

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

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September 19, 2019, 11:30 – 1:30  
pm Westchester Community Room  
(LA City Council Member Mike Bonin's Field  
Office) 7166 West Manchester Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

*Attendance:*

Members/Alternates:

Charles Caspary  
Kelly Clark (alternate)  
E.J. Caldwell (alternate)  
Kara Kemmler (alternate)  
Timothy Lippman (alternate)  
Annelisa Moe (alternate)

Staff:

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

Guest: Tom Ford (TBF)

Erica Yelensky (EPA)  
Walter Lamb (BWLTL)  
Howdy Kabrias (Red Hawk Medical)

*Meeting called to order at 11:40 a.m.*

Charles Caspary chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

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

Howdy Kabrias commented on beach trash pollution and demonstrated a needle disposal device.

***Agenda Item 2. Executive Committee Business***

- a Consideration of Approval of July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 18 meeting minutes was approved. Moved by E.J Coldwell, seconded by Timothy Lippman and Kelly Clark. Kara Kemmler and Annelisa Moe abstained.

b. Order of Agenda

There was no change to the order of agenda.

c. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang briefed members on SMBNEP's annual NEPORT report submitted to EPA, the TAC meeting, and the development of the CCMP Finance Plan. Tom Ford briefed members on various activities carried out by TBF including; white abalone reintroduction, restoration of eelgrass habitat, release of final report on Malibu Lagoon post-restoration monitoring project, outreach on planned dune restoration project and Zuma Beach and similar project at Manhattan Beach, involvement of yacht clubs in Clean Boating Network, and passage of AB 1511 by both chambers of the state legislature.

Member questions and comments followed on potential funding sources for more dune restoration projects.

d. Establish Governing Board Agendas

i) Election of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board Chair

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and explained that the election is needed to fill the vacancy created by departure of the current chair for her remaining term.

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

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and recommended placing it on the October GB meeting agenda as an information item.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 2d) ii: Walter Lamb commented on concern of losing staffing if the transfer of administrative responsibility to Coastal Conservancy occurs.

iii) Consideration of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Finance Plan and timelines associated with remaining items for completion of the SMBNEP CCMP.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. He also invited Tom Ford to brief members on the status of the draft CCMP finance plan development and other remaining items of the CCMP, and recommended placing this item on the October GB meeting agenda.

iv) Adoption of recommendation for withdrawal and termination of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. He briefed members on the history,

projects managed by the SMBRA, and rationale for staff recommendation to terminate the agreement. Member comments followed on the existence of similar mechanisms such as LA County IRWRP for pooling different sources of funding.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 2d) iv: Walter Lamb commented on his support for the termination and the connection of the Authority to the structure of the Commission.

- v) Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission/State Water Board staff workshop on draft language for the Proposed Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding.

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Claire Waggoner briefed members on the status of the draft MOU amendment and the planned workshop.

Public Comment on Item 2d) v: Walter Lamb commented on the timing of MOU amendment and past changes in SMBRC governance and administration.

Charles Caspary introduced a motion to place Items i-v on October GB meeting agenda. The motion passed without objection. Moved by: E.J. Caldwell; Seconded by: Kara Kemmler.

- b). Closed Session

Open meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.  
Closed session was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

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

E.J. Caldwell announced and invited members to attend the re-opening ceremony of the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility Visitors Center on October 3.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.