary, Fran Diamond and Gloria Gray abstained.

- b) Establish Governing Board Agenda for April GB Meeting

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

- i) Consideration of Approval of SMBNEP FY 19 Annual Work Plan

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained that the completed draft work plan will be made available for Governing Board review two-weeks before the April meeting. Discussion followed. The Committee suggested that a notice to the WAC and general public be issued to solicit written comments with a deadline, and the written comments be made available to GB members before the meeting.

Recommendation to place this item on the GB meeting was approved. Moved by Gloria Gray, seconded by Fran Diamond.

- ii) Consideration of Adoption of Proposition 12 Grant Award Process

Wang introduced this agenda item and explained the proposed process as laid out in the draft resolution. Discussion followed. Sam Shuchat requested addition of a criteria to encourage projects with multiple benefits. Sam Shuchat explained the authority of the Coastal Conservancy in administering this grant program, the project eligibility, and the grant expiration date. Guangyu informed the Committee that legal counsel received a letter from the legal representative of the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust and a phone call is scheduled for next week.

Recommendation to place this item with the added criteria on the GB meeting agenda was approved. Moved by Charlie Caspary, seconded by Bruce Resnik.

- iii) Consideration of Approval of Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the SMBRC and The Bay Foundation regarding the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program

Wang introduced this agenda item and informed the Committee that the proposed amendment has already been reviewed by legal counsel of the Bay Foundation.

Recommendation to place this item on the GB meeting agenda was approved. Moved by Tim Lippman, seconded by Charlie Caspary

- iv) Consideration of Election of a Tourist Representative to the Watershed Advisory Council and the Governing Board

Wang introduced this item including the letter of intent and evaluation process underway, and explained the appointment and election process. Discussion followed. The Committee suggested that the WAC election and GB election be separate and be held at different meetings.

Recommendation to place the WAC appointment item on the GB meeting agenda was approved. Moved by Tim Lippman, seconded by Gloria Gray.

v) Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Wang introduced this agenda item and recommended that a presentation and discussion instead of a workshop be scheduled this time. Discussion followed. The Committee agreed with the recommendation and suggested it be called an update on the BRP revision process

Recommendation to place this item as a presentation on the GB meeting was approved. Moved by Tim Lippman, seconded by Gloria Gray.

b) Closed Session.

There is no closed session.

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

Sam Shuchat mentioned the upcoming Bond measures to be place on June and November ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm without objection.