

**Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors**

**June 3, 2010**

**San Francisco Estuary Institute**

7770 Pardee Lane, Floor 2

Oakland, CA

**Members Present:**

Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Pamela Creedon, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

David Williams, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

David Tucker, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

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:**

Trish Mulvey, SFEI Board and CLEAN South Bay

Adam Olivieri, SFEI Board and EOA, Inc.

Cristina Grosso, San Francisco Estuary Institute

**Call to Order**

Mr. Tucker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Public Comments**

None

**Consent Items**

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve all consent items, including the agenda and March 4, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

**Information and Discussion Items**

**Quarterly Report**

Dr. Hoenicke discussed the highlights of projects funded through the Aquatic Science Center.

### **Emerging Topics of Interest and Notable Developments**

Dr. Hoenicke reviewed two topics of interest (Addressing Ecosystem Health in the California Green Chemistry Initiative and Public Input Sessions to California Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy) for the ASC and asked the Board to determine if it was wise to pursue the listed opportunities.

### **Progress updates regarding Delta RMP and Petaluma/Tomales Bay TMDL support**

SFEI staff completed a draft of the Tomales Bay Mercury Impairment Assessment which was reviewed internally by San Francisco Bay RWQCB staff and by the project's Technical Advisory Committee. Based on data gaps identified by the report, SFEI staff will be sampling small fish, halibut, and shore crabs in June to better define impairment in Tomales Bay. The final report and results of sampling are scheduled to be complete by end of July 2010. Recently completed is a draft monitoring plan for nutrients and pathogens in the Petaluma River watershed. Once sampling locations are selected, the plan will be complete, and ready for use by the SFBay-RWQCB once funding for monitoring is available.

### **Action Items**

#### **Appoint new Board Chair**

The Board considered appointment of a new Board Chair since Mr. Tucker's current work assignment has changed and he no longer participates in BACWA. Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. David Williams as his successor as Board Chair on behalf of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

AYE: Mr. Wolfe, Ms. Creedon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Leung

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### **Approve 2010/11 Program Plan and Associated Resolution**

Dr. Hoenicke presented an ASC program plan that shows the potential range of projects that various state, federal, and local agencies might request ASC to assist with. He also included a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements on behalf of the Aquatic Science Center consistent with the Aquatic Science Center 2009/10 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. *Add a new program entitled Watershed based Bacteria Sources Identification.*
3. *Change the estimated amount to state "up to" \$500,000.*

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the modifications to the 2010/11 Program Plan and adopt the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements on behalf of the Aquatic Science Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and passed unanimously.

AYE: Mr. Wolfe, Ms. Creedon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Leung  
NO: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**Endorse planning workshop agenda for September 2, 2010**

Dr. Hoenicke reviewed the strategic planning workshop objectives with the Board. Mr. Williams described his thoughts on how the process will unfold, and his desire to keep this initial effort fairly streamlined and straight forward. Ms. Creedon expressed her interest in Central Valley needs.

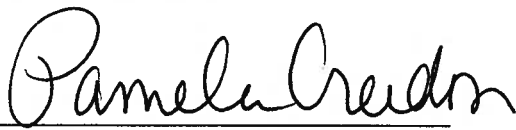
**Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule**

Future meeting items include an update on the Wetland Riparian Protection Policy and Implementation Plan and Ecosystem Health in the California Green Chemistry Initiative. The next regular ASC Board meeting will take place at SFEI on December 2, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The half-day planning workshop will be held on September 2, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Location of a venue other than SFEI is still being determined.

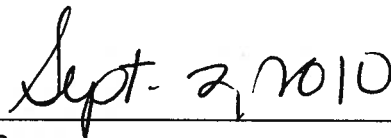
**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Creedon, Board Secretary



Date

