

Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors

June 19, 2009

San Francisco Estuary Institute

7770 Pardee Lane, Floor 2

Oakland, CA 94621

1:30pm-3:30pm

Members Present:

Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Dave Tucker, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board
Pamela Creedon, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Dave Williams, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Karen Schwinn (Alternate), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute
Frank Leung, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Non-Members Present:

Mike Connor, East Bay Dischargers Association
Irene Poche, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Others Present:

None

Call to Order

Mr. Wolfe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Public Comments

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Consent Items

Review and Approve Agenda

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve all consent items, including the December 1, 2008 meeting minutes and January 29, 2009 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and passed unanimously.

Action Items

Appointment of new BACWA Representatives

The Board considered appointment of new BACWA representatives. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and passed unanimously. The Board unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Williams and Mr. Craig as new Board Members to replace Mr. Weir and Ms. Pla. Dr. Connor was designated as Mr. Craig's Alternate. Ms. Navarett was designated as Mr. Tucker's Alternate. Once the position has been filled, the BACWA ED will be designated as Mr. Williams' Alternate. Mr. Polhemus also made a motion to approve the

appointment of Dr. Hoenicke as Executive Director of the Aquatic Science Center. The motion was seconded by Pamela Creedon and passed unanimously.

Approval of 2009/10 Program Plan and Anticipated Budget

The Board reviewed, discussed, and revised the 2009/10 Program Plan. The Board also approved and adopted Resolution #01-09 to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements on behalf of the Aquatic Science Center. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the 2009/10 Program Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Creedon and passed unanimously.

Information and Discussion Items

Project Updates

Dr. Hoenicke provided a summary of the status of funded, suspended, and proposed projects, as well as a financial status update to the Board.

Consideration of Joint ASC-SFEI Science Briefings

The Board agreed with the recommendations to have quarterly ASC Board meetings on the same day as SFEI Board meetings and participate in joint scientific briefings, with regular business items to be taken up after lunch. The overlap between Board members will minimize ASC Board meetings to business items. This will also allow the joint discussion of new initiatives.

Consideration of Candidates for Supplemental Environmental Projects

The Board provided guidance to staff on fine-tuning candidate projects, categorizing them for easy linkage to different types of discharge violations, and following an appropriate process for vetting them with Water Board staff. The Board requested a one page concept proposal behind each project listed on the attachment as well as upcoming projects in the near future.

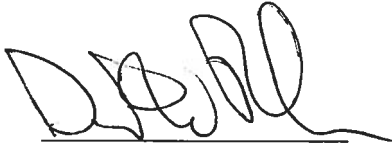
Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed future focus items and suggested providing an update on the implementation status of Sediment Quality Objectives, items on interest in common between the Delta and the Bay, and causes of toxicity. Dr. Hoenicke mentioned that the SFEI Board has as a priority science discussion item on their next meeting agenda that deals with upcoming challenges associated with tracking the outcomes of the State's emerging Stream and Wetland Protection Policy. Dr. Hoenicke will consult with both SFEI and ASC Board Members in the near future about sequencing items of interest. The Board would like to continue to discuss the ASC Program Plan. The Board also expressed an interest to maintain a schedule of quarterly meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Tucker", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Tucker, Board Secretary

10/5/09

Date

