SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2018

Welcome and Introductions
At 9:40 a.m., Charles Caspary 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:
   Kathy Knight commented on coastal wetlands/stewards and UN report.

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 had not met since the last governing board meeting and that TAC was involved in assisting staff in developing habitat assessment and developing recommendations for monitoring projects for Prop. 50 funding.

   d) **Reports from the Chief Administrative Director and SMBNEP Staff**

   Guangyu Wang commented on the passing of Measure W, Los Angeles' parcel tax for stormwater management. He invited members of the board to share their insights on Measure W.

   Bruce Reznik commented on Measure W to address stormwater pollution and the possibility of opportunity for governing board members to sit on advisory committee.

   Cung Nguyen expressed thanks and appreciation to environmental groups for its advocacy in passing Measure W.

   Guangyu Wang reported on the impacts of Woosley fire on the past SMBRC-funded projects and invites board members to give updates. Suzanne Goode commented on State Parks's post-fire recovery efforts. Rorie Skei, Cung Nguyen, and Dennis Washburn also gave updates with regards to the fires. Charles Caspary introduced Dave Pedersen who talked about emergency response and recovery efforts in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's service area.

Guangyu Wang provided brief update on the CCMP revision process and announced that a WAC meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019.

Tom Ford gave the SMBNEP report on the status of programs and projects carried out under the current annual work plan, including attendance and presentations made at the Restore America's Estuaries Conference, the Bay Foundation board meeting, and fiscal year 2020 work plan development.

3. Governing Board Business

a) Consideration of Approval of October 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The October minutes were approved with an amendment to include Cung Nguyen and Jack Topel's names under Attendance.

Approved. Moved: Wing Tam; seconded: Denis Washburn. Abstained: Bill Brand, Rorie.Skei.

b) Election of SMBRC Governing Board Chair (A Vote by Voting Governing Board Members)

Guangyu Wang introduced this item and the nominees received so far. Wang opened the floor for nominations to the Chair. There was one nominee for the open position. A roll-call vote was taken. Fran Diamond was elected as SMBRC Governing Board Chair for 2019.

c) Consideration of Approval of 2019 Governing Board Meeting Dates

The proposed meeting dates and times were approved unanimously. Moved: Bruce Reznik; seconded: Rod Spackman.

d) Consideration of Approval of Prop. 12 Funding Recommendations

Guangyu Wang introduced this item. Wang reported on the total number of applications and total amount of funding applied, the application review process, and staff recommendations for funding awards of 10 projects. Wang pointed out that $, some projects may receive partial amounts as the total recommended funding exceeds the 6.9 million allocation.

Bruce Reznik, Shelley Luce, Meghan Sahli-Wells, Rod Spackman, Jonathan Bishop, Charles Caspary, Kara Kemmler, Wing Tam, Dennis Washburn commented and asked questions regarding Prop. 12 funding recommendations. Dave Pedersen from LVMWD answered questions from Board members regarding the pure water project proposal by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

Staff recommendations and the proposed resolution 18-03 were approved with no objection. Moved: Dennis Washburn, seconded: Meghan Sahli-Wells. Abstained: Cung Nguyen.

Public Comment:
Walter Lamb commented on Prop. 12 funding for Department of Fish and Wildlife and SMBNEP structure and governance.

Kara Kemmler addressed Lamb's comments on eligibility of DFW for Prop. 12 funding.

John Dettle expressed appreciation for recommending the Beach Cities Multi-Benefit Green Streets Project by the City of Torrance.

e) Facilitated Workshop on the Partnership Structure for the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP)

Guangyu Wang introduces workshop and introduced Erica Yelensky. Yelensky gave an overview of NEP structure and examples of structures of other NEPs in the Country.

Guangyu Wang introduced Marc Beyeler, consultant hired to facilitate the evaluation of governance structure.

Marc Beyeler facilitated the workshop. Many members commented and asked questions regarding structure of the SMBNEP during the workshop.

d) Closed Session

No closed session was held.

e) Member Comment

Robert Godfrey invited board members to check out hatchery restoration. Erica Yelensky and Wing Tam commented on US proposed jurisdictional waters and comment period. Dennis Washburn commented on the Malibu fires. Robert Godfrey asked about the use of fire retardant and its impacts on water quality and ecological health. Steve Bay addressed Godfrey's question.

f) Announcement of Next Meeting Date (tentatively set for February 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. by Charles Caspary with no objection.

Attendance

Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board
Kim Sidoriak, Santa Monica Tourism
Cung Nguyen, LA County Department of Public Works
Rorie Skei, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Suzanne Goode, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Kara Kemmler, California State Coastal Conservancy
EJ Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District
Dan Murphy, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Christopher Newman, LA County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Robert Godfrey, Marina del Rey Anglers (At Large Member)
Rod Spackman, Chevron Corporation
Michael Tripp, LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Shelley Luce, Heal the Bay
Krista Philips, LA City Council Member Mike Bonin's Office
Bill Brand, City of Redondo Beach
Bruce Reznik, LA Waterkeeper
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Westside Cities (City of Culver City)
Wing Tam, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division, City of Los Angeles
Dennis Washburn, Santa Monica Mountains Resources Conservation District
Jonathan Bishop, CalEPA (SWRCB)
Charles Caspary, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Claire Waggoner, California, CalEPA (State Water Resources Control Board)

Non-Voting Members/Alternates of the Governing Board:
Steve Bay, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Erica Yelensky, US EPA Region IX

SMBNEP Staff present:
David Coupe, SWRCB Legal Counsel
Guangyu Wang
Karina Johnston
Marcelo Villagomez
Tom Ford
Kimberly Riley
Melodie Grubbs
Christopher Enyart

Other Attendees, including other Watershed Advisory Council Members:
Mira Ramirez, MBA Consultants
Marc Beyeler, MBA Consultants
Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
John Dettle, City of Torrance
Adrienne Mohan, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
Vince Bacalan, US EPA
Chad Christensen, MRCA
Walter Lamb, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Kathy Knight, Sierra Club Airport Marina Group