

City of Newport Beach

Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2016

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Crystal Cove Conference Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Raymund Reyes

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dave Kiff, who announced that he would be substituting for Chairwoman Diane Dixon.

2. **Welcome/Self Introductions**

Committee Members present:

City Manager Dave Kiff
Tom Houston
Lou Denger
George Robertson
Carl Cassidy
Fred Galluccio

Committee Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon, Vice Chair
Mayor Diane Dixon, Chair
Mike Melby
Dennis Baker

Guests present:

Nancy Skinner, SPON
Jack Skinner, SPON
Mark Ward, Help Your Harbor
Jim Mosher, resident
Judith Marquez, Innovare Environmental
Nancy Gardner, Orange Coast River Park
Billy Dutton, Help Your Harbor/Surfrider
Daryl Ferguson, Surfrider Foundation
Monica Mazur, resident
Andrew Vorrath, guest
Tyrone Chesanek, City of Santa Ana
Kendrick Chesanek, guest

Staff present:

George Murdoch, Municipal Operations Director
Mark Vukojevic, Deputy Public Works Director
John Kappeler, Senior Engineer
Hazel McIntosh, Student Aide
Raymund Reyes, Management Specialist

The agenda for the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee was posted at 2:18 p.m. on February 1, 2016, in the binder located in the entrance of the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive.

Dave Kiff announced that a quorum had not yet been reached, and certain items could not be voted on until one was reached.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Daryl Ferguson noted that the pooling of water in the Santa Ana River flood control channel was creating a mosquito problem, and had contacted the Orange County Flood Control District to resolve the problem.

Jim Mosher expressed concerns regarding the various committee agenda formats, specifically pertaining to the rules on public comments. **Mr. Mosher** noted the differences amongst agendas and the boiler plate language, and that he had not witnessed any committee voting on such rules in the past. **Mr. Mosher** also commended agenda items 4 and 5 for being clear, and requested that other items (such as Current Business) also clearly indicate what the Committee is being asked to do.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Once a quorum was reached, a motion to approve the January 7, 2016 meeting minutes was made. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

(a) Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results

John Kappeler noted highlights from the Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results, including a recent sewer spill from a private lateral at an apartment complex, and 7 postings in January. The results were received and filed following a short discussion.

(b) Newport Aquatics Center (NAC) Sub-committee Report

John Kappeler presented in **Dennis Baker's** absence. Per the previous meeting's action item, **Mr. Kappeler** showed a short video of **Nancy Gardner's** interview with Newport Harbor Shipyard owner Jesse Salem and the shipyard's successful efforts to capture, treat and recycle water. The Committee talked about potential Proposition 1 grant funding and the possibility of replicating some of the shipyard's methods at the Newport Aquatics Center.

6. Current Business

(a) Santa Ana Delhi Diversion Project

Tyrone Chesanek from the City of Santa Ana presented updates on the proposed Santa Ana Delhi Channel Diversion project. The project would divert all dry weather flows and capture trash up until the instance of a first flush storm. Funding partners have committed \$9 million to the project implementation and 20 years of O&M. Construction would start June 30, 2016.

(b) Newport Bay Trash Removal Initiatives

John Kappeler provided updates on grant funding from the Ocean Protection Council for Big Canyon and a proposed water wheel trash collection device in the San Diego Creek area. Of the 3 million dollars available, staff applied for \$2.2 million. The Big Canyon project received \$800,000. The water wheel project received no funding because the Ocean Protection Council requires completion of CEQA documentation prior to award. **John Kappeler** noted that if staff were to re-apply for the next round of funding, CEQA documentation would need to be completed beforehand.

(c) City of Newport Beach Restaurant Inspection Program

John Kappeler presented an overview of the City's current restaurant inspection program and the City's efforts to reduce ocean pollution from food service establishments. The presentation noted the use of Building Department plan checks, restaurant inspections and a Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) control program to mitigate potential problems in the sewer system. **George Murdoch** provided additional information on the City's sewer video inspections.

(d) Surfrider's Ocean Friendly Restaurant Program

Judith Marquez outlined a proposed program called the "Ocean Friendly Restaurants" that would complement the current FOG compliance program with outreach and education to restaurants. Judith Marquez noted that the Costa Mesa Sanitation District has potential funding and asked the City to write a letter of support for her proposed program.

Following a short discussion, **Fred Gallucio** made a motion for the committee to draft a general letter stating the committee's support for the concept of the Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP.) **Carl Cassidy** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Staff and the Committee will draft a general statement of support for the concepts of Surfrider's "Ocean Friendly Restaurants" SEP program.

7. Committee Announcements or Matters Which Members would like Placed on a Future Agenda for Discussion, Action or Report

- (a) Fecal Indicator Bacteria (FIB) Natural Source Exclusion
- (b) Bottle Fill Stations
- (c) Newport Bay Sediment TMDL Presentation
- (d) Newport Bay Trash Removal Program
- (e) Orange County Water District (OCWD) Arundo Removal Project

Jack Skinner expressed a wish to have the Bacteriological test results charts brought back.

8. Public Comments On Non-Agenda Items

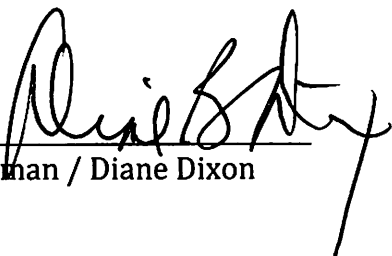
Jim Mosher inquired about the wastewater load that was generated by the City's own uses and how the City charges itself. **Mr. Mosher** also posed several questions on the City's Sewer System Management Plan and called for an increase in public input and participation.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, March 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Crystal Cove Conference Room, located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



Chairwoman / Diane Dixon