

AGENDA

SAN CLEMENTE COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2003, 7:00 P.M.

OLE HANSON FIRESIDE ROOM

100 N. SEVILLE, SAN CLEMENTE, CA

****PLEASE NOTE TIME AND LOCATION.**

FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee are requested to complete one of the forms near the entrance of the meeting room and submit it to the Chairperson.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. August 14, 2003
4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee on matters of public interest pertaining to the City may step to the podium, state their name and the City in which they reside, and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to three minutes. Since the Committee cannot discuss or take action on matters not on the agenda, items of concern which are not urgent in nature can be resolved more expeditiously by completing and submitting a written request to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department.

For matters on the agenda, public comments will be received at the time that the Coastal Advisory Committee considers the agenda item.

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5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Draft Beach Sand Opportunistic Nourishment Policy.

Continued discussion of the Sand Nourishment Policy.

Staff recommendation: Information and discussion item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Projects

Committee discussion of current and future City projects that the Committee would potentially like to review during the upcoming year.

Staff recommendation: Information and discussion item.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes July 8, 2003

Staff recommendation: Information item – received and file.

B. Bacteriological Monitoring Report

Staff recommendation: Information item – received and file.

C. July 2003 Program Update

Staff recommendation: Information item – received and file.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA.

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

Thursday, August 14, 2003

@ 7:00 p.m.

**Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville
San Clemente, CA 92672**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Nielsen, Nesa Ortega, Dennis Hannan, Michael Barnes, Garrett Waters, James Burror

Absent: William Hart

Staff present: Bruce Wegner, Director, Beaches, Parks and Recreation
Brandi Outwin, Environmental Engineer
Bill Cameron, City Engineer
Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief
Mary Colletti, Recording Secretary

3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM

Committee Member Ortega read a statement from William Hart, in his absence, which stated that while he was honored to be CAC Chairman, if anyone is interested in being a candidate for CAC Chairman, they should feel free to do so. Committee Member Ortega said that she was also honored to have been Chairman Pro Tem for the last 3 years, but she also felt that anyone interested in being a candidate for Chairman Pro Tem should feel free to do so.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HANNAN, to nominate Michael Barnes for Chairman. There were no other nominations for Chairman. MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0) to elect Michael Barnes as Chairman of the Coastal Advisory Committee for one year.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HANNAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BURROR, to nominate Ken Nielsen for Chairman Pro Tem. There were no other nominations for Chairman Pro Tem. MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0) to elect Ken Nielsen as Chairman Pro Tem of the Coastal Advisory Committee for one year.

Committee Member Ortega turned the meeting over to new Chairman, Michael Barnes, who thanked Committee Member Ortega for her hard work as Chairman Pro Tem

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. CAC Minutes of June 12, 2003

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ORTEGA, CARRIED (4-0-2), abstained: Waters, Burror, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2003 as amended.

B. Joint Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2003

Chairman Barnes stated he'd like to add that Marine Safety Chief Bill Humphreys was present at the meeting.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ORTEGA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, CARRIED (4-0-2), abstained: Waters, Burror, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2003, as amended.

C. CAC Minutes of July 10, 2003

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GARRETT, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HANNAN, CARRIED (5-0-1), abstained: Ortega, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2003, as amended.

5. **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Barnes introduced City staff member, Brandi Outwin, Environmental Engineer. Ms. Outwin introduced herself, summarized her professional experience for the Committee and stated she was available if they needed assistance.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Draft Beach Sand Opportunistic Nourishment Policy

