

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Meeting Room #2, Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Attendance: Members/Alternates:

Fran Diamond (Chair)
Sam Schuchat
Timothy Lippman
Charles Caspary
Shelley Luce
EJ Caldwell (Alternate)

Absent:
Bruce Reznik
Gloria Gray

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

Guests:
Tom Ford
Erica Yelensky (via telephone line)
Walter Lamb

Meeting called to order at 12:43 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

There was no change to the order of agenda.

b. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

i) Update on Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Program

Jack Topel briefed members on status of Prop 12 Grant Program, including the number of applications received to date and site visits conducted. Topel indicated

that staff hopes to recommend projects to the Governing Board beginning in December 2018.

Public Comment on item b(i)

Walter Lamb commented on the use of Prop 12 Grant funding for enhanced public access to BWER and qualification of Prop. 12 grant applications received.

Jack Topel answered question from member regarding policy for directly reaching out to potential Prop 12 applicants and stated that he has urged many different organizations and agencies to apply.

ii) Update on Proposition 50 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Program

Guangyu Wang briefed members on the status of prop 50 funds and indicated that the TAC would be discussing the development of funding priorities at the next TAC meeting on September 26.

Wang also invited Tom Ford, Executive Director of The Bay Foundation, to give an update on SMBNEP annual work plan activities carried out by the Bay Foundation. Ford described various activities that the Foundation is undertaking, including Coastal Cleanup Day at LAX Dunes, monitoring at Santa Monica Beach Restoration Pilot Project, Zuma Beach restoration, San Miguel Island red abalone etc. Member questions and comments followed.

Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business

a) Consideration of Approval of July 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with no amendments. Moved by Sam Schuchat, seconded by: Shelley Luce

b) Development of Recommendations regarding the Governance and Structure of the SMBNEP

Wang informed the Committee that the \$15K made available by USEPA will be used to hire a facilitator through a contract with the Bay Foundation to look at the structure and governance of the SMBNEP. Deliverables from this consulting service include recommendations for restructuring, which can be incorporated into an updated MOU and a SMBNEP FAQs,

Tom Ford further explained the RFP for a facilitator under development including specific tasks and timeline. Discussion and comments from members followed.

Public Comment on item 3b)

Walter Lamb commented on his expectation of the changes to the governance and structure of the SMBNEP.

c) Establish Governing Board Agenda

Wang informed the Committee that staff were compiling comments received on the Draft Action Plan, and will respond and incorporate the comments into the draft CCMP action plan over the next few weeks. Staff will be ready to take Action Plan to the Governing Board for possible adoption at its October 18 meeting.

Caspary indicated that all comments and responses needed to be provided to GB members well before meeting.

Caspary asked that an informational item be placed on the October GB meeting agenda regarding the facilitator and the process for restructuring the SMBNEP.

The motion to place the adoption of the CCMP Action Plan and the information item on SMBNEP restructuring on October 18 Governing Board meeting agenda was adopted unanimously. Moved by Charlie Caspary, seconded by Tim Lippman.

d) Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 without objection.