

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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To: Board of Port Commissioners

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Subject: Summary of February 26, 2009, Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on February 26, 2009.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance: Commissioner Scott Peters (Committee Chair) and Commissioner Laurie Black.

Port staff members present were: David Merk, Eileen Maher, Irene McCormack, Leslie Fitzgerald, John Gilmore, Allison Gutierrez, Kelly Makley, Karen Holman, Stephanie Bauer, Jenny Lybeck, Cody Hooven, Michelle White, Tina Pierce, Paul Brown, Kristine Zortman, and Rachel Verhoeks (minutes).

Other interested parties in attendance were: Andrew McAllister, CA Center for Sustainable Energy; Bruce Reznik, San Diego Coastkeeper; Craig Anderson, Solar Turbines; Diane Takvorian and Tony LoPresti, Environmental Health Coalition; Dr. Rick Gersberg, SDSU Coastal & Marine Institute; Emily Young, San Diego Foundation; Patti Krebs, Industrial Environmental Association; Mitch Perdue and Jessica Bredvik, U.S. Navy; Sharon Cloward, Port Tenants Association; Barry Snyder and Rolf Schottle, AMEC Earth & Environmental; Bill Rocco and Marlan Hoffman, CA Professional Divers Association; Bob Hoffman and Eric Chavez, National Marine Fisheries Service; Carlos Neira, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Dave Carey, David Carey & Associates; David Roberts and Nick Buhbe, Nautilus Environmental; Elizabeth Taylor, Brown & Winters; Erica Cunningham, Tierra Data; Jim Peugh, San Diego Audubon Society; John Crockett, SDSU Research Foundation; Risa Baron, Julie Ricks and Michelle Menvielle, SDG&E; Laurie Walsh, Regional Water Quality Control Board; Lee Wilson, Northrop Grumman; Margaret Bornyasz, ECORP Consulting, Inc; Jennifer Ayala, Ayala Architecture; Tom Nielsen, Nielsen Beaumont; Pam Yochem, Hubbs-Sea World Institute; Roy Hobbs, Shelter Island Boatyard; Mo Husain, MH Systems; Christina Magee, Pasha Automotive; Eliza Moore, SDSU; and Tracy Cambre, Assistant to Commissioner Peters.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. The following is a summary of the meeting.

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WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioner Peters welcomed everyone and informed the group of the upcoming Committee Policy changes to be approved by the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) at the March 3, 2009, meeting. The 2009 Committee work plan will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND PURPOSE / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

David Merk provided an overview of the Committee structure, its responsibilities and goals, as well as the process in which projects are recommended to the BPC. He also provided a brief overview of Environmental staff responsibilities and various programs being pursued.

REPORTS / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

Michelle White gave a presentation regarding the Green Port Program, the program's long-term goals, and examples of future projects.

Karen Holman gave a presentation on the status of the Safer Alternatives to Copper Antifoulant Paint project.

Risa Baron, SDG&E, gave a presentation on the Port and SDG&E Energy Road Map. It was requested that the Committee review the document and provide comments at the next Committee meeting.

A general discussion on shore power occurred. It was requested that, if possible, both the Cruise Ship Terminal and Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal shore power projects be pursued simultaneously, prior to regulation requirements.

Priority areas for the Committee's 2009 work plan should include air quality, energy efficiency, climate change, shore power, and water conservation.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Eliza Moore, SDSU student, gave a presentation on her project entitled "*Relative Influence of Habitat Complexity and Edges on Seagrass Epifaunal Communities*". Commissioner Peters stated the Bay should be used as a research tool; it provides valuable information. Eliza's report can be found on the Port's Environmental Committee website at <http://www.portofsandiego.org/environment/committee.html>.

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Christina Magee, Pasha Automotive, gave a presentation on the hybrid electric vehicles and lighting retrofit done at Pasha. Craig Anderson asked if there was opportunity to recycle items removed; what could be recycled was. Diane Takvorian complimented Pasha, stating they were a great example of an energy plan and should be a model to others.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

2009 meeting dates suggested were: April 2, May 7, June 11, July 16, September 10, October 15, and November 19. Stakeholders were asked to review the dates and if schedule conflicts occur, to inform David Merk and Tracy Cambre, Commissioner Peters' assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diane Takvorian, Environmental Health Coalition, asked if a substitute can fill in for an absent Committee member. The answer was yes.

Bob Hoffman, National Marine Fisheries Service, mentioned \$170 million in stimulus funds his agency has control over and are applicable to this Committee. He also questioned the membership of the Committee and why, per the Draft Charter and Policy, no resource agencies were invited to be members. Commissioner Peters stated he would talk to the BPC Chairman about openings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.