Committee Member Ortega asked for a brief synopsis of this draft policy so far. Chairman Barnes said, that at the previous meeting, Chris Webb of Moffatt & Nichols stated that a form had to be completed and sent to the State each time we plan to place sand. Chairman Barnes said this added one more level of expense to the process. Committee Member Ortega read from prior meeting minutes that this form would be "sent electronically and they would have 30 days to object or concur". Chairman Barnes stated that there was a "very close vote" to go with 5% / 10% fines in the draft policy, and gave a very general summary of the changes this Committee had made to the draft policy. Committee Member Ortega asked if the fine percentage would rule out "borrow sites". Chairman Barnes said that Laurence Honma had cited an example of "Sunset to Newport" beach, where there was an average of 5% fines from borrow sites. She said she remembered Mr. Honma

saying that he didn't think it was realistic to find opportunistic sand with 10% or less fines. Committee Member Burror said that Committee Member Nielsen had found a potential sand donor from a company who contracts with the sanitation district in Arizona to do backhauls. Committee Member Burror said that with fill options, one can send extra dirt to a landfill for \$27 per ton, but if they can find someone who wants the dirt, it's free. He said the soil in San Clemente is pretty poor and would need to be blended to be of use. He looked at different blending ratios; if we got sand from Arizona, and used a 3:1 blending ration, it would cost more then sending sand to a landfill. With 2:1 blending it would be more economical. He described blending as: How many piles of good sand would you need to blend with San Clemente dirt before you can place it on the beach. He said San Clemente's dirt could be placed in a parking lot and backhaul sand could be brought from Arizona and mixed with San Clemente dirt. Committee Member Ortega thought that just using the Arizona sand might be cheaper, but Committee Member Burror pointed out that someone who donates dirt from a construction site wouldn't want to buy a lot of sand from Arizona to blend with their dirt. Committee Member Burror said the dirt in our area is 30-50% sand, according to the California Soil Survey and is classified as clay/loam.

Committee Member Hannan said that the dirt in the Capistrano area is mostly silt and no sand. He said the Department of Agriculture Soil Survey only goes to a depth of 4.5 feet, and does not take the bedrock formation into consideration. He said the only sand in San Clemente is approximately south of Del Mar, and is in the cliffs and terraces. He said all our creek bottoms are clay. When Committee Member Ortega asked why we don't just take Arizona sand, she was told that it would cost more for a donor to buy blending sand than it would to just pay \$30 to dump their dirt at a landfill; they will do whatever is cheapest to get rid of their dirt. Committee Member Burror said the ratio would probably have to be 4 to 5:1 blending which would not be feasible, cost-wise, to a donor. He said a truckload of sand from Arizona is about 23 tons, and is 1 ¼ tons per cubic yard, so is about 18 cubic yards.

Committee Member Ortega said this committee has the responsibility to use their expertise to present the best policy to the City Council for them to make decisions on. She wonders what will happen to the current permit. She said Laurence Honma said it was unrealistic to think you'll find material with 10% or less fines.

At this point, Committee Member Nielsen presented a sample of sand with 2% fines, from Arizona. He said they want to get rid of all their sand to make room for more sludge.

Committee Member Nielsen said he attended the USACOE meeting in Encinitas (they are also doing a sand replenishment project). He said there were many angry residents there whose houses were threatened by "managed retreat". He said their project goals were to reduce coastal storm damages, restore lagoon functions and habitats, preserve/increase recreational value, protect highway 101, improve public safety, quality of life, education, recreation and aesthetics. The options they ruled out were visible breakwaters, rock revetments, groin fields, monolithic sea walls,

and man-made cobbled berms. They supported non-structural measures such as beach replenishment, de-watering (which they feel could help delay retreat of cliffs, although Committee Member Hannan disagreed with this idea), management retreat (which Committee Member Nielsen said should not be an option in San Clemente). The structural options were sand retention, small groins, jetties, submerged breakwaters and bluff protection seawalls with shotcrete.

Committee Member Nielsen said he gathered, from the information presented at the Encinitas meeting, that beach replenishment is the way to go; even sand retention structures require replenishment. Managed retreat costs the most. Only beach replenishment provides shore protection and recreation. He said in the public input session of the meeting, a woman named Kelly Sarber talked about a "trash for sand" method they'd tried to implement in exchange of sand for trash from Arizona. It failed because Orange County went bankrupt, along with pressure from the trash company. Ms. Sarber paid for a technical report (which Committee Member Nielsen distributed to the CAC members) to be done on the Arizona sand, and she told Committee Member Nielsen that she'd still like to do this program. Committee Member Nielsen distributed newspaper articles, including one from the Wall Street Journal, about her program. She has an MBA and works for a trash company, whose services she is selling, and would be willing to do a presentation for the CAC members.

