

**NEWPORT BAY WATERSHED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Location:** May 6, 2009 – 2:30 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.  
Boardroom of the Irvine Ranch District  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92618-3102

**Participants:** John Moorlach, Chair, County of Orange Board of Supervisors  
Kathryn McCullough, City of Lake Forest  
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach  
Steven Choi, City of Irvine  
Fred Ameri, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Peer Swan, Irvine Ranch Water District  
Joseph Edwards, The Irvine Company  
Deborah Gavello, City of Tustin

**Committee Staff:** Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange  
Chris Crompton, County of Orange  
Marilyn Thoms, County of Orange  
Kari Schumaker, County of Orange  
Betty Martinez, County of Orange

**Attendees:** Mike Loving, City of Irvine  
Mark Tettermer, Irvine Ranch Water District  
Alex Waite, City of Tustin  
Marsha Westropp, Orange County Water District  
Jack Keating, Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends  
Irwin Haydock, Fountain Valley Resident  
Nancy Heuler, Environmental Coalition  
Raymond Hiemstra, OC CoastKeeper  
Dean Kirk, The Irvine Company  
Lyndine McAfee, Nature Reserve of OC  
Larry McKenney, RBF Consulting  
Don Murphy, County of Orange  
Tim Serlet, City of Tustin  
Doug Shiberu, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality  
Jenna Voss, County of Orange

### **Agenda Item 1 – Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Nancy Gardner at 2:35 p.m. Ms. Gardner welcomed everyone and asked all participants to introduce themselves.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Minutes from February 18, 2009 meeting**

The minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented to the Executive Committee. Mr. Swan made a correction on Item 5d reflecting his vote for the region to join with SAWPA.

*Motion: Approve minutes for February 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*First/Second: Ms. Gardner/Mr. Swan*  
*Abstained: Ms. Gavello*  
*Outcome: Approved*

The minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented to the Executive Committee.

*Motion: Approve minutes for April 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*First/Second: Mr. Swan/Ms. McCullough*  
*Abstained: None*  
*Outcome: Approved*

The minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented to the Executive Committee. Dr. Choi noted that he was not present at that meeting and that the representative for the City of Irvine had been Mr. Wally Kreutzen.

*Motion: Approve minutes for April 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*First/Second: Ms. Gardner/Ms. Gavello*  
*Abstained: Mr. Edwards, Dr. Choi*  
*Outcome: Approved*

### **Agenda Item 3 – Update on Integrated Regional Water Management Planning**

SAWPA staff are scheduled to attend future Executive Committee meetings on the One Water – One Watershed plan. They were not available for this meeting so Ms. Skorpanich presented the mission, vision, goals and objectives from the January draft. SAWPA is expected to issue a second draft based on the comments received between January and March.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Trash Booms and Source Control Plan for Trash in San Diego Creek**

Mr. Crompton presented several opportunities for managing trash and debris in the San Diego Creek sub-watershed. The first is replacing a temporary trash boom installed and

maintained by IRWD with a permanent floating trash and debris boom. The estimated cost for installation of a permanent trash boom at one of two proposed IRWD locations is likely to exceed \$155,000. The boom would be cooperatively funded although it has not yet been determined which parties would participate. Committee members discussed possible alternatives to keep the cost of this project as low as possible. Mr. Swan mentioned that the existing IRWD boom may still be in working condition. Rick Francis noted that the existing trash boom was likely functional and reusable, though repairs may be required to restore full boom integrity. Second, the County submitted a proposal to the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (CIAP) grant program to develop a Newport Bay Watershed Stormwater Trash Management Plan (Plan). The Plan would focus on qualitatively and quantitatively assessing trash loading to coastal waters from within the watershed, providing information on the effectiveness of trash booms and/or other BMPs within the watershed. Third, the Orange County Stormwater Program has \$50,000 allocated toward a trash and debris pilot project in the Santa Ana Region that can be available for this project, provided that it includes a pilot project component. The trash boom replacement would not qualify as a “pilot project.” However the funding could be paired with CIAP funds for a new pilot project.

Supervisor Moorlach asked Mr. Crompton what kind of counsel he was seeking. Ms. Skorpanich noted that County sought Committee approval to move forward with plan development and a more detailed cooperative funding structure. Mr. Crompton and his team would examine replacing the boom, construct a detailed plan for the cost of installation, and explore the potential of reusing the existing IRWD boom.

***Action Item:** The Committee gave staff a recommendation to obtain the necessary permits, develop a detailed plan for trash boom installation and to determine what repairs may be required to restore boom functionality.*

### **Agenda Item 5 – Information Items**

#### **Agenda Item 5a – Serrano Creek Restoration, Borrego Wash Study, and Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project**

Ms. Thoms provided status updates on the Serrano Creek Restoration, Borrego Wash Study, and Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Projects.

Ms. Thoms reported that OC Watersheds applied for but did not receive a USEPA 319 (h) grant for the Serrano Creek Restoration Project. Councilwoman McCullough asked Ms. Thoms to forward to the Committee the information that OC Watersheds receives from the State Water Board during the debrief on the grant proposal. Ms. Thoms said that she would do so as soon as possible.

Regarding Serrano Creek, Supervisor Moorlach asked if a request for stimulus funds had been made for this project. Ms. Thoms clarified that stimulus funds were not requested for the Serrano Project because the stimulus funds were designated for “shovel-ready”

projects. Engineering plans for a project to restore Serrano Creek have not yet been prepared.

#### **Agenda Item 5b – Cooperative Agreement Update**

Ms. Skorpanich provided an update on the Cooperative Agreement. She explained that approval from each Committee member organization was required in order to proceed. Ms. Skorpanich also noted that at the next Committee meeting scheduled for August 19, 2009, during which the Committee would elect a Vice Chair.

#### **Agenda Item 5c – Environmental Representative Applications**

Ms. Skorpanich updated the Committee that the application for the Environmental Representative and alternate to the Management Committee has been distributed. A selection will be recommended by the Management Committee after all applications have been submitted.

Mr. Francis asked if the cities of Santa Ana or Costa Mesa have shown any interest in participating with the Cooperative Agreement. Mary Anne replied that staff planned to approach both cities with the new cooperative agreement. Supervisor Moorlach suggested that sooner would be better.

Larry McKenney wanted to clarify that the Cooperative Agreement being discussed at this meeting is different from the cost sharing Implementation Agreements.

Councilwoman McCullough asked if Santa Ana and Costa Mesa choose not to participate, if their cost share for the proposed trash boom would be reallocated to the rest of the Committee. Ms. Skorpanich mentioned that because Santa Ana and Costa Mesa have already been cost-sharing and participating in watershed and water quality programs for the Central Orange County WMA the share might not change.

Mr. Crompton added that these two cities under the NPDES stormwater permit programs are obligated to control trash and it would be very difficult for them to say no to something that involves regulatory issues.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Next Meeting Date**

August 19, 2009

2:30pm

Boardroom, Irvine Ranch Water District

### **Agenda Item 7 – Executive Committee Member Comments**

Supervisor Moorlach thanked every one for participating and for their involvement.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Public Comments**

Jack Keating asked if there will be a meeting prior to the meeting scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>, where the Committee can provide input and share comments on the state of the OWOW process.

Mary Anne replied by saying that an OWOW meeting calendar would be circulated to the Committee so that they could be involved. The Committee discussed the possibility of meeting prior to the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Committee decided that they should have a special meeting to discuss. The Committee agreed to work around the OWOW calendar for a date.

With no further business before the Committee, Supervisor Moorlach adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.