SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

At 9:46 Enrique Zaldivar 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:

Don Michael provided public comment regarding Malibu drainage area and 2008 Bay Restoration Plan. Don Michael left a geological report for board members on the Malibu drainage area.

Suzy Goodman, Sierra Club Airport Marina group, requested a 120-day extension on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project EIR.

Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project, requested assistance asking for a 120-day extension to comment on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project EIR. Knight noted others who are requesting an extension to the EIR. Knight also asked for support to study a seasonal freshwater wetland restoration project alternative. Knight commented on work to daylight the Ballona Creek.

Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetland Land Trust, commented on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project draft EIR/EIS.

2) Informational Items

a. Order of Agenda.

The order of the agenda was not changed.

b. Reports from the Chair

Enrique Zaldivar gave the Chair report. Zaldivar reported on the Executive Committee (EC) meeting including preparation of agenda for this board meeting, especially the planning of the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) revision workshop. Zaldivar also reported on the discussion at the EC meeting regarding the review of the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project EIR/EIS and the problem of the limited capacity of the Commission and the Governing Board to make official comment regarding the EIR/EIS. Discussion followed. The governing board provided direction to the Chief Administrative Director to consider the appropriateness of asking for an extension to the existing deadline of the EIR and EIS, and to agendize an item at the next GB meeting to consider the issue of whether an additional extension may be appropriate depending on what happens between now and Nov. 24. The governing board also provided direction to the Chief Administrative Director to consider agendizing a presentation from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the EIR/EIS and/or discussion of other issues related to the EIR/EIS at the next Governing Board meeting.

c. Reports from the Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Bay gave the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) report. Bay reported that the TAC has had no meeting since the last governing board meeting in June. Bay reported that Phyllis Grifman has been officially welcomed and added as a TAC member and the next meeting is scheduled for November 28th.

d. Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP staff

Guangyu Wang gave the Chief Administrative Director report. Wang reported on the pH sensor project and the planned change in location of deployment to enabling gathering data associated with upwelling

events. Wang also reported on the status of the Prop 84 projects recommended for funding by the Commission to the State Water Resources Control Board and noted that recommendation for reallocation of funding involving two of the projects will be brought to the Board for consideration at the next meeting. Wang also noted that the December board meeting will include elections of board members, chair, and vice chairs. Wang also commented on the WAC meeting which was cancelled and rescheduled for Nov. 8.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP staff report. Ford reported on the When Nature Calls publication being used as a template for a national publication. Ford also reported on the progress of the Pumpout Nav. app. Ford reported on the continuation of the kelp restoration project and kelp hydrodynamics study. Ford reported the Malibu Lagoon fourth year post-restoration monitoring report is out and year five data collection has started. Ford reported on the Ballona Wetlands iceplant removal project. Ford reported the Ballona Creek Restoration Project EIR/EIS public meeting is Nov 8th at 6:00pm at Burton Chace Park. Ford reported on the work to revise the Bay Restoration Plan.

3) Governing Board Business

a. Consideration of Approval of August 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The June minutes were approved as amended. Motion: Murphy Second: Caspary Abstain: McKeown, Bishop.

b. **Consideration of Approval of SMBRA 2017-2019 annual budgets**

Guangyu Wang and Charlie Caspary introduced this item. Suzanne Goode proposed two changes in terminology. The SMBRA 2017-2019 annual budgets were approved as amended Motion: Murphy Second: Kemmler.

c. Consideration of Approval of amendment to SMBRA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. The amended SMBRA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was approved. Motion: Lippman Second: Murphy.

d. Workshop on Revision of the SMBNEP Bay Restoration Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. A Workshop discussion in three breakout groups followed.

e. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

f. Member Comment—Governing Board members may wish to comment on issues not otherwise on the agenda

There was no member comment.

g. Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for December 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 without objection.

Attendance

Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Ted Bardacke, Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board
William Brand, South Bay Cities (City of Redondo Beach)
Charlie Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Fran Diamond, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Debbie Dyner Harris, Councilmember, Los Anceles City Council District 11
Cesar Espinosa, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District (At Large Member)
Robert Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers (At Large Member)
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks & Recreation
Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy
Timothy Lippman, Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Dan Murphy, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Bruce Reznik, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Sarah Sikich, Public Member (Environmental/Public Interest), Heal the Bay
Clark Stevens, Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District (At-Large Member)
Wing Tam, LA City Department of Public Works
Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Frank Wu, LA County Department of Public Works
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Sanitation

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:

Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee, Chair
Timothy Pershing, Assembly Member Richard Bloom, 50th District
Lauren Pizer Mains, State Senator Bell Allen, 26th District
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:

Rodney Abbott
Heather Burdick
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Julie Du Brow
Tom Ford
Victoria Gambale
Karina Johnston
Grace Lee
Jack Topel
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:

Sonali Abraham, UCLA doctoral student
Ned Bader, Local Resident
Nickie Cammisa, UCLA doctoral student
Tonya Durrell, LA City Bureau of Sanitation
Suzy Goodman, Sierra Club Airport Marina Group
Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Don Michael, Consulting Geologist
Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District