

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

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July 18, 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:

Fran Diamond  
Charles Caspary  
Timothy Lippman  
Shelley Luce  
Sam Schuchat  
Kelly Clark (alternate)  
E.J. Coldwell (alternate)

Staff:

Guangyu Wang (SMBRC)  
Francine McChesney (SWRCB, via phone)

Guest: Tom Ford (TBF)

Walter Lamb (BWL)  
Patrick Davenport (BWL)

*Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.*

Fran Diamond chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

**Agenda Item 1. Public Comment**

Patrick Davenport commented on Ballona Wetlands public access.

Walter Lamb commented on Ballona Wetlands public access, requesting agendaing the issue at the August Governing Board meeting, and answered questions from members.

Members suggested that the Ballona Wetlands public access issue can be agendaed as information items with presence of representative of the land owner (DFW).

**Agenda Item 2. Informational Items**

- a. Consideration of Approval of May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 16 meeting minutes was approved. Moved by Shelley Luce, seconded by E.J. Caldwell.

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 deferred his report as activities were all related to items under agenda item 3. Tom Ford briefed members on various activities carried out by TBF including the existing and newly proposed beach restoration project in Manhattan Beach and post-restoration monitoring at Malibu Lagoon. He also reported on the proposed increase in federal National Estuary Program annual grant funding.

Member questions and comments followed on beneficial reuse of natural sediments. Charles Caspary recommended that information sharing on this topic be agendaized at a future Governing Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business**

a) Establish Governing Board Agendas

- i. 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 August GB meeting agenda as an information item.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 3a) i: Walter Lamb commented on staffing of Coastal Conservancy if SB 1511 passes. Walter Lamb also said a legal complain will be filed today alleging the Commission is out of compliance with status of the state legislation and violated the Public Records Act.

Sam Schuchat responded to Walter Lamb's comments regarding Coastal Conservancy staffing.

- ii. Update on timeline, process, and final deliverables of items remaining for completion of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP)

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. He invited Tom Ford to brief members on the remaining items of the CCMP and recommended placing this item on the August GB meeting agenda.

- iii. Approval of SMBRA 2019-2020 annual budget

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and recommended to give staff discretion in placing it on the August GB meeting agenda pending the outcome of the SMBRA Governing Board meeting later today, and the scheduling of budget approval by the LA County Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment on Item 3a) iii:

Walter Lamb commented on the SMBRA's accountability and its relationship with the Bay Foundation.

- iv. Adoption of Technical Advisory Committee recommendations regarding Proposition 50 funding priorities

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and recommend not to place this item on the August GB meeting agenda because the TAC just determined at its meeting yesterday that they need more time to complete development of its recommendations on Prop. 50 funding priorities.

- 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.

Public Comment on Item 3a) v:

Walter Lamb commented on the need to deal all Commission documents during the amendment process.

Charles Caspary introduced a motion to place Items i, ii, v on August GB meeting agenda, place Item iii on the agenda with staff discretion, and allocate at least one hour and half for Item v. The motion passed without objection. Moved by: Sam Schuchat; Seconded by: Charles Caspary.

- b). Closed Session

There was no closed session.

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

There was no member comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

