

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
ADJOURNED REGULAR COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, April 18, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Committee Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Robert Jordan, Michael Smith;
Chair pro tem Peter Salgado and Chairman Bill Hart

Absent: Ken Nielsen

Staff Present: Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of March 14, 2013

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND CARRIED 5-0-1, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN ABSTAINING, to receive and file the minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of March 14, 2013, with the following revision:

Page 2, 4th paragraph, last line, strike "if available"

4. PUBLIC INPUT - None

5. OLD BUSINESS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Environmental Grant Awards

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the staff report, a compilation of the grant summary reports provided to staff following the awarding of grants through the City's Environmental Sustainability Grant Program. Those receiving grants through the program are required to submit

the summary report or lose privilege of future grants. Staff recommended the Committee review, provide commentary, and receive and file the staff report.

Committee Member Ambrose expressed concern that the information provided on the form, especially regarding the “estimated number of residents affected” is unverified. She suggested the Committee consider revising the form to request additional information and/or require the grant recipients do some sort of written survey to provide more concrete evidence of the number of people/City residents benefiting from the program. The information would also be beneficial to the Coastal Advisory Committee and/or City Council as proof of the effectiveness of the program. She does not feel it would be overly difficult for grantees to provide validation of participants on the grant summary report.

Committee Members discussed potential to require validation of participants on the grant summary report, eventually concluding that requiring a survey or validation exercise would go against the simplicity of the grant, add unnecessary procedures for teachers, small non profits, high school clubs, etc., and might discourage interest in the grants. They commented that the grant funds were only \$2,000, and that City Council had set up the program with the intent to make it simple to administer. In addition, the Committee discussed potential to require an accounting of funds spent and requested staff add a sentence to the grant summary report form asking for that information.

Report received and filed.

B. Prima Deshecha Watershed Tour

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut summarized the staff report. Committee Members Smith, Brown and Salgado, along with Assistant City Engineer Bonigut, conducted a dry run of the watershed tour, and selected five key sites as tour stopping points. At each stop, one of the Committee Members will provide a brief report for those present and provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions/comment. The agenda for the watershed tour meeting will include the stopping points and estimated time when each stop will occur. Committee Members will have to closely monitor their time at each stop to ensure the tour remains on schedule. He estimated at total stop time at each location of 30 minutes, with 10 minutes between for travel time. He recommended the Committee Members review the tour stops, provide comment, discuss format, and revise if warranted.

Chair pro tem Salgado endorsed the tour stops as outlined in the staff report as they will illustrate where the water that eventually ends up at Poche Beach comes from. This information will illustrate to the public the steps they can take to help resolve the problem. In addition, he requested staff provide information resulting from the Westin Study, including volume of dry flow,

testing results, and report recommendations for the public's consideration. He noted that it is important for the public to understand that much of the water that drains toward the beach is clear and/or meets standards. It only becomes polluted when it drains into the Poche scour pond.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut also agreed to provide information on City programs, including website addresses, helpful hints to avoid overwatering, and available subsidies for removing existing landscaping and installing drought tolerant plantings for the public.

Chair Hart suggested it would be helpful for one of the Committee Members to be assigned to regulate the question and answer section at each stop to ensure the tour runs on schedule.

Committee Member Smith commented that many Shorecliffs residents believe much of the pollution comes from the Shorecliffs Golf Course, and suggested staff consider arranging for a representative from the golf course to be present to discuss runoff. Additionally, information from the UV system at Poche about the condition of the water before and after treatment should be available. He noted a lot of interest in the tour from Shorecliffs residents and agreed to arrange for parking in the Shorecliffs parking lot located adjacent to the DMV lot.

Committee Member Brown requested staff provide information on the Poche scour pond for discussion including the regulatory agencies controlling all actions, budgeted funds for improving the situation, and potential strategies to eliminate the pond.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut agreed to formally invite the City Mayor, who had previously expressed interest in attending, and find out how involved he intends to be in the presentations and/or tour discussion. In addition, he offered to assemble talking points and information, and suggested the Committee Members select a Member to be responsible for providing information at each stop. He also agreed to inform the County of the tour in case they wish to have a representative available to discuss the Poche Beach UV system, falcon program, etc. If none are available for the meeting, he will provide all the information on these programs. He noted the tour will be promoted on Channel 30, the City's website, email blasts to interested residents, and with press releases. He agreed to provide the map and brief information concerning the purpose of the tour as well in the press release.

Chair Hart volunteered to provide a presentation at the first stop, at the City/County landfill boundary at the terminus of Camino de los Mares, including an introduction to the overall tour. Following the first stop, he volunteered to act as moderator for the rest of the tour to ensure strict adherence to the posted schedule. He noted there was a lot of interest in the

tour amongst Watershed Task Force members and the environmental club at the high school.

Committee Members and staff volunteered and were selected to make presentations as follows: Committee Member Brown at Calle Nuevo; Assistant City Engineer Bonigut at Calle Grande Vista; Chair pro tem Salgado at Via Cascadita; Committee Member Smith at Poche Beach. Committee Member Ambrose volunteered to provide support for presenters as needed.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut will provide a portable microphone and sound system and noted staff will provide a recap of the meeting at the Committee's regular June meeting.

Chair Hart suggested the Committee gather email addresses from participants and invite all to attend the tour follow-up at the Committee's regular June meeting.

Committee Members confirmed to start the tour at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2013, at the intersection of Camino de los Mares and Diamonte.

Report received and filed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated April 10, 2013
- B. March 2013 Environmental Programs Update

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut announced that due to significant decreases in coliform samples at Poche Beach for the past month, the beach has officially received an "A" grade from the environmental organization "Heal the Bay." The lower scores coincide with the Falconer program at the landfill, and also an ultrasonic bird deterrent device that seems to be helping keep birds away from the scour pond.

Committee Members received and filed items 7A and 7B.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut reviewed the Potential Future Agenda Items and requested the Committee Members provide input.

Committee Members added Water Resource Legislative Report and TOT Tax Update to the July/future agendas.

B. Staff Announcements

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut announced that Council would be considering the Plastic Bag Ban at its May 7, 2013, meeting. At that time, they may elect to direct staff to research and/or start the process to initiate the ban. He requested that Chair Hart and Vice Chair Salgado submit their final presentation by April 30, 2013. He agreed to forward it to all the Commissioners once it is finalized.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Smith announced that the last Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting had been canceled.

Committee Member Ambrose encouraged all to encourage their friends to support a potential Plastic Bag Ban; advised all to view the public service announcement from Tabaccofree.com indicating how cigarette butts get into the ocean; announced ewaste drop off program sponsored by the Salvation Army at the high school this weekend.

Committee Member Jordan announced Earth Day festivities on April 20, 2013; noted an e-waste drop off program this weekend.

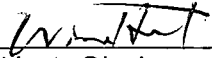
Committee Member Brown reported that the Planning Commission is starting its final review of the General Plan and intends to forward the document to City Council by the end of June. It is anticipated the City Council will take final action by the end of September or early October. He noted the Planning Commission has scheduled additional meeting to aid in the process, and announced an EIR scoping meeting scheduled for April 25, 2013, in Chambers.

Chair Hart announced annual Earth Day activities scheduled for April 20, 2013, including a beach cleanup from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., with live music, informational booths, art fair, vendors and other events at Parque del Mar until 2:00 p.m. In addition, the Watershed Task Force will be announcing its Blue Water and Stephanie Dorey Awards at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AMBROSE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Coastal Advisory Committee on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Diamonte and Camino de los Mares in San Clemente, CA.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:



Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer