



Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

MetroCenter

101 8th Street, Conference Room 171

Oakland, California 94607

For additional information, please contact:
Clerk of the Governing Board, (510) 464 7900

Agenda and attachments available at:
www.sfbayrestore.org

1. Call to Order

Sam Schuchat, Chair, called the meeting to order at about 1:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Frederick Castro, Clerk, reported that six members were present. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

Present were Sam Schuchat, Keith Caldwell, Dave Cortese, John Gioia, Dave Pine, John Sutter.

Absent was Rosanne Foust.

Present were Kenneth Moy (ABAG); Judy Kelly and Karen McDowell (San Francisco Estuary Partnership); Amy Hutzler and Melanie Denninger (California State Coastal Conservancy).

3. Public Comment

Daniel Franco, Fifth Avenue Waterfront Community Alliance, spoke on the Oak to Ninth project at Brooklyn Basin.

There were no other public comments.

4. Announcements

Sutter commented on an insert on Bay restoration in the recent issue of Bay Nature.

McDowell announced the State of the Estuary Conference will be held October 29 to 30, at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

There were no other announcements.

5. Approval of Summary Minutes of January 23, 2013

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on April 24, 2013, was made by Sutter and seconded by Cortese. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chair's Report

A. South Bay Wetlands Tour on May 30, 2013

Schuchat reported on the South Bay Wetlands Tour organized by the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture on May 30, 2013. Board members Schuchat, Pine and Sutter, and five Advisory Committee members participated. The next tour will be scheduled in the Fall.

B. SB 279

Schuchat reported on the status of SB 279 which passed out of the Senate and the first few Assembly committees.

7. Report on Outreach by Governing Board and Advisory Committee

Schuchat and Governing Board members reported on their outreach activities.

Amy Hutzal reported on a South Baylands Steering Committee meeting and a presentation by the Resources Legacy Fund.

Steven Knight, Save The Bay, announced a meeting of business groups on resiliency at Google.

Schuchat spoke at the Bay Nature publication party for the Bay Restoration issue; met with the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club and an Audubon group, and will meet with the Bay Planning Coalition and the Napa Farm Bureau with Caldwell. He reported that some of the Advisory Committee members have done some outreach, including Mackenzie, Santa Clara County Parks and Open Space, met with the San Jose Mayor and City Council;

Morkill, Don Edwards Refuge, met with Citizens to Save the Refuge and the Redwood City Rotary Club; Raful made a presentation to the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

Caldwell has scheduled meetings with the Napa County Farm Bureau and the Napa Valley Vintners Association, the cities of Napa and American Canyon, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. He met with Assemblymember Yamada and a representative of Senator Wolk regarding Cargill Salt Ponds. He will schedule a presentation with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority.

Cortese reported on meetings with Carl Guardino, Silicon Valley Leadership Group; a representative of the Santa Clara Valley Tax Association; and Santa Clara County Farm Bureau.

Sutter reported on scheduling a presentation with the Oakland Chamber and contacting the Bay Area News Group.

Gioia reported on scheduling meetings with the Committee on Industrial Safety, Council of Industries of Western Contra Costa, and scheduling in the Fall a Saturday walk along the Richmond waterfront at restoration locations.

Pine reported on meetings with the San Mateo County Association of City and County Governments, along with David Lewis, Save The Bay; Mid-peninsula Parks Working Group; San Francisco International Airport. He plans on meeting with Bay Bio and labor groups. He attended a salt pond restoration event by Save The Bay at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve.

Barry Barnes, TBWB, commented on outreach conversations about ballot placement and costs; feedback from labor and heavy trade construction; and legislative activities regarding ballot designation.

8. Report on Ballot Access Costs

Pine and Gioia reported on ballot access costs, including discussions with Save The Bay, TBWB, and the Resource Legacy Fund, and the Contra Costa County Registrar; assessment of the problem, including costs of placing measure on county ballots; possible costs reductions; fundraising to cover costs; and seeking legislative solution regarding costs.

Gioia reported that Joe Canciamilla, Contra Costa County Registrar, will assist in preparing a work-up on ballot costs, and on his conversations with CSAC on legislation about ballot costs.

9. Report on Preparation for 2014 Ballot Measure

Barry Barnes and Sarah Stern-Benoit, TBWB, reported on continuing work in preparation for a 2014 ballot measure, including progress in support for a ballot measure, key messages, addressing ballot access costs, developing an expenditure plan, and building a coalition to support placing a measure on the ballot. They presented a timeline and reviewed next steps.

Members discussed testing different levels for support for a ballot measure, sea level rise, and the economy; expected revenues and expenditures; defining the ballot measure, developing an expenditure plan, and regional equity; and ballot measure costs and leveraging funds.

10. Appointment of New Member to the Advisory Committee

A motion to appoint Chris Elias of the Santa Clara Valley Water District to the Advisory Committee was made by Cortese and seconded by Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

Members suggested a representative from the Bay Area Flood Control Authority be considered for appointment to the Advisory Committee.

11. Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 2:33 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is on September 25, 2013.

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:
September 9, 2013

Approved by the Governing Board:
September 25, 2013