SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2019

Welcome and Introductions
At 9:32 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:
   Walter Lamb commented on AB 1511.
   Kathy Knight commented on AB 1511.

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 that the Technical Advisory Committee has not met since September.

   d) **Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff**
   Guangyu Wang reported on the status of Prop 12 funds. Wang also reported on the performance evaluation of the SMBNEP being conducted by USEPA. Erica Yelensky commented on EPA's performance evaluation of the SMBNEP and site visit scheduled for the week of June 14th.

   Karina Johnston gave the SMBNEP staff report. She reported on projects being carried out under the current annual workplan including community engagement, marine, and wetlands programs as well as an update on activities of the Coastal Research Institute. Karina also reported that SMBNEP's climate change planning is being used as a model by other NEPs in their climate change planning.

   Guangyu Wang, David Coupe, Jonathan Bishop, Laurie Newman, Sam Schuchat, and Timothy Pershing reported on AB 1511. Governing Board members asked questions and comments from members followed.

   Guangyu Wang recognized Jack Topel's work over the past two plus decades and announced that he is retiring. Wang also announced that Waterboards is working on recruiting a new staff member to be assigned to the Commission.

   Public Comment:
   Walter Lamb made additional public comment regarding AB 1511.

3. **Governing Board Business**

a) **Consideration of Approval of February 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
The February minutes were approved with amendment to correct Attendance Wing Tam from City of Malibu to City of Los Angeles.

Approved. Moved: Charlie Caspary. Seconded: Jonathan Bishop. Abstained: Gloria Gray

b) **Presentation of SMBNEP 2018 Annual Report Summary of Accomplishments**
Guangyu Wang introduced this item and Karina Johnston presented the SMBNEP 2018 Annual Report Summary of Accomplishments.

c) **Approval of Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program FY 2020 Work Plan**
Guangyu Wang introduced this item.

Approved unanimously. Moved: Shelley Luce. Seconded: Charlie Caspary.

d) **Presentation on Results of Workshops and Surveys on SMBNEP Governance and Next Steps**
Guangyu Wang introduced this item and Mark Beyeler presented on the results of workshops and surveys on SMBNEP governance and next steps. Questions and comments from members followed.

Public Comment:
Kathy Knight commented on the workshop process and WAC meeting format and attendance.

Jonathan Bishop asked to agendize the WAC meeting issue for discussing possible changes to it.

e) **Closed Session**
No closed session was held.

f) **Member Comment**
Jefferson Wagner commented on the City of Malibu sewage treatment plant.

g) **Announcement of Next Meeting Date** (tentatively set for June 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.)
Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.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
Misty Kerns, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism
Hannah Levien, Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office, Los Angeles City Council District 11
Timothy Lippman, Office of Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District, County of Los Angeles
Shelley Luce, Heal the Bay
Kevin McKeown, Westside Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Christopher Newman, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Cung Nguyen, LA County Department of Public Works
Tim Pershing, Assembly Member Richard Bloom, 50th District
Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Steven Santen, Marina del Rey Anglers (At-Large Member)
Sam Schuchat, California State Coastal Conservancy
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Clark Stevens, Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District (At-Large Member)
Martha Tremblay, LA County Sanitation District
Michael Tripp, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Roberto Uranga, California Coastal Commission
Claire Waggoner, CalEPA (California State Water Resources Control Board)
Jefferson Wagner, Malibu Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)
Enrique Zaldivar, LA City Sanitation

Non-Voting Members of the Governing Board:
Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Laurie Newman, President, The Bay Foundation
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Victoria Gambale
Karina Johnston
Jack Topel
Marcelo Villagomez
Guangyu Wang

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:
Kathy Knight, Sierra Club Airport Marina Group
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Marcie Reyes, City of LA Sanitation
Dave Roberts, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District