

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Board of Port Commissioners

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**Subject:** Summary of May 7, 2009, Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

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The Environmental Advisory Committee met on May 7, 2009.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance: Commissioner Scott Peters (Committee Chair); Andrew McAllister, CA Center for Sustainable Energy; 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; and Mitch Perdue, U.S. Navy.

Port staff members present were: David Merk, Eileen Maher, Irene McCormack, Leslie Fitzgerald, Karen Holman, Michelle White, Kelly Makley, Cody Hooven, Craig Sweeting, Danny Arredondo, Darlene Nicandro, Marvin Castillo, Matt Valerio, Pete Cruz, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Kristine Zortman, and Rachel Verhoeks (minutes).

Other interested parties in attendance were: Dave Carey, David Carey & Associates; Elizabeth Taylor, Brown & Winters; Eric Chavez, National Marine Fisheries Service; Laura Hunter, EHC; Laurie Walsh, RWQCB; Lee Wilson and Russ McCarthy, Northrop Grumman; Mark Zegler, Tierra Data; Risa Baron and Michelle Menvielle, SDG&E; Michelle Woo, Rolf Schottle and Tyler Huff, AMEC Earth & Environmental; Mo Husain, MH Systems; Pam Yochem, Hubbs-Sea World Institute; Peter Cooper, Suntek Solar; Rudy Murillo, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Shaun Halvax, BAE Systems; Tim Hushen, SDSU Research Foundation; and Tracy Cambre, Assistant to Commissioner Peters.

The following members were absent: Laurie Black, LJ Black Consulting Group.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am. The following is a summary of the meeting.

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## **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commissioner Peters welcomed everyone and provided a status update regarding the grant applications submitted for shore power at both the Tenth Avenue and Cruise Ship Terminals.

## **ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION:**

### **Energy Conservation and Efficiency, Renewables, Emerging Technologies, Current Activities, Opportunities for Improvements, and Next Steps-**

Pete Cruz provided an overview of the various energy conservation efforts General Services has already implemented around the Port.

Risa Baron, SDG&E, gave a presentation entitled *Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Program Overview – Recommendations from the Energy Road Map*. Michelle White stated that all listed recommendations are being pursued.

Andrew McAllister, CA Center for Sustainable Energy, gave a presentation entitled *Electricity Efficiency and Distributed Generation*.

In response to the energy presentations, Commissioner Peters asked how the Port can assist tenants in making changes to be more energy efficient and how information could be distributed to tenants. Suggestions included reminding tenants of the Tenant Loan Program and using the Port Tenants Association as a forum.

Diane Takvorian, EHC, distributed a handout entitled *United for Clean and Safe Ports: Coalition Position*, in which EHC expressed their recommendations for addressing climate change.

Commissioner Peters proposed that the next meeting's priority topic be water conservation and that others come prepared with recommendations.

Commissioner Peters asked public stakeholders to submit their ideas and suggestions to Port staff. Suggestions will be reviewed and recommendations will be brought back to the Committee.

Comments on the Draft Energy Road Map can be submitted to Port staff.

## **Announcements-**

Eileen Maher updated the Committee on the latest Request for Proposals (RFP), due May 4, 2009, by 4 pm. Thirty-one proposals were received and \$4.5 million was requested. Port staff currently is reviewing the proposals.

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**PROGRESS REPORTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS:**

Eileen Maher gave a brief presentation on the Osprey nesting platforms. There is an active nest with chicks on the platform at the entrance to Pepper Park.

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Remaining 2009 meeting dates are June 11, July 16, September 10, October 15, and November 19. Meeting time is 9 to 11 am.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

There was no open discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Eileen Maher updated the Committee on the latest cleanup event, the annual Creek to Bay Cleanup that was held April 25, 2009, from 9 am to 12 pm. Forty-four volunteers pitched in and collected 1.4 tons of trash at the Port sponsored site D Street Fill.

Environmental Advisory Committee information and copies of the presentations can be found at: <http://www.portofsandiego.org/environment/committee.html>

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.