Committee Member Nielsen passed around a sand sample from Arizona. He said the sand is 2% clay, and they recommend placing it on the face of the beach, so the waves will quickly wash off the little bit of clay. He also passed around San Clemente sand from Linda Lane; he said the Arizona sand is a little finer. He said while Ms. Sarber is hauling sludge for Orange County, she has not done the sand exchange program since SANDAG. He said her company is hauling sludge from Orange County Sanitation and SAQUA continuously, and the trucks are coming back empty. He said they'd clean the trucks and use plastic liners in them to transport the sand. Ms. Sarber also said that any bacteria that may be in the sand would be killed by the heat during transport. The cost is \$6 per yard, and we don't have to exchange trash. Committee Member Burror said that CINEGRO has a contract with the sanitation district which provides for reduced cost for backhaul. Committee Member Nielsen said that Ms. Sarber said the trucks would be here anyway; the problem he foresees is getting the sand on the beach, as the trucks are huge. He said we could buy any quantity of sand, but we have to be concerned with placing it and moving it. He said the cost would be less than dredging for fill material. Committee Member Hannan said local dirt is \$15 per yard; if you want to haul sand from the riverbed it's \$25 per yard. City Engineer Cameron asked why they didn't sell the sand to contractors and concrete companies, as it's such a good deal. Committee Member Nielsen responded that he felt few people knew about this opportunity.

Committee Member Hannan said this project should involve all the cities of Orange County. Committee Member Nielsen said Ms. Sarber offered to come to the CAC meeting to speak about the project. The committee felt the sand was of good quality, and that this opportunity seemed "too good to be true". They agreed that

they would like Ms. Sarber to attend a CAC meeting and describe the project. Committee Member Nielsen felt the Arizona sand was somewhat comparable to San Clemente beach sand, though a little finer. He said the size was 240 microns. Mr. Cameron suggested that Ms. Sarber meet with Moffatt & Nichols on behalf of the City, for this project. Committee Member Nielsen said Ms. Sarber's company (per the technical report Committee Member Nielsen distributed to the CAC members) had placed this sand on the beach in Oceanside, and surveyed the public for their opinions on the sand; 70% of the public liked it. Committee Member Waters asked what the calculated cost was including the truck, fuel, etc. Committee Member Nielsen said he didn't have all the figures yet, but since the trucks are currently going back empty to Arizona, even getting \$1 a yard for bringing the sand would be better for them than just sending the trucks back empty; therefore, he thinks we can "wheel and deal with them". Committee Member Burror said LA County sends a lot of trucks out too. Committee Member Nielsen said there could be a constant flow of trucks back and forth. Committee Member Nielsen said they use a "lexsand" liner in the trucks, and they have the cost figured into the \$6 per yard price.

The committee and staff agreed that the problem would be where to "stage" the sand until there's enough to place on the beach, and how to get it onto the beach. They agreed that this would be a problem no matter where the sand came from. City Engineer Cameron said that it would be more economical to place large quantities in a short time and contract staff and equipment to place it, than it would be to place small quantities piecemeal over longer periods of time. He thinks if the CAC is serious about this, the City should hire someone to do an analysis of how to do this process, and the cost. Committee Member Hannan said that would be the first part, the second part would be to get other cities involved such as Oceanside, La Jolla, and everyone in the littoral cell, so we could fund this project through other cities, as they would be deeply affected by it too; he said the sand project impacts would be regional, state and federal, and that perhaps we should generate some newspaper publicity when Ms. Sarber comes, so as to get the public fired up about it. Mr. Cameron estimated \$1000-\$1500 per operator and piece of equipment per day, and he and the committee members agreed that we would need to process large quantities of sand in a short period of time to make the hiring of such staff and equipment economically feasible. The committee also felt that they need to get engineers like Committee Member Hannan involved in designing an effective process for placing sand.

The committee members also agreed that we should try to get cooperation and funding from the counties and the state so as to unite the cities in this project. Committee Member Hannan said that we also have to see doing this project as an economic necessity to our City; we may have to spend our money to buy sand, because if people