

Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors

May 30, 2008

Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District

1010 Chadbourne Road

Fairfield, CA 94534-9700

10:00 a.m. till noon

Board Members Present

Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Chuck Weir, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

Michele Pla, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board

Luisa Valiela (Alternate), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Non-Members Present

Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Jay Davis, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Letitia Grenier, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Stephanie Seto, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Others Present

Andrew Lloyd, Duane Morris, Legal Counsel

Call to Order

Mr. Wolfe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. In the absence of Mr. Tucker and his alternates, Ms. Pla was appointed acting Board Secretary.

Public Comments

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Consent Items

Review and Approve Agenda

Mr. Weir made a motion to approve all consent items, including the February 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes and the Resolution to open the ASC bank account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Polhemus and passed unanimously.

Board Resolution to Appoint Treasurer and Auditor

Mr. Weir explained to the Board that if this resolution were to pass, it would be more cost effective for the Aquatic Science Center. There was further discussion that the books will be audited at the end of each year by an independent CPA. Dr. Hoenicke also mentioned that there was agreement by Frank Leung, SFEI's accounting manager, to assume the role of ASC Treasurer. Mr. Lloyd suggested to revisit the Joint Powers Agreement in the near future to make the language of

designating the ASC Treasurer/Auditor as broad as possible to be consistent with Section 8(c) of the JPA. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the Board Resolution to appoint Mr. Leung Treasurer and Auditor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weir and passed unanimously.

Amendment to Administrative Services Agreement

The Board reviewed the Administrative Services Agreement and determined to make the following modification to Section 2.5, from:

"Section 2.5 of the Administrative Services Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read as follows."

to

"Section 2.5 of the Administrative Services Agreement is hereby added and restated to read as follows."

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

Adoption of Program Plan for FY 2008/09

Dr. Hoenicke noted that there are three new items added to the Program Plan. There was discussion about the last section of the Program Plan regarding general guidance to the Executive Director as to the kinds of projects the ASC might be involved in and the fact that the Program Plan accompanies the resolution authorizing Dr. Connor to enter into contracts on behalf of the Aquatic Science Center.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the Program Plan for the new fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Polhemus and passed unanimously.

Project Updates

Dr. Hoenicke gave a brief summary of the Aquatic Science Center projects underway or in negotiation.

Staff Presentations and Board Discussion

Dr. Grenier gave a short presentation entitled "Bio-Sentinels as Tools for Adaptive Management of Restoration." Dr. Davis gave a short presentation on "SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring," general highlights from the Fish Mercury Project (FMP), Bio-Sentinel Monitoring under the CALFED-funded Fish Mercury Project, and RMP Mercury Studies. The presentations on mercury provided the Board with an opportunity for information exchange, discussing next steps, and giving staff feedback and direction. Portions of the presentations helped identify opportunities for collaboration and incorporating "lessons learned" into the upcoming mercury TMDL implementation in Region 2.

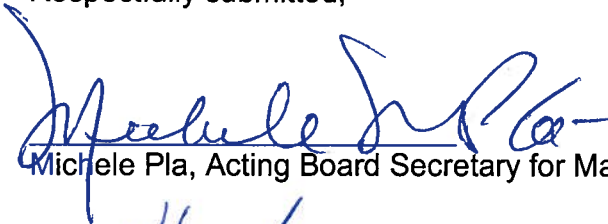
Future Meeting Agenda Items

The Board discussed future focus items: Look at ASC Board expansion to include other Regional Boards, and open the JPA up to more stakeholders, invite Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Board, to the next Board meeting, e-mail the staff summary to be used in structuring the discussion at the next Board meeting (Dr. Hoenicke to ASC Board Members), and include two scientific presentations in the next Board Meeting agenda (stream and wetland policy development and updates on regional data centers).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2008, at the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Pla, Acting Board Secretary for May 30, 2008

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Date