

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2009
To: Board of Port Commissioners
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Subject: Summary of April 2, 2009, Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on April 2, 2009.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance: Commissioner Scott Peters (Committee Chair); Andrew McAllister, CA Center for Sustainable Energy; Bob Hoffman, National Marine Fisheries Service; Bruce Reznik, San Diego Coastkeeper; Craig Anderson, Solar Turbines; Diane Takvorian, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC); Dr. Rick Gersberg, SDSU Coastal & Marine Institute; Emily Young, San Diego Foundation; John Robertus, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); Lorena Gonzalez, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council AFL/CIO; Megan Johnson, CA Coastal Conservancy; Mitch Perdue, U.S. Navy; and Patti Krebs, Industrial Environmental Association.

Port staff members present were: David Merk, Eileen Maher, Charlie Wurster, Wayne Darbeau, Dirk Mathiasen, Irene McCormack, Leslie Fitzgerald, John Gilmore, Karen Holman, Michelle White, Tina Pierce, Kristine Zortman, and Rachel Verhoeks (minutes).

Other interested parties in attendance were: Andrew Yuen, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Barry Snyder and Rolf Schottle, AMEC Earth & Environmental; Bob Guza, Nigella Hillgarth and Rudy Murillo, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Christina Magee, Pasha Automotive; Pam Yochem and Don Kent, Hubbs-Sea World Institute; Elizabeth Castillo, San Diego Natural History Museum; Erica Cunningham, Liz Kellogg and Mark Zegler, Tierra Data; Laura Hunter, EHC; Laurie Walsh, RWQCB; Lawrence Honma, Merkel & Associates; Lee Wilson, Northrop Grumman; Mike Chee, NASSCO; Mo Husain, MH Systems; Nick Buhbe, Nautilus Environmental; Ray Mahr, Ocean Innovations; Shaun Halvax, BAE Systems; Tim Hushen, SDSU Research Foundation; and Tracy Cambre, Assistant to Commissioner Peters.

The following members were absent: Commissioner Laurie Black.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. The following is a summary of the meeting.

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WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioner Peters welcomed everyone.

BPC POLICY 018 – COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:

Eileen Maher gave a brief presentation on BPC Policy 018, Board Advisory Committees. To ensure compliance with the Brown Act, Leslie Fitzgerald reminded the Committee of the law and potential actions to avoid.

ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Peters provided a status update regarding shore power at both the Tenth Avenue and Cruise Ship Terminals. Diane Takvorian distributed a handout entitled *ARRA National Clean Diesel Program and the Dole Berth Shore Powering Project*. Via letter, Councilmember Todd Gloria expressed his support for the Port's actions concerning shore power. The Committee recommended staff apply for a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for the installation of shore power at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. As a result, the Committee directed staff to add the grant request to the April 7th BPC meeting agenda.

Commissioner Peters gave an update on the Committee's 2009 Work Plan, and provided an overview of how time would be allocated for progress reports and for priority topic discussions. It was suggested a calendar be created to display topics for each meeting, and for staff to compile and prioritize the subjects. The Committee agreed that energy should be the next matter discussed.

Eileen Maher gave a presentation on the 2008 Bay-wide Fish Survey, a joint study conducted with the U.S. Navy. Four areas of the Bay were sampled for fish diversity during 1994-1999, with surveys occurring twice per year every 3-4 years thereafter. The report can be found on the Committee website. The Committee agreed that studies of this type provide valuable data.

Erica Cunningham, Tierra Data, gave a presentation on the San Diego Bay Avian Species Surveys and resulting 2009-2010 Work Plan. The report can be found on the Committee website. It was suggested a land-side survey be done if funding is available.

Eileen Maher presented the U.S. Coast Guard's Wildlife Spill Response Work Plan. Please review and provide comments to Eileen.

Eileen Maher gave a presentation on the latest Request for Proposals (RFP), due May 4, 2009, by 4 pm.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Mo Husain, MH Systems, gave a presentation on the Ballast Water Treatment System project funded by the Environmental Fund.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

2009 meeting dates are May 7, June 11, July 16, September 10, October 15, and November 19. Due to Working Waterfront meeting conflicts, the Environmental Advisory Committee meetings will be moved up one hour, to 9 am.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Craig Anderson, Solar Turbines, inquired about the topics for the next few meetings. Subjects are anticipated to be energy in May and water conservation in June. Mitch Perdue, U.S. Navy, informed the group that the Port and U.S. Navy will be doing a water construction study. The Committee is invited to attend the planning meetings; dates will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eileen Maher informed the group that the annual Creek to Bay Cleanup will be on April 25, 2009, 9 am – 12 pm. The Port sponsored site is D Street Fill. Volunteers are welcome and should meet at Pepper Park in National City at 9 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.