

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

Thursday, December 12, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room  
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Committee Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Ken Nielsen, and Michael Smith;  
Chairman Bill Hart (arr. 7:20 p.m.)

Absent: Richard Dickey, Chair pro tem Peter Salgado

Staff Present: Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst  
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

In the absence of Chair Hart at the beginning of the meeting, it was moved by Committee Member Ambrose, seconded by Committee Member Nielsen, and unanimously carried to appoint Committee Member Brown to chair the meeting until Chair Hart arrived.

Agenda items are presented in the originally agendized format for the benefit of the minutes' reader, but were not necessarily heard in that order.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the Joint Council/Commissions/Committees Meeting of October 22, 2013

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AMBROSE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, AND CARRIED 3-0-1, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN ABSTAINING, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2013, AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF.

B. Minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of November 14, 2013

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO

RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013, WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION:

Page 6, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, insert “spring” between “future” and “agenda”

5. **PUBLIC INPUT** - None
6. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Clean Ocean Fee Renewal Update

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, provided a verbal update on the Clean Ocean Fee Renewal campaign. She announced that the final tabulation of votes occurred today, with the final tally of 53% in favor and 47% opposed. She speculated the higher than previous percentage of residents opposed to the fee is a result of the proposed increase and/or confusion regarding the fee’s impact on time share properties. She recommended the Committee discuss the renewal fee process.

Chair Hart suggested staff contact the City Clerk’s office for information and perform an analysis and evaluation of the vote statistics to determine strategies to improve the percentage in favor of the fee for the next fee renewal campaign.

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed analysis and evaluation of the votes would be helpful for the next campaign; noted staff has decided to start disseminating information on the next campaign earlier in the process to ensure understanding of the fee’s impacts and benefits; described confusion regarding the timeshare votes.

B. Pharmaceutical Drop Box Update

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak reviewed the memo from Danna McIntosh, Environmental Services Coordinator, and an update on the implementation of San Clemente’s Pharmaceutical Drop Box. She recommended the Committee receive and file the report.

Committee Member Ambrose requested that staff forward this memo to the City Council, and Councilmember Donchak in particular, to ensure that they are aware that the goal of establishing easily accessible pharmaceutical waste disposal has been achieved. She noted that this issue had been of particular interest to City Council during the Coastal Advisory Committee member appointment process.

Report received and filed.

C. SANDAG Project Update

Lawrence Honma, Independent Consultant, narrated a presentation entitled, "SANDAG-Beach Sand Project II, Construction Monitoring, City of San Clemente Coastal Advisory Committee, dated December 12, 2013." The presentation included an overview of the monitoring program elements, analysis of causes/conditions that lead to loss of sand, identification of issues concerning permits and regulatory agencies, and examination of the process of moving sand. Additional issues addressed included the importance of replacement sand texture, determining the best location of source sand, determining the best route for moving the sand, avoiding negative effects on the sand borrow site, and importance of close monitoring of the entire program. He displayed photos illustrating the condition of beaches before and after sand replacement efforts; addressed ancillary issues such as restricted surfing/swimming/fishing access during project construction; displayed maps of sand dredging and dumping sites; noted grunion monitoring very important to obtain permits; discussed short and long term impacts.

In response to questions from the Committee Members, Mr. Honma advised that most federal funding for sand replenishment is focused on the East Coast as the problem is most severe there; advised the dredger used for the project was moved from the East to the West Coast at a cost of 8 million dollars; advised results are somewhat dependent on weather conditions, with an average of 5 years before additional measures are warranted; discussed TOT funding for the project; advised City staff to discuss funding with staff at the cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas for funding particulars.

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to forward a copy of Mr. Honma's presentation to the Committee Members.

Committee Members thanked Mr. Honma for his time in creating and presenting the information.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated December 3, 2013

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak discussed effectiveness of weekend coyote decoys at Poche Beach; announced the ultrasonic device has been turned off for now; noted the falconer was working at the landfill at this time; noted the UV program is on its winter maintenance schedule.

Committee Member Nielsen speculated the presence of a lesser amount of birds in the pond area is a result of the abundance of anchovies in the surf.

B. November 2013 Environmental Programs Update

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak briefly reviewed environmental programs on the update, with particular emphasis on clean up events.

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

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the Potential Future Agenda Items and requested the Committee Members provide input. Committee Members added "Beach Trail Update" and "Poche Beach Action Plan Update" to the February agenda, with recommendation for a more comprehensive update and discussion in the spring; added "Sand Replenishment Program Update" to the March agenda.

In response to the Commission's discussion of a recently published letter to the editor in a local paper regarding conditions and a variety of issues related to the Beach Trail, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to provide an update on Beach Trail issues to the Committee in February, and will work toward goal of providing a more comprehensive update involving informed staff in March if possible. She agreed to inform the City Manager of their concerns.

Chair Hart speculated that in-depth reporting on the Beach Trail has the potential to require a lot of Engineering Division, as well as Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Division staff time. He noted importance of identifying and quantifying the challenges, as well as determining whether intervention is needed and necessary to address. It's possible that recent events referred to in the letter could be isolated incidents. He suggested it may be prudent for staff to postpone an in-depth review of the Beach Trail issues until/unless directed to do so by City Council.

Committee Members agreed the most prudent approach is for staff to gather as much information as possible for an update at the February or March meeting, and following discussion of the issues, the Committee will discuss potential for further review or action.

In response to a suggestion from Committee Member Smith that the Coastal Advisory Committee be involved in the decommissioning of SONGS, Chair Hart requested that Senior Management Analyst Vondrak discuss potential for their involvement/help in the decommissioning process with the City Manager and report back.

Committee Members briefly discussed potential Plastic Bag Ban, and Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to keep them updated on legislative efforts to pass a ban at the State level.

In response to a comment from Committee Member Smith regarding possible increase in sting ray population and/or injuries, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to contact Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief, for information and report back.

Report received and filed.

## **10. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Smith reported that at their last meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission forwarded a recommendation to City Council that dogs be allowed in all City parks but prohibited from sports fields; did not support installation of dog waste disposal bags at parks; elected to receive additional bids for the completion of Courtney's Sandcastle due to bids coming in significantly over budget; formed an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss guidelines for a memorial/tribute program for park/trail amenities.

Committee Member Nielsen recommended the Committee Members read a recent article in the San Clemente Journal regarding sand replenishment.

Committee Member Brown reported that the Planning Commission will receive an update on the Planning Division's upcoming tasks at their next study session; advised the City Council is moving closer to approving the Draft General Plan.

Chair Hart reported the City Council revised the Coastal Element of the General Plan in response to issues raised by homeowner; reported on recent Marine Corps dinner and night of entertainment and prizes provided by the Watershed Task Force.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. to the Regular Meeting for the Coastal Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:

  
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Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst