



Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2007, 10am-Noon
Port of San Diego Administration Building, Training Room
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101



Attendees:

Chairman Rocky Spane – Port of San Diego
Commissioner Mike Najera – Port of San Diego
Commissioner Laurie Black – Port of San Diego
David Merk – Port of San Diego
Eileen Maher – Port of San Diego
Leslie Fitzgerald – Port of San Diego
Carisia Pritchard – Port of San Diego
Michelle White – Port of San Diego
Kelly Makley – Port of San Diego
Allison Gutierrez – Port of San Diego
John Robertus – Regional Water Quality Control Board
Laura Hunter – Environmental Health Coalition
Chris Cohen – Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Lee Wilson – Continental Maritime San Diego (Northrop Grumman)

Pam Yochem – Hubbs -Sea World Institute
John Gilmore – Port of San Diego
Mike Chee – NASSCO
Erica Cunningham – Tierra Data
Marsha Gear – California Sea Grant
Al Sorensen – Coronado Cays HOA
Liza Butler – Coronado Cays HOA
JT Hesse – U.S. Navy
Manna Warburton – ECORP Consulting, Inc.
Elizabeth Taylor – Daley & Heft
Jennifer Pettis – NOAA Fisheries
Larry Peterson – Coronado Cays HOA
Roy Hobbs – Shelter Island Boatyard
Derek Turbide – Clean Energy
Sandy Vissman – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Rachel Verhoeks – Port of San Diego (Minutes)

I. Agenda Items

A. Introductory Remarks

Committee Chairman Rocky Spane welcomed and thanked all for attending.

B. Draft Stormwater Ordinance

The draft ordinance is to ensure compliance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) new Stormwater Permit implemented January 2007. Last minute comments on the draft ordinance were requested, but none were received. The new ordinance will be implemented early next year, after approval by the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) in December.

Proposed Port Sustainability Program

Kelly Makley from the Port's Environmental Services Department (ESD) updated the Committee on the proposed Port Sustainability Program. Categories that fall under the Sustainability Program "umbrella" currently include, but may not be limited to: water, energy, air, waste management, sustainable business practices, and social responsibility. A systematic approach to the program is needed; therefore, planning has been broken into five cycles: plan, do, check, correct, and expand. Cycle 1; Planning, includes determining the effect of Port operations on the environment, developing targets based on the most significant impacts, and designing programs to meet targets. Cycle 2; Do, includes creating training programs, operating procedures, policies, and improving infrastructure. Cycle 3; Check, includes developing and integrating monitoring and measurement procedures into programs. Cycle 4; Correct, includes monitoring progress and correcting aspects where necessary. Cycle 5; Expand, includes identifying Port departments that can benefit from the program, and working with Port tenants to identify opportunities to expand sustainable initiatives throughout tenant operations. It is estimated that this cycle will take about 2 years, with the planning phase completed by end of 2008. The draft policy will be emailed to Committee participants for review and comment mid Nov. 2007, and will be posted on our website mid Nov. 2007. The Environmental Sustainability Policy will be presented at the Dec. 11th meeting of the BPC. The Port understands and appreciates that Port tenants are implementing sustainable aspects of their own. The Committee would like to see the tenants more involved. The Sustainable Policy would be applied to Port operations only, not Port tenants. The policy demonstrates the commitment the Port is taking on this subject. It has

been initiated by Port staff, not the Environmental Committee, and is one of Environmental Services Department strategic initiatives.

Progress on projects previously funded by the BPC

Eileen Maher provided the following update on projects previously approved.

- (#38) UNIVERSITY STUDENT GRANTS: First progress reports are due in January 2008.
- (#72) FISH STRUCTURES: Received ACOE permit.
- (#49 & #66) A-8 DEBRIS REMOVAL/J ST MARSH RESTORATION: Received ACOE permit.
- (#51) STORMDRAIN MESH FILTERS: Ordering filters this week.
- (#68) OSPREY NESTS: Platforms have been installed at Pepper Park in National City, Shelter Island, adjacent to Pond 20, and Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve. Coronado City Council to approve location in December.
- (#40) ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES: Going to the BPC for approval on Nov. 13th.
- (#42) SOLAR PANELS: Public Works contract.
- (#18) TURTLE TRACKING: NOAA has tags.
- (#1) AQUATIC ADVENTURES, "KIDS IN CANYONS": Contract signed in June 2007.
- (#17) RESEARCH & MONITORING: Tierra Data Systems will be performing water quality monitoring. Sensors will go in the water in November.
- (#3) BIRCH AQUARIUM DISPLAY: Contract is currently under negotiation.
- (#8) COASTKEEPER "PROJECT SWELL": Contract signed in June 2007.
- (#7) HABITAT HEROS: Contract signed in June 2007.
- (#6) HIGH TECH HIGH: Contract signed in October 2007
- (#64) ENDANGERED SPECIES: A contract with Chula Vista Nature Center is in place for the light-footed clapper rail propagation program.
- (#16) WILD COAST "CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN": Contract signed October 2007.
- (#104) SDSU/NOAA CLT & TURTLE: Contract mailed October 2007.
- (#112) DERELICT FISHING LINE: Start removal work on Nov. 7, 2007.
- (#113) COASTKEEPER "CLEANUP EVENTS": Contract signed in September.
- (#114) AMEC OIL RECYCLING BINS: Contract signed in October 2007.
- (#118) MH SYSTEMS & SCRIPPS: Contract signed in October 2007.
- (#125) SDSU EELGRASS: Contract mailed October 2007.
- (#131) SDSU EELGRASS & RECREATIONAL FISH: Contract mailed October 2007.
- (#126) SCRIPPS: Contract mailed October 2007.
- (#109) URBAN CORPS, CHOLLAS CREEK: Contract signed October 2007.
- (#106) AUDUBON SOCIETY, D STREET RESTORATION: Contract mailed October 2007.
- SUMMARY: The total cost of projects to date is \$1,564,208.

Environmental Funds

The Committee reviewed the financial status of the Environmental Fund.

Grants Availability Workshop

A Grant Availability Workshop is scheduled for November 28, 2007, 10am-12pm in the Port Administration Building Boardroom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Big Project Discussion

The Committee and participants in attendance discussed big project options. The BPC can conduct projects off tidelands ("exercise of powers off tidelands") if the following criteria is met – activity is adjacent to Tidelands, the activity can not be done on Port Tidelands, activity is part of trust

purposes, SLC notification is greater than \$100k, SLC approval is greater than \$100k, and not adjacent land is less than \$250k SLC notification. The following criteria was used for a narrowed list of "big projects" – selecting projects from an existing list, projects greater than \$100k, projects that balance between six categories, and using the exiting criteria to rank projects.

Recommended Big Projects

- **(#11) EDUCATION**: Water Wise Landscaping - replace grass at various locations. Est. \$100k.
- **(#12) EDUCATION**: Ecotourism boardwalk, "Walk of Discovery," in conjunction with Harbor Island Redevelopment. Est. \$200k and seeking matching funds.
- **(#21) RESEARCH & MONITORING**: Continue geotechnical and fault study for entire Bay. Est. \$150k.
- **(#22) RESEARCH & MONITORING**: Post-dredging recolonization study for two additional years. Est. \$150k, with \$150k in matching funds.
- **(41) AIR QUALITY & CONSERVATION**: Solar panels at General Services Building. Est. \$500k, with \$500k in matching funds.
- **(#134) AIR QUALITY & CONSERVATION**: Solar panels or other sustainable building materials at Broadway Pier. Est. \$500k, with \$500k in matching funds.
- **(#135) AIR QUALITY & CONSERVATION**: Solar panels or other sustainable building materials at B St. Pier. Est. \$500k, with \$500k in matching funds.
- **(#48) WATER & SEDIMENT QUALITY**: Porous pavement and tree planting. Est. \$100k.
- **(#79) HABITAT RESTORATION**: Emory Cove shoreline enhancement. Est. \$100k and seeking matching funds.
- **(#82) HABITAT RESTORATION**: Expand intertidal, enhance upland transition and CLT habitat at the Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve. Est. \$2mil and seeking matching funds.
- **SUMMARY**: Ten projects with a total estimated cost of \$4.3mil, seeking an estimated \$1.5mil in matching funds. If approved, remaining funds available would be \$718,551 (includes interest thru Sept. 2007)
- Committee members voted and all agreed to present the entire "big project" list to the BPC. If these 10 "big projects" are approved by the BPC, a total of 45 projects will have been implemented since the start of the Committee.

C. 2008 Environmental Committee meeting dates

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Training Room.
(Additional 2008 meetings will be discussed at the January 22nd meeting.)

D. Public Comments

Derek Turbide with Clean Energy informed the group about his company and future projects they are working on, such as a natural gas fueling station at Washington and Pacific Highway. Currently, there is a station at Laurel and Pacific Highway.