

**Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors  
March 4, 2010  
San Francisco Estuary Institute  
7770 Pardee Lane, Floor 2  
Oakland, CA**

**Members Present:**

David Tucker, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies  
Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Pamela Creedon, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Darrin Polhemus State Water Resources Control Board  
David Williams, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies  
Mike Connor (Alternate), East Bay Dischargers  
Dyan Whyte (Alternate), San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Amy Chastain (Alternate), Bay Area Clean Water Agencies  
Frank Leung, San Francisco Estuary Institute  
Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute

**Non-Members Present:**

Stephanie Seto, San Francisco Estuary Institute

**Others Present:**

Debbie Webster, Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA)  
Patrick Morris, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Jay Davis, San Francisco Estuary Institute  
Don Yee, San Francisco Estuary Institute  
Trish Mulvey, SFEI Board and CLEAN South Bay

**Call to Order**

Introductions were made with roll call at 11:30 a.m. and a quorum of ASC Board members/alternates were present for a joint science briefing with the San Francisco Estuary Institute Board about Mercury TMDL implementation presented by Dr. Jay Davis and Dr. Donald Yee of SFEI. Following a networking lunch, Mr. Tucker, Board Chair, called the ASC Board business meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Items**

**Review and Approve Agenda**

The consent calendar items of the March 4, 2010 agenda and the December, 14, 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Information and Discussion Items**

**Quarterly Report**

Dr. Hoenicke updated the Board regarding new and existing projects. He also pointed out that the ASC logo had been added onto the SFEI Executive Director's Quarterly

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Report. In response to a question, he noted that all ASC projects are currently expected to be completed by the expected deliverable date and within budget.

### **Project Updates**

Dr. Hoenicke provided a summary of the status of funded, suspended, and proposed projects. The Board recommended that all ASC contracts be grouped together when presented on the Executive Director's Quarterly Report.

### **New Initiatives and Opportunities**

There was discussion regarding the next steps to be taken to link efforts between the Central Valley Regional Water Board's efforts to develop a region-wide Salt and Nutrient Management Plan and ASC's involvement in the San Joaquin Basin. There was discussion in regards to adding CVCWA onto the ASC Board and joining the two groups in some sort of capacity. Once the Bylaws have been revisited, guidelines will be drafted for voting/non-voting members to determine what they will bring to the table. This will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming ASC strategic planning meeting.

### **Approve Work Plan for Strategic Planning Effort**

Dr. Hoenicke informed the Board that it could cost approximately \$50,000 to conduct a one-day ASC strategic planning workshop with senior staff. This cost includes facilitators and staff time to prepare for the workshop. After discussing the draft work plan for retreat planning and the remaining challenges associated with executive staff capacity to dedicate time to the planning effort, the Board decided to phase the effort with a half-day strategic discussion with senior staff in September and a more comprehensive planning retreat in mid-2011. Dr. Hoenicke will work with Mr. Polhemus and Mr. Williams on modifications to the initial work plan for the ASC retreat and narrow down the scope to fit into a half day meeting. (During the ASC discussion, it was recommended that ASC have an extended meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the SFEI Board meeting be shifted to another convenient date).

### **Approve new element and amend 2009/10 Program Plan Modification of Amendment to 2009/10 ASC Program Plan**

The Board reviewed the above-cited attachment and determined to make the following modifications:

1. *Change the title of the program to Exposure Reduction Program for Contaminated Fish.*
2. *The entire description of the program is to be deleted.*
3. *Raise the estimated amount to \$500,000 per year.*

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the modifications to the 2009/10 Program Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Creedon and passed unanimously.

AYE: Mr. Tucker, Mr. Wolfe, Ms. Creedon, Mr. Polhemus, Ms. Whyte, Dr. Connor, Mr. Williams, Ms. Chastain, Mr. Leung, Mr. Hoenicke

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule**

Future meeting items include progress updates regarding Delta RMP and Petaluma Tomales, and a table of contents/outline for strategic planning efforts.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Creedon, Board Secretary



Date

