



**Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2006  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Port of San Diego Administration Building  
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101**

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

Chairman Rocky Spane	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	Commissioner William Hall	<i>Port of San Diego</i>
David Merk	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	Laura Hunter	<i>EHC</i>
Paul Brown	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	John Robertus	<i>Regional Water Quality Control Board</i>
Chris Anderson	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	Jim Peugh	<i>SD Audubon Society</i>
Mike Chee	<i>SD Port Tenants – NASSCO</i>	Charlie Kennel	<i>Scripps Institute of Oceanography</i>
Roy Hobbs	<i>SD Port Tenants – Shelter Island Boatyard</i>	Craig Anderson	<i>SD Port Tenants – Solar Turbine</i>
Carolyn Lieberman	<i>US Fish &amp; Wildlife Service</i>	Irene McCormack	<i>Port of San Diego</i>
Eileen Maher	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	Brian Gordon	<i>US Navy</i>
Andrew Yuen	<i>US Fish &amp; Wildlife Service</i>		

**Public Attendees:**

Gabriel Solmer	<i>SD Coastkeeper</i>	Sharon Cloward	<i>SD Port Tenants</i>
Rudy Murillo	<i>Scripps Institute of Oceanography</i>		

**Unable to attend:**

Bruce Hollingsworth	<i>Port of San Diego</i>	Pam Yochem	<i>Hubbs- Sea World Research Institute</i>
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**II. Agenda Items**

**A. Overview of Port of San Diego:**

- 1.) History/Structure of the Port of San Diego
- 2.) Port Environmental Services Department overview
- 3.) Overview of Key Environmental Issues-
  - a.) Air Emissions (contributed by cruise ships, trucks, etc...)
  - b.) Sediment Contamination (historic contaminates)
  - c.) Urban runoff (runoff from several hundred miles inland)
  - d.) Fish tissue contaminate (legacy pollutants)
  - e.) Copper boat hull paints (largest contaminate in San Diego Bay)

**B. Environmental Fund Discussion:** There was an open discussion of the development of an Environmental Fund similar to the Public Art fund

**C. Open Discussion:** Issues discussed

- Discussed creation of an environmental fund, with a percentage of Port revenues dedicated to environmental projects, and a separate effort with a percentage of development/redevelopment costs going to environmental
- Strategic look at providing means to accrue environmental funds over more than 1 year.
- Discussion of where the environmental funds would go- mitigating impacts or proactive enhancement?
- Tenants expressed concern about cost of running a business on the Bay. Instead of tapping tenants for more money, why not allocate ½ of Public Art to Environmental?

- If Port Tenants put money in, can we get matching funds from State/Federal?
- Capital Improvements and Operations & Management of those capital improvements- it's more difficult to get funding for the latter. With enhancement and mitigation, Capital Improvements vs. O&M expenses should be evaluated. We need to prioritize actions.
- Storm water measures- most choose the cheapest method. Have contractors aim for solutions that have longer life, more beneficial, not the cheapest.
- Look to beneficial projects; there seems to be an incremental loss in everything we do for the environment; develop more natural resources.
- San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's 3-5 year work plan- 1.) Pollutant loading with waste discharge requirements, 2.) Analyze trends through monitoring, 3.) Sediment restoration and management, and 4.) Watershed impacts.
- ACOE ecosystem restoration program.
- Dredge sediment management- Preferred disposal of sediments would be first to replenish the beaches, then ocean or landfill disposal as secondary options.
- Clean up the pollutants from the watershed.
- Scripps collects a wide variety of data on air and water quality including video and radar being obtained; with all the money spent on the collection of environmental data, they would like a system that could provide contextual data, integrating data environmental management information systems with common language.
- Sediment and flood control projects are creating sediment management issues. A comprehensive plan is needed.
- Support the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and wildlife programs.
- Sustainable environment (energy efficiency, green buildings, low interest loans, enforcement, education).
- Global warming issue/provide leadership.
- There are low interest loans Port Tenants can apply for, however no one is taking advantage of it. Need to make the loan program more visible.
- Despite earlier objections, very pleased with the bird habitat at Mud Island.
- All future projects should emphasize actual improvements vs. steady state.
- The PTA would like to learn about our ideas and share their ideas. Storm water policy is priority, and then habitat restoration/maintenance, sediment cleanup, legislative/regulatory, and data storage program including SB68 further look at our data sites.
- Storm water program needs to increase its visibility.
- State of the Bay uses data collected by the SB68 committee.
- In 10-15 years, like to see a definition of the water body's assumptive capacity and a clarification of how clean is clean enough for the sediment program.
- The Navy is committed to seeing enhancement programs move forward.
- Concrete lining of Sweetwater tributaries is proposed.

D.) Discussion of Committee Charter:

- 1.) How does this committee function and what is its mission/goal?

E.) Action Items:

- 1.) Get legal interpretation of how we can do a trust, and if we can do a trust, for May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2.) Create a mission/purpose statement for purpose of environmental funds.
- 3.) Get SB68 data out
- 4.) INRMP consists of several hundred pages- you can download it off the Port website
- 5.) To groups:
  - CCP tables
  - INRMP tables
  - RHMP tables

F.) Discussion of Dates of Future Meetings:

Next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for: **May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**  
 Future meetings: August 15, 2006 10-12pm  
 October 17, 2006 10-12pm  
 December 14, 2006 10-12pm

G.) Public Comment: There were no comments.