

NEWPORT BAY WATERSHED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Draft Meeting Minutes

Date and Location: August 18, 2010 – 1:34 p.m. – 3:26 p.m.
Boardroom of the Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618-3102

Participants: John M. W. Moorlach, Board of Supervisors and Committee Chair
Fred Ameri, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach
Paul Jones, Irvine Ranch Water District
Wendy Leece, City of Costa Mesa
Michele Martinez, City of Santa Ana
Kathryn McCullough, City of Lake Forest
Christina Shea, City of Irvine
Sat Tamaribuchi, The Irvine Company

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mr. Moorlach at 1:34 p.m. followed by self-introductions. Mr. Moorlach also welcomed Ms. Martinez from city of Santa Ana who was there attending on behalf of Ms. Claudia Alvarez.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes from June 16, 2010 meeting

The minutes of the June 16, 2010, meeting were presented to the Executive Committee.

Motion: Approve minutes for June 16, 2010
First/Second: Ms. Sheal/Ms. Gardner
Outcome: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Santa Ana Funding Area Proposition 84 Efforts

Ms. Celeste Cantu, General Manager from Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) presented an overview on the Project Evaluation Process. Ms. Cantu indicated what the water management strategies were and demonstrated what the components for an ideal One Water One Watershed (OWOW) project consist of. She added that they received 297 applications from 64 sponsors: total cost \$3.6B; funding request \$1.7B which would leave some applicants with little or no money. Ms. Cantu also provided some insight on how the OWOW Steering Committee will utilize State law guidelines that are in the proposition to conduct the project evaluation process. There are four major components:

1. Establish evaluation criteria and importance weights
2. Define performance indicators and score projects
3. Multiply score by weight of importance of criteria, and
4. Rank projects.

Following her presentation Ms. Cantu invited all to attend the next Project Ranking Public Hearing conducted by the OWOW Steering Committee scheduled for August 26, 2010 and she also added that if anyone was unable to attend the meeting, all projects are posted on the SAWPA website and comments on these various projects are always welcome. There will also be two meetings to discuss project portfolios on September 23rd and 30th if anyone is interested in attending. Mr. Ameri asked what the guidelines are for prioritizing the projects. Ms. Cantu shared that the projects are being selected by codes showing the most benefits such as the amount of recycling, amount of water being cleaned, habitat restoration and environmental restoration. Ms. Gardner asked what the next steps are besides looking for this bond money. Ms. Cantu's reply was that working together will benefit all in the long run with achieving future goals since it is harder to obtain funding for stand alone projects. Ms. Gardner asked if there is someone in SAWPA that will be monitoring or comparing all projects to find more collaborative or more synergistic ways that we can all work together. Ms. Cantu shared that that responsibility will fall within each individual organization. Mr. Moorlach thanked Ms. Cantu for coming to the meeting and providing such useful information to all.

Motion: Receive and file
First/Second: Mr. Ameri/ Ms. Shea
Outcome: Approved

Agenda Item 4 – San Diego Creek Flood Control Channel Design Capacity

Mr. Phil Jones, P.E., Manager from OC Public Works Flood Control Design provided a comprehensive report, as requested by the Committee in the previous meeting, with detailed information regarding the history of San Diego Creek Flood Channel and the flood capacities there. Ms. Shea shared her appreciation for the County's hard work and effort for the past 8 years. She also mentioned that she would have liked Mr. Swan to be present at today's meeting so that he would better understand the type of work that is involved with conducting these projects and obtaining these permits. Ms. Leece asked what the next mandate was in order to be in compliance. Mr. Jones shared that they developed an operations and maintenance plan to control the vegetation and sediment in the facility that they hope to be able to implement by March 2011 this way enabling them to actively maintain the facility will assure that its 100 year flood capacity is met. Ms. Gardner asked if the operations maintenance manual is approved how long will it be before the permits have to be renewed. Mr. Jones is hoping that they may approve the permits for 10 years. Normally it is a 5 year period but it is uncertain what the outcome will be at this moment. The Committee thanked Mr. Jones for his time and asked that the presentation be posted on the OC Watersheds website.

Action Item: Post both presentations on the OC Watersheds website.

Motion: Receive and File
First/Second: Mr. Moorlach/ Ms. Leece
Outcome: Approved

Agenda Items 5 – 9 Consent Calendar

Ms. Leece mentioned that the City of Costa Mesa is not party to the sediment agreement and maintains a neutral position in decisions associated with sediment concerns in the bay.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar
First/Second: Mr. Moorlach/ Ms. McCullough
Outcome: Approved

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Committee Comments

None

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comments

Mr. Irwin Haydock advised the Committee that there is a grant available to fund a Watershed Coordinator through the Department of Conservation. The due date is in October.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Next meeting date:

October 20, 2010

1:30 – 3:30pm

Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA

Attendees: Blake Anderson, Newport Bay Naturalist and Friends
Doug Anderson, City of Tustin
Dennis Baker, Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Patrick Bauer, City of Costa Mesa
Vincent Gin, OC Public Works/OC Engineering
Darren Haver, UC Cooperative Extension
Irwin Haydock, Resident
Matthew Hicks, Townsend Public Affairs
Phil Jones, County of Orange
John Kabashima, UC Cooperative Extension
Nardy Khan, County of Orange
Jack Keating, Newport Bay Naturalists & Friends
Dean Kirk, The Irvine Company
Sonica Kohli, County of Orange
Nadeem Majaj, County of Orange
Lyndine McAfee, Nature Reserve of Orange County
Larry McKenney, RBF Consulting
Joe Parco, City of Santa Ana
Danielle Richards, County of Orange
Doug Shibberu, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality

Doug Stein, City of Newport Beach
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