

**Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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May 16, 2019, 11:30 – 1:30 pm  
Meeting Room #2, Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center  
1138 Santa Monica Blvd.  
7114 West Manchester Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

*Attendance:*

Members/Alternates:

Shelley Luce  
Kelly Clark (alternate)  
Viridiana Velez (alternate)  
E.J. Coldwell (alternate)

Staff:

Guangyu Wang (SMBRC)  
Claire Waggoner (SWRCB)  
David Coupe (SWRCB)

Guest:

Tom Ford  
Walter Lamb

*Meeting called to order at 11:43 a.m.*

Shelley Luce chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

**Agenda Item 1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 2. Informational Items**

- a. Consideration of Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment on Agenda Item 2a) Walter Lamb commented on the content of the closed session.

In response to public comment, David Coupe suggested language to add to the closed session part of the minutes. The minutes were approved with incorporation of the

suggestion. Moved by E.J Coldwell, seconded by Kelly Clark and Viridiana Velez.

b. Order of Agenda

There was no change to the order of agenda, except that the approval of minutes was done after Agenda Item 2c), Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff.

c. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang briefed members on SMBNEP semi-annual report submitted to EPA, the newly-scheduled TAC meeting for July 17, and scheduled SMBRA meeting for July 18, right after the Executive Committee meeting. Tom Ford briefed members on various activities carried out by TBF including; white abalone reintroduction, kelp restoration, Santa Monica beach restoration, eelgrass genetic data collection, beach erosion control at Point Dume, release of new boater guide, and faculties and student interns working for the Coastal Research Institute at LMU.

**Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business**

a) Establish Governing Board Agendas

- i. Presentation, by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) performance evaluation team, on the initial findings of the performance evaluation of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and invited Tom Ford to brief members on the planned site visit, including attendance and proposed presentation at the June GB meeting by the EPA evaluation team.

- ii. Update on State Assembly Bill 1511 (Bloom): Coastal resources: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and recommended place it on the June GB meeting agenda as an information item. Member questions and comments followed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 3a) ii: Walter Lamb commented on the legislative process of AB 1511.

- iii. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission/State Water Board staff update on proposed process for updating the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and gave a Power Point presentation with Claire Waggoner. Member questions and comments followed.

Public Comment on Item 3a) iii:

Walter Lamb commented on the need for special committees and openness of The Bay Foundation Board meeting.

- iv. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission/State Water Board Scoping Workshop for the Proposed Potential Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Members comments followed.

The motion to place Items i-iv on June GB meeting agenda passed without objection. Moved by: E.J. Caldwell; Seconded by: Kelly Clark

- b). Closed Session

There was no closed session.

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

Shelley Luce announce the release of Heal the Bay's Rivers Report Card.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm