

**Minutes of the SMBRC Governing Board Meeting
October 24, 2019
Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina del Rey, Los Angeles**

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:39 a.m., Charles Caspary called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

1. Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda and Public Testimony on All Agenda Items

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on EIR for Ballona wetlands.

Richard Brody addressed Lamb's comment about EIR.

Douglas Fay commented on AB 1511.

Kathy Knight commented on EIR for Ballona wetlands.

Steve Santen commented on the impact of commercial long-line fishing, commercial lobster industry, and halibut fishing.

2. Informational Items

a) Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda was revised to move Section 3. b) Election of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board Chair to the beginning.

b) Report from the Chair

Charles Caspary introduced this item. Caspary reported on July 18th Executive Committee and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board meetings.

Caspary reported on September 19th Executive Committee meeting and similar CCMP revision-related items discussed during July meeting, including workshop on proposed MOU amendment; withdrawal and termination of Commission from JPA; adopted staff recommendation to bring proposed withdrawal to SMBRC Governing Board meeting; and a closed session to discuss lawsuit filed by Ballona Wetlands Land Trust.

c) Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay reported on the Technical Advisory Committee. Bay reported that the October 2nd meeting was cancelled in lieu of a conference call to complete work to send recommendations for future Requests for Proposals for remaining Prop

50 funds (\$3 million). The next meeting is not yet scheduled and will be held in early 2020.

d) Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang acknowledged Board members Fran Diamond, and Suzanne Goode. Kara Kemmler and Laurie Newman acknowledged Suzanne Goode's retirement.

Guangyu Wang introduced Kara Kemmler to talk about 10 approved Prop 12 projects. Four projects have been approved to start work, five have drafted grant agreements, and scope of one project (Paramount Ranch/ NPS) was revised from implementation to planning only due to the impact of Woolsey Fire. Portion of the funding originally allocated to the Paramount Ranch project will be reallocated to other projects.

Guangyu Wang introduced new Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission staff, Caitlin Gray.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. He reported on the semi-annual progress report, to be approved by the EPA; fall NEP tech transfer conference; The Bay Foundation recognition at Lighthawk annual conference; implementing 800+ white abalone off the Southern California coast; one meter of vertical accretion at the Santa Monica beach restoration site; and Pumpout Nav mobile application award and update.

Laurie Newman recognized The Bay Foundation's Coastal Connection 5 Annual Fundraiser honorees.

Erica Yelensky reported on additional Outstanding Environmental Award for the Pumpout Nav mobile application at National Estuary Conference in San Francisco.

Enrique Zaldivar commented on Measure W and potential project partnerships. Erica Yelensky suggested Measure W be discussed at the next Governing Board meeting.

Charlie Caspary said the next Executive Committee meeting will discuss next steps in providing members an update on Measure W.

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

Guangyu Wang reported that AB 1511 was vetoed by California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Public Comment: Walter Lamb commented about AB 1511.

Tim Pershing commented about AB 1511. Kevin McKeown asked Tim Pershing about analysis. Charles Caspary and Guangyu Wang addressed question about MOU. Laurie Newman commented on bill's return to State Legislature. Charlie Caspary asked that the SMBRC be informed about similar bills in the future.

f) Update on timelines associated with remaining items for completion of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)

Guangyu Wang provided update on the timeline. Wang mentioned that the remaining components includes the Finance Plan later on today's agenda, the Monitoring Program to be completed early next year, and the Governance Structure to be discussed during the workshop later on the agenda.

3. Governing Board Business

a) Approval of June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Moved: Kevin McKeown. Seconded: Jefferson Wagner. Abstained: Hannah Levien.

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

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. One nomination made by Sheila Kuehl's office for Charles Caspary. Wang opened the floor for nominations, and none were given. Charles Caspary was elected Governing Board chair by voice vote unanimously.

c) Consideration of adoption of staff recommendation and a proposed Resolution for withdrawal and termination of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Guangyu Wang introduced this item.

Cung Nguyen commented on Los Angeles Flood Control District's responsibilities and other programs and committees that have the same purpose and mission as SMBRC.

David Coupe pointed out one typo in the draft memo.

Motion to approve with the typo corrected: Moved by Jonathan Bishop.
Seconded: Kara Kemmler. Unanimously passed.

