

**Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors
December 14, 2009
San Francisco Estuary Institute
7770 Pardee Lane, Floor 2
Oakland, CA**

Members Present:

Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Doug Craig, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
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
Luisa Valiela (Alternate), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Arleen Navarret (Alternate), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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

Call to Order

Mr. Wolfe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Public Comments

SFEI Board Member, Trish Mulvey, asked if the ASC Regional Board participants might be willing to consider directing some Supplemental Environmental Project funds to projects that would be of benefit to the Regional Monitoring Program. She also suggested the possibility of pooling "mandatory minimum" penalties for such a use. The subject of using SEP funds in this fashion was first broached at the December RMP Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and there seemed to be interest in discussing how such project ideas could be identified and prioritized if the Regional Boards were willing to consider this suggestion.

Consent Items

Review and Approve Agenda

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve all consent items, including the agenda and September 23, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Polhemus and passed unanimously.

Action Items

Board Resolution for appointing a new Executive Director

The Board reviewed the Resolution and determined to make the following modification:

- (a) Change *Adopts Resolution 02-09 on the 14th day of December, 2009, following the vote on September 23, 2009* to *Adopts Resolution 02-09 on the 14th day of*

December, 2009, following the vote on September 23, 2009 and hereby appoints Dr. Rainer Hoenicke as new Executive Director.

Appointment of Officers

The Board considered appointment of new Officers. The Board unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Tucker as Board Chair, Ms. Creedon as Vice-Chair/Secretary, and re-appoint Mr. Leung as Treasurer. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Polhemus and passed unanimously.

Information and Discussion Items **Updated 2009/2010 Program Plan**

Dr. Hoenicke discussed the highlights of projects funded through the Aquatic Science Center. Once the RMP/SFEI/ASC budgets for the coming year have been finalized and approved by the SFEI Board, an email will be sent out to the ASC Board with the Program Plan attached. Dr. Hoenicke provided the Board with a copy of the new and improved SFEI Scorecard. He informed the Board that there has been a switch from the old Scorecard into a newsletter, which is more internal and reader friendly. It will contain the old Scorecard content in addition to Technical Scientific Highlights.

Project Updates

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

Initiating a Strategic Planning Process for ASC in 2010

The Board formed a strategic plan subcommittee, comprised of Mr. Polhemus, one representative each from RB 2 and RB 5, and a BACWA member to set up an efficient planning process, identify environmental priority issues and organizational/administrative improvements, and define desired planning outcomes. Dr. Hoenicke will ask Mr. Polhemus, who chaired the most recent SCCWRP strategic planning effort, and other subcommittee members to share with him their prep documents.

Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule

Future meeting items include Mercury TMDL implementation – risk management approaches in Region 2 and Region 5, Nutrient issues in the Delta and SF Bay – current state of knowledge, early action alternatives, and linkages to BDCP, and Stormwater BMPs and flow reductions– what have we learned in the last three years. The next Board meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2010, June 3, 2010, September 2, 2010, and December 2, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pamela Creedon, Board Secretary


Date