Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 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 (Chair)
Katherine Pease (Alternate)
Bruce Reznik
Kelly Clark (alternate)
Timothy Lippman
Virdiana Velez (alternate)
Kara Kemmler (alternate)

Gloria Gray (Phone)

Staff:
Guangyu Wang (SMBRC)
Jack Topel (SMBRC) (Phone)
Claire Waggoner (SWRCB)
David Coupe (SWRCB)

Absent:
Sam Schuchat
Charles Caspary
Shelley Luce

Guests:

Tom Ford
Marc Beyeler
Marcelo Villagomez
Erica Yelensky (Phone)
Walter Lamb
Lisa Racral
Sofia Murales

Meeting called to order at 11:43 a.m.

Fran Diamond chaired the meeting. Introductions followed.

Agenda Item 1. **Public Comment**

Public Comment: Lisa Racral and Sofia Murales from the Ballona Wetlands Trust presented the wetland project they were involved in. Walter Lamb commented on AB1511 introduced in the State Legislature.

Agenda Item 2. **Informational Items**

a. Consideration of Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

   The minutes were approved with no amendments. Moved Bruce Reznick, seconded by Timothy Lippman.

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 briefed members on the progress of the Governance and Structure survey, and informed the members that on March 14th, the Coastal Conservancy had approved all Prop 12 projects recommended by SMBRC. Wang and Tom Ford briefed members on the EPA 5-year performance evaluation of the SMBNEP and informed the members that the performance evaluation package had been completed and submitted to the EPA for review. Tom Ford mentioned that EPA staff and a NEP Director will be making site visits during the week of June 17th. Tom Ford also updated the status of the Semi-annual Progress Report, and indicated that the FY 2020 Work Plan had been finalized. Ford also gave a recap of the annual NEP meeting in Washington DC.

Agenda Item 3. **Executive Committee Business**

a) Presentation and Discussion on Results of SMBNEP Governance e-Survey

Guangyu Wang invited Marc Beyeler to update the EC on the survey results. Beyeler presented the total number and breakdown by category of surveys returned and the major input received through the survey. Member questions and comments followed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 3b) Walter Lamb commented on the deliverables for the governance and structure evaluation.

b) Establish Governing Board Agendas

i. Presentation on SMBNEP 2018 Annual Report Summary of Accomplishments

Guangyu Wang introduced this item.

Members wanted to be sure that staff made the time frame of the report clear to the Governing Board.

The motion to place this item on April Governing Board agenda passed without objection. Moved by: Kara Kemmler; Seconded by: Bruce Reznik

ii. Approval of SMBNEP FY 2020 Annual Work Plan

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and presented the comments received on the draft work plan as well as preliminary responses being prepared by staff. Tom Ford indicated that the budget and staffing sections are still being completed. Ford and Erica Yelensky (EPA) indicated that there is potential supplemental funding (Federal) for ocean acidification study and eel grass recovery project.

The motion to place this item on April Governing Board agenda passed without objection. Moved by: Bruce Reznik; Seconded by: Kara Kemmler

iii. Presentation on Results of SMBNEP Governance e-Survey and Next Steps

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and pointed out that member already had an overview of the presentation under Item 3a.

Public Comment on Item 3b) iii
Walter Lamb commented on Action Item 42 in the CCMP Action Plan regarding greenhouse gas emissions/carbon sequestration related to Ballona Wetlands restoration. Lamb also indicated his concerns about the governance structural revision process.

The motion to place this item on April meeting agenda passed without objection. Moved by: Timothy Lippman; Seconded by: Katherine Pease

c) Closed Session

Open meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.
Closed session was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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

There was no member comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm