

**Minutes of the SMBRC Governing Board Meeting
June 20, 2019
Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina del Rey, Los Angeles**

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:42 a.m., Fran Diamond 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:

Jeff Cozad introduced the Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles

Nick Mercer commented on sustainable aquaculture at Malibu Oyster Company.

Kathy Knight commented on Ballona Wetlands.

Sofia Morales commented on Ballona Wetlands.

2. Informational Items

a) Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda remained the same.

b) Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

c) Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay reported on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on June 18, 2019 and gave an update on development of TAC recommendations on Prop 50 monitoring funding priorities.

d) Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff

Guangyu Wang reported on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Performance Evaluation and scoping workshop on amendment of MOU and pointed out that both items will be further covered later during the related agenda items of the meeting.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. He reported on the site visit conducted by EPA Performance Evaluation team. Ford also reported on SMBNEP products on The Bay Foundation website and gave an update on AB 1511.

Dennis Washburn suggested the development of a one-page reference sheet of SMBNEP projects and accomplishments.

3. Governing Board Business

a) Consideration of Approval of April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Moved: Kevin McKeown.
Seconded: Gloria Gray.

b) Presentation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) performance evaluation team on the initial findings of the performance evaluation of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program

Vince Bacalan and Erica Yelensky presented on the EPA Performance Evaluation, reviewing the purpose of the National Estuary Program (NEP) evaluation, highlighting staff participation and partnerships, strengths and challenges of the SMBNEP, and next steps.

Jennifer Hecker spoke about SMBNEP partnerships and affirmed that similar dynamics exist in other National Estuary Programs.

David Smith spoke about partnerships and communication of SMBNEP stories to EPA headquarter in Washington DC.

Charles Caspary, Richard Brody, Kevin McKeown, Bruce Reznik, and Fran Diamond commented on the Performance Evaluation presentation.

Jefferson Wagner commented on local Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster response. David Smith addressed Wagner's comment.

Dennis Washburn commented on interagency collaboration to bring resources and leverage funding. David Smith addressed his comment.

Jonathan Bishop commented on post-fire recovery funding.

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on the EPA Performance Evaluation. Richard Brody addressed Lamb's comments.

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

Tim Pershing gave an update on AB 1511 and mentioned further questions can be directed to Tricia Lipper in Sacramento. Kara Kemmler mentioned further questions can also be directed to Mary Small, State Coastal Conservancy.

Kevin McKeown, Charles Caspary commented. David Coupe provided clarification on the role of the SMBRC.

Public Comment:

Walter Lamb commented on AB 1511.

Kathy Knight commented on Sierra Club's opposition to AB 1511.

Michael Omari commented on City of Los Angeles TMDL compliance.

d) Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission/State Water Resources Control Board staff update on proposed process for updating the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding

Guangyu Wang introduced this agenda item with a brief history of updating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Wang introduced Claire Waggoner to present on proposed process and schedule for updating the Memorandum of Understanding.

Wang walked through nine potential areas for consideration for the proposed MOU amendment.

Jonathan Bishop commented on the process of updating the MOU. Dennis Washburn commented on strategic plan process. Kevin McKeown commented on clarifications of the Commission's authorities in the existing MOU.

e) Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission/State Water Resources Control Board Scoping Workshop for the Proposed Potential Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding

Claire Waggoner introduced this item and encouraged Board Members to share and to send written comments.

Jonathan Bishop commented that scoping comments is what the SMBRC Governing Board is looking for right now. Bruce Reznik commented on various committee interactions and need for Board member orientation.

Public Comment:

Kathy Knight commented on public comment period for MOU update. Claire Waggoner addressed her comment and clarified that public comments can be provided anytime and be shared at the next Governing Board meeting.

f) Closed Session

No closed session was held.

g) Member Comment

Jefferson Wagner commented on Sierra Club lawsuit.

Kevin McKeown commented on City of Santa Monica's Climate Action Adaptation Plan.

h) Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for August 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by Fran Diamond 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

Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Fran Diamond, Los Angeles Regional Water Control Board

Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks and Recreation

Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District

Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy

Kim Sidorak, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

Timothy Lippman, Office of Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles

Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)

Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Matt Tecele, Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Council District 11

Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Dennis Washburn, Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District

Non-Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board:

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

SMBNEP Staff present:

Armand Barilotti
Heather Burdick
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Tom Ford
Victoria Gambale
Parker House
Kimberly Riley
Adrienn Sparks
Georgia Tunioli
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:

Vince Bacalan, US EPA
Marcelo Benables, LA County Public Works/LACFCD
Jeff Cozad, Marine Mammal Care Center
Siett Cullarba, Friends of Ballona Wetlands
Jennifer Hecker, Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership
Kathy Knight, Sierra Club Airport Marina Group
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Seta Marganian, LA County Public Works/LACFCD
Nick Mercer, Malibu Oyster Company
Sofia Morales, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Mary Small, State Coastal Conservancy
David Smith, US EPA Region 9
Claire Waggoner, CalEPA (California State Water Resources Control Board)