



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

August 15, 2006, 10:00am – Noon

Port of San Diego Administration Building, Conference Room 1
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

I. Welcome/Introductions

Attendees:

Chairman Rocky Spane – Port of San Diego
David Merk – Port of San Diego
Laura Hunter – EHC
Mike Chee – SD PTA- NASSCO
Carolyn Lieberman – US Fish & Wildlife Service
Eileen Maher – Port of San Diego
Andrew Yuen – US Fish & Wildlife Service
Jim Peugh – SD Audubon Society

John Robertus – RWQCB
Chris Anderson – Port of San Diego
Pam Yochem – Hubbs-Sea World Research
Institute
Mitch Perdue for Brian Gordon – US Navy
Rudy Murillo for Charlie Kennel – Scripps
Institute of Oceanography

Public Attendees:

Gabriel Solmer – SD Coastkeeper
Sandor Sean Halvax – BAE Systems
Nigella Hillgartt – Scripps Institute of Oceanography
Paul Dayton – Scripps Institute of Oceanography
Timothy Hushen – SDSU Research Foundation
Kristin Peterson – Port Tenants Association
Bob Guza – Scripps Institute of Oceanography
Liz Kellogg – TierraData
David Gibson - RWQCB

Mike McCoy – Southwest Wetlands Interpretive
Association
Megan Johnson – Southern CA Wetlands
Recovery Program
Russ McCarthy – Continental Maritime SD
(Northrop Grumman)
Lee Wilson – Continental Maritime SD (Northrop
Grumman)

Unable to attend:

Charlie Kennel – Scripps Institute of Oceanography Brian Gordon – US Navy

II. Agenda Items

- A. Overview of State of The Bay: A draft form of State of The Bay was handed out via CD. Please review and submit comments to David Merk by September 22, 2006.
- B. Overview and Discussion of Environmental Policy: The Committee had an open conversation on the Environmental Policy and how the Board of Port Commissioners approved it on June 6, 2006. The Charter is a dynamic document and will be revised as the Committee moves forward. The Development portion of the Policy was not approved.
- C. Overview and Discussion of Undesignated Reserve: The Committee discussed the undesignated reserves and possible use of legal recovery funds from recent legal actions, which was discussed at the Aug. 8th BPC Workshop. A one-time allocation of \$1 million could be used to start the Environmental Fund and, at a minimum, \$600,000 yearly. No action was taken at the Aug. 8th Workshop. The \$1 million could be ready to go into the Fund at the first of the year. This will be revisited at the Sept. 5th BPC meeting. Many Committee members felt that if a good recommendation was given to the BPC, that the Committee might get better consensus. However, the other half of the Committee felt that in order to have a better chance of approval, a good example of a project would need to be presented. The Chair's goal is to have a project ready for presentation to the BPC by the end of this year.

- D. Overview and discussion of Project Identification/Selection: The Committee had an open conversation on project selection criteria and the process for selecting projects to be funded through the Environmental Fund, including definition of categories (i.e. Research, Education, etc...), consideration of establishing maximum contribution percentage to be made to each category from the Environmental Fund, and the types of projects that could be funded. It was decided that a Project Identification/Criteria Selection Workgroup would be created from Committee members. This workgroup would compile options to be presented at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee. The meeting dates of this workgroup are Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 10am-Noon, at the Port Administration building Training Room.
- E. Matching Funds Strategy: The Committee had an open conversation regarding the development of a strategy to identify and pursue grants and/or matching funds. It was decided that a Matching Funds Workgroup would be created from Committee members. This workgroup would compile options to be presented at the next meeting of the Environmental Committee. The first meeting of this workgroup is Aug. 25, 1-3pm at the Port Administration building, Conference Room 3.
- E. Action Items:
- 1.) Workgroups are to meet and discuss the specific topics prior to the next Environmental Committee meeting. Compile the findings and be prepared to present them at the next Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for Oct. 17.
- F. Please note the following dates of future meetings:
- Matching Funds Workgroup –
Aug. 25, 2006, 1-3pm in Conference Room 3
- Project Identification/Criteria Selection Workgroup –
Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 2006, 10am-Noon in the Training Room
- Environmental Committee –
Oct. 17, 2006, 10am-Noon in the Training Room
Dec. 14, 2006, 10am-Noon in the Board Room