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority and support of Board member's vote.

d) Consideration of adoption of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Finance Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced the Finance Plan as a comprehensive effort and strategic tool to ensure the Action Plan adopted by Board will be implemented within the next five years. Wang recommended that the adoption of the plan be postponed to the next meeting to give staff more time solicitating and incorporating more input from stakeholders.

Tom Ford commented on CCMP Finance Plan and opened for questions.

Charlie Caspary encouraged Governing Board members to review the Plan and comment.

Erica Yelensky commented on the Plan as a living document. Kara Kemmler, Martha Trembly commented on the draft Plan and asked questions.

Tom Ford addressed Kara Kemmler and Martha Tremblay's questions. Karina Johnston further described the Plan as a guiding document and explained color coding in the draft Plan.

Charles Caspary asked about comment period. Tom Ford suggested three weeks to collect comments and then to update the Executive Committee.

At direction of the Chair, the Board postponed vote on this agenda item until December SMBRC meeting.

e) 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 (MOU)

Guangyu Wang introduced Claire Waggoner to lead introduction on the draft MOU.

Claire Waggoner introduced the draft MOU amendment and the goal of today's workshop to gather feedback on the initial draft. Waggoner announced that the public comment period for written comments will close November 7, 2019.

Kevin McKeown commented on SMBRC role and authority. David Coupe and Claire Waggoner addressed his questions.

Laurie Newman commented on the clarification of structure in context of the original legislative intent.

Kara Kemmler commented on the account established for receiving funds and the use of terms describing Commission staff. David Coupe responded to Kemmler's question about an account established by the State Board. Laurie Newman also commented about the account.

Jonathan Bishop commented on the proposed stakeholder process described in the draft amendment and encouraged members to take a close look at its ability to build stakeholder input. Charlie Caspary responded with the same concern. Caspary suggested stakeholder workshop on single issues to dig deeper into specific concerns.

Steve Bay responded to Caspary's comment and suggested the TAC is willing to participate in stakeholder education efforts.

Public Comment

Walter Lamb commented on MOU process, statutory regulation, and lawsuit.

David Coupe addressed Walter Lamb's comment and asked Mr. Lamb to clarify the bundling of his past comments.

Erica Yelensky commented on EPA perspective, acknowledged work by State Water Board. Yelensky mentioned that EPA will provide written comments and asked about the role of the Executive Committee.

Claire Waggoner responded to Erica Yelensky's question.

f) Closed Session

No close session was held.

g) Member Comment

Robert Godfrey commented on Marina del Rey Anglers' summer youth and veterans fishing programs.

Jefferson Wagner commented on City of Malibu vote to support geomorphology study on loss of sand in front of Adamson house.

Erica Yelensky commented on workshop hosted by EPA, USGS, and other agencies for earthquake preparedness by water facilities in Southern CA. Yelensky also commented on Clean Water Act 319 grant Request for Proposal's deadline in December, and EPA Brownfields program Request for Proposal and San Francisco Bay area study of microplastics in wastewater treatment plants and stormwater.

Cung Nguyen commented on the County Safe Clean Water Program and steering committee meetings of the program on various upcoming dates.

h) Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for December 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m. by Charles Caspary with no objection.

Attendance

Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board

Jonathan Bishop, CalEPA (California State Water Resources Control Board)

Richard Brody, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

EJ Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District

Kelly Clark, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Robert Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Misti Kerns, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism
Hannah Levien, Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office, Los Angeles City Council District
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Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Christopher Newman, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Cung Nguyen, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Westside Cities (Culver City mayor)
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Martha Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Michael Tripp, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Virdiana Velez, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Enrique Zaldivar, Los Angeles City Sanitation & Environment

Non-Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board:

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Laurie Newman, President, The Bay Foundation
Tim Pershing, Assembly Member Richard Bloom, 50th District
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region 9

SMBNEP Staff present:

David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Tom Ford
Caitlin Gray
Karina Johnston
Kim Riley
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:

Blanca Calderon, City of Los Angeles, Sanitation
Curtis Cash, City of Los Angeles, LA Sanitation
Megan Cooper, Coastal Conservancy
Shahla Farahnak, California State Water Resources Control Board
Douglas Fay, City of Santa Monica resident
Stacey Karnya - City of Los Angeles, Sanitation, EMD
Kathy Knight, Sierra Club Airport Marina Group
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

Michael Omary, APD Cleanwater Tech
Steve Santen, Marina del Rey Anglers
Claire Waggoner, California State Water Resources Control Board