

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Time: 11:30–1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility
1935 S. Hughes Way
El Segundo, CA 90245

Attendance:

Members/Alternates:

Charles Caspary
E.J. Caldwell (alternate)
Kelly Clark (alternate)
Gloria Gray
Timothy Lippman (alternate)
Sam Schuchat (alternate)
Viridinia Velez (alternate)

Staff:

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

Guest:

Tom Ford (TBF)
Erica Yelensky (USEPA), via teleconference

Meeting called to order at 11:34am.

Charles Caspary chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

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

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 2. Executive Committee Business

a) Order of Agenda

There was no change to the order of agenda.

b) Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) Staff

Guangyu Wang briefed members on progress reviewing and responding to comments received on the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Finance Plan and the proposed Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), appointment to the Safe Clean Water Program's South Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee, and participation in the Hyperion Visioning Workshop.

Tom Ford briefed members on various activities carried out by the Bay Foundation (TBF), including: submission of semi-annual report to USEPA; preparation of Fiscal Year 2021 work plan; and updates on white abalone reintroduction, restoration of eelgrass habitat, the Malibu Living Shoreline Project, the Santa Monica Beach Restoration Pilot Project, LAX Dunes Restoration Project, Boater Education and Outreach Program, Table to Farm Composting for Clean Air Project and community gardens, and opportunities for public outreach and education.

There were no member follow-up questions.

c) Consideration of Approval of September 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

David Coupe requested correcting Timothy Lippman's double entry under "Attendance". The September 19 meeting minutes were approved with the above amendment. Moved by E.J. Caldwell, seconded by Timothy Lippman. Viridinia Velez abstained.

d) Establish the Governing Board Agenda for the December 12, 2019 Governing Board Meeting

i) Election of Watershed Advisory Council Members to the Governing Board

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and explained the election is needed under the existing MOU to fill the seven vacancies designated for the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) members on the Governing Board. Member questions followed on effective date of amended MOU given the terms of the newly elected WAC Governing Board members.

Timothy Lippman chaired the meeting from 12:01 to 12:06 pm.

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

Charles Caspary resumed as Chair. Guangyu Wang introduced this item and explained the annual election is needed under the existing MOU. Member questions followed on procedure for nominations.

iii) Consideration of Approval of 2020 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Member comments followed on frequency, timing, and location of Governing Board meetings and proposed acknowledgement of Yacht Club for hosting the Governing Board meetings.

iv) Consideration of Approval of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Finance Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and summarized staff's efforts to solicit additional comments from SMBRC partners and non-partners. Guangyu Wang also invited Tom Ford to brief members on the status of responding to comments and revising the CCMP Finance Plan.

v) Consideration of Approval of Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and recommended postponing this item until February's Governing Board meeting. He also invited Claire Waggoner to summarize major concerns raised in comments received. Member comments followed suggesting these major concerns be presented at the December Governing Board meeting for additional input.

vi) Presentation on Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Water (Measure W) Program

Guangyu introduced this item and invited Timothy Lippman to brief members on the proposed presentation by Los Angeles County Public Works.

Timothy Lippman moved to change Item v to "Discussion on Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding" and place with Items *i-vi* on the December Governing Board meeting agenda. Sam Schuchat seconded. The motion passed without objection.

e) Closed Session

Open meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Closed session adjourned at 1:26 pm.

f) Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Viridinia Velez announced December 11 stakeholder workshop on reducing and eliminating single-use plastics.

Sam Schuchat briefed members on opportunities to allocate funds for SMBRC in upcoming resource bonds, such as Senate Bill 45 (Allen).

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.