



Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2007, 10am-Noon
Port of San Diego Administration Building, Boardroom
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 – NASSCO (SD PTA)
Jim Peugh – SD Audubon Society
William Hall – Port of San Diego
Eileen Maher – Port of San Diego
Chris Anderson – Port of San Diego
John Robertus – RWQCB
Craig Anderson – Solar Turbines (SD PTA)

Pam Yochem – Hubbs-Sea World Research
Institute
Rudy Murillo for Charlie Kennel – Scripps
Institute of Oceanography
Roy Hobbs – Shelter Island Boatyard (SD PTA)
Leslie Fitzgerald – Port of San Diego
Bill McMinn – Port of San Diego
Dave Catalino – Port of San Diego
Duane Bennett – Port of San Diego

Public Attendees:

Shaun Halvax – BAE Systems (SD PTA)
Russ McCarthy – Continental Maritime SD
(Northrop Grumman) (SD PTA)

Lee Wilson – Continental Maritime SD (Northrop
Grumman) (SD PTA)
Erica Cunningham - TierraData

II. Agenda Items

- A. **Introductory Remarks:** Chairman Rocky Spane welcomed everyone.
B. **Review and discussion of conflict of interest:**

Duane Bennett and Bill McMinn presented background information on conflict of interest and options on how to handle instances of it: 1) remove yourself from the Committee, 2) if you could benefit from the project (financially or personally), don't bid on it, and 3) have one to three Board of Port Commissioners vote on all proposals. Another option discussed was removing the Fund from the Charter, and allowing Port staff to score and recommend projects to the Board. However, that might limit the experience and expertise that Committee members bring to the group. **ACTION** – Of the three options, consensus was reached on having one to three commissioners voting on projects previously scored by staff and staff presenting the projects to the Board.

- C. **Overview and Discussion of the State of the Bay report:**

David Merk reiterated that the State of the Bay is a guiding document and is very important. Please provide comments. Chris Anderson stated a five-year plan would be put together on how this document would be updated in the future.

- D. **Update on projects funded by the Board of Port Commissioners on December 5, 2006:**

Eileen Maher informed the Committee of the following – GRANTS: the Committee reviewed the grant application where five \$10,000 grants would be awarded to university students. The deadline to submit applications is March 2. SEA TURTLE DATA: a RFP was started for the turtle research. The Port would provide the equipment, such as GPS tags, and the Navy would provide matching funds. STORM DRAIN FILTERS AT SEAPORT VILLAGE: filters would be purchased in the next 60 days. J STREET RESTORATION: in order to get large debris out of areas, it'd be best to work with another

event such as Clean Sweep. Members suggested that it be coordinated with the Fish & Wildlife Service, and that cleaning be done outside nesting periods in order to get trash in restricted areas. OSPREY NESTS: specs had been received and we're having them built, but we still need assistance with the language of the interpretive signs. Jim Peugh volunteered to help with the language. Laura Hunter suggested the Chula Vista Nature Center add language at their Osprey exhibit informing the public where they can see these protected nesting areas. Sweetwater Channel was suggested as a good location for nesting platforms. HYBRID VEHICLES: a RFP will go out this month to get bids on leasing vehicles. The Fund will pay for the cost difference between regular vehicles and a hybrid.

E. Review and Discussion of Project List, Adding New Projects, and Requesting New Projects:

A Committee member stated that a project status update at the start of each Committee meeting would be helpful. It was also requested that once a month a status report be done for projects in progress, as well as the status of funds and matching funds available. The Committee was informed that the projects that remained on the list would automatically be applied to the next list of projects to be scored. Members of the Committee stated that there are lists of projects out there; we need to develop a process for RFPs, screening new projects, etc, to accomplish the most with the funds available. Screening for new projects would happen when remaining projects on the list don't meet criteria, or frequently score low. The Committee is willing to remove projects from the list due to low scores; instead of repeatedly reevaluating them, it would save time to remove consistently low scoring projects that would most likely never make the top of the list. The next set of highest scored projects will be voted on at the next Committee meeting and presented at the April 10th or May 8th Board of Port Commissioners meeting. Ideally, the Committee would like to present to the Board a list of projects every 2-3 months. It was also mentioned that more extensive projects needed to get on the list, but how?

F. Please note the following 2007 Environmental Committee meeting dates:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 10:00am in the Training Room

Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10:00am in the Training Room

Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 10:00am in the Training Room

Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10:00am in the Training Room

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 10:00am in the Training Room