

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Board of Port Commissioners

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**Subject:** Summary – April 5, 2011, Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

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The Environmental Advisory Committee met on April 5, 2011.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were in attendance: Commissioner Lee Burdick (Committee Chair); Commissioner Bob Nelson; Commissioner Lou Smith; Craig Anderson, Solar Turbines; David Gibson, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); Deborah Pennell, Shelter Island Marina; Diane Takvorian, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC); Dr. Rick Gersberg, SDSU; Emily Young, San Diego Foundation; Gabe Solmer, San Diego Coastkeeper; Mitch Perdue, U.S. Navy; and Patti Krebs, Industrial Environmental Association.

Port staff members present were: Darlene Nicandro, Eileen Maher, Leslie Fitzgerald, Randa Coniglio, Stephanie Bauer, Michelle White, John Gilmore, Joel Valenzuela, Cody Hooven, Irene McCormack, Kelly Makley, Jenner Smith, Jessica Engel, Caitlin Miller, and Rachel Verhoeks (minutes).

Other interested parties in attendance were: Sharon Cloward, Port Tenants Association; Margaret Bornyasz, ECORP Consulting, Inc.; Shelley Griffin, Bay Club Marina; Barry Snyder, AMEC Earth & Environmental; Lawrence Honma, Merkel & Associates; Edith Gutierrez, City of San Diego; Eric Chavez, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); Sandy Vissman, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Mike Chee, NASSCO; Rudy Murillo, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Greg Boeh, Pier 32 Marina; Matt Wartian, Weston Solutions; John Adriany, San Diego Yacht Club; Kacey Christie, Continental Maritime; Doug Perkins and Richard Naka, NIC+E.

The following members were absent: Andrew McAllister, CA Center for Sustainable Energy; Bob Hoffman, NMFS; and Ken Franke, Sportfishing Association of CA.

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

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**WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commissioner Burdick welcomed all in attendance, led introductions, and encouraged the group to bring to the Committee proactive ideas that move the Port forward.

**ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION / COMMENTS:**

**Board Policy 18 –**

Leslie FitzGerald, Deputy Port Attorney, gave a brief presentation on Board Advisory Committees (BPC Policy 18). Commissioner Burdick stated that the Energy and Climate workgroup was being reconvened.

**Update on Copper Reduction Efforts –**

Stephanie Bauer, Port Environmental and Land Use Management, gave a presentation entitled "*The Port's Copper Reduction Program.*" The presentation included an update on the copper reduction program, including the five program elements, partnership with Hornblower Cruises, the Port's fleet conversion, the 319(h) grant for the Shelter Island Yacht Basin (SIYB) Hull Paint Conversion Project, Final Investigative Order for the SIYB Dissolved Copper Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and the recent Copper Hull Paint Legislation (SB 623).

Michelle White, Port Government and Community Relations, gave a brief status update on SB 623, Senator Kehoe's proposed bill. The bill would prohibit the use and application of antifouling paints that contain copper.

Commissioner Burdick requested feedback from the group as to whether it would be helpful to reconvene the copper workgroup or if a water quality group with a heavy focus on copper should be assembled. Consensus was that a water quality group with a heavy focus on copper would be the most efficient. Commissioner Burdick announced that the Water Quality workgroup would be reconvened this year as well, and would be tasked with working on copper reductions in addition to their other work.

**Update on Air Quality Improvements / Emissions Reduction Efforts –**

Joel Valenzuela, Port Maritime Operations, gave a brief update on the Port's Clean Truck Program and the current 97% compliance rate. He also updated the group on the shore power project and the anticipated number of ships to be plugged in during 2011. Craig Anderson, Solar Turbines, suggested the Air Pollution Control District be invited to a future Committee meeting to present data they have compiled on local air quality. Diane Takvorian, EHC, congratulated the Port on its emissions reduction efforts and inquired about compliance at National City Marine Terminal.

**Climate Mitigation Adaptation Plan (CMAP) –**

Cody Hooven, Port Environmental and Land Use Management, gave a presentation entitled "*Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (CMAP).*" The presentation included an

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update on the plan, and how it will result in a long-term planning document that develops strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and addresses local vulnerabilities to climate change. A public workshop is scheduled for the end of April or early May 2011.

**Wind Turbine Pilot Project –**

Jenner Smith, Port Real Estate, gave a presentation entitled “*Presentation of Wind Turbine Demonstration Project on Harbor Island.*” The presentation included a background on the history of wind power in California, project objective and schedule, proposed location, details on the system, as well as the partnership with SDG&E and the City of San Diego that makes this project possible. Some attendees expressed concern regarding the project’s potential impact on birds.

**Mitigation Banking –**

This item was rescheduled to a future date. Eric Chavez, NMFS, suggested the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) may be interested in presenting on mitigation banking.

**Environmental Fund –**

Eileen Maher, Port Environmental and Land Use Management, gave a presentation entitled “*Update on Completed Environmental Fund Projects*”, which included project updates on the debris removal at A-8 Anchorage, the restoration and enhancement at the Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve and Emory Cove, and waterwise landscaping.

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Remaining 2011 meeting dates are:

June 7, August 2, and October 8. Meetings are scheduled 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Note - A December meeting is to be determined.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Please contact Commissioner Burdick or Port staff if interested in participating in either the Energy and Climate workgroup or the Water Quality workgroup.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.