

Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors
February, 29, 2008
San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, #1400
Oakland, CA 94612
10:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Dave Tucker	Chuck Weir
Pamela Creedon	Darrin Polhemus
Alexis Strauss	Dyan Whyte

Non-Members Present:

Mike Connor	Letitia Grenier
Rainer Hoenicke	Stephanie Seto
Josh Collins	

Others Present:

Leo O'Brien

Call to Order

Mr. Tucker, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Public Comments

Leo O'Brien, a member of the Boards of SFEI and SF Baykeeper, attended the meeting and expressed interest in the agenda item on expanded Board membership.

Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of November 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the November 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Creedon and passed unanimously.

Modification to Service Agreement between SFEI and Aquatic Science Center

The Board reviewed Administrative Services Agreement and determined to make the following modifications to Section 3, Compensation and Reimbursement from:

"SFEI shall bill Aquatic Science Center for reasonable overhead for administrative services based on an indirect cost rate equal to its most currently negotiated federal rate."

to

"SFEI shall bill Aquatic Science Center for reasonable overhead for administrative services based on its hourly multiplier negotiated with the California Water Board."

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the modification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Strauss and passed unanimously.

General Guidelines for Aquatic Science Center Project Selection

The Board reviewed Statement of Appropriate Aquatic Science Center Activities and determined to make the following modifications:

- (a) Under Proposed Desirable Contract Attributes, the first bullet shall read: *The project is consistent with, or supplemental to, activities that are already in the Aquatic Science Center's Program plan.*
- (b) Under Proposed Desirable Contract Attributes, the third bullet shall read: *The project is of interest to multiple member agencies, including those from both regulated and regulator agencies. Interest increases when the project is likely to facilitate development of a scientific framework for management and policy.*
- (c) Under Proposed Desirable Contract Attributes, the fourth bullet shall read: *The project leads to collaboration with technical leaders in the field.* An extra bullet will follow and shall read: *Establishes scientific precedent.*
- (d) Under Proposed Undesirable Attributes, the last sentence of the first bullet shall read: While SFEI staff are not trying to pre-empt the policy give-and-take between the Bay stakeholders, it is essential that our data be perceived as relevant and independent.

Final Program Plan

The Board reviewed the final Program Plan. Dr. Connor will develop a statement of Aquatic Science Center and incorporate the edited recommendations from the Board into the amended Final Program Plan that will be discussed at the next meeting. The Board requested that the Final Program Plan be put onto the Aquatic Science Center website. Both Dr. Connor and Dr. Hoenicke agreed that it will be available to the public by Monday, March 3, 2008.

Membership Expansion

There was discussion by the Board regarding membership expansion. Dr. Connor was asked to present the Board with some options for the next meeting.

Staff Presentations

Dr. Connor and Dr. Hoenicke gave a short presentation on Current Monitoring Activities in Central Valley and Delta. Dr. Collins gave a short presentation on Tool Development in Support of Wetland and Stream Protection. Dr. Grenier's presentation was postponed and she will present at the next meeting. Because of the postponement of Dr. Grenier's presentation, there was discussion of having no more than a few presentations for future meetings.

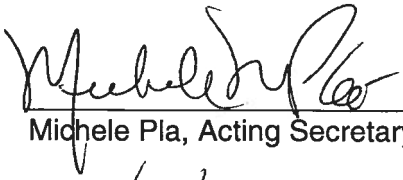
Future Meeting Agenda Items

The Board discussed future focus items: Indicators and performance measures, Roadmap for Regional Data Centers, and how members of the Board may request matters to be placed on future agendas for informational purposes and/or action.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2008, at the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michele Pla, Acting Secretary

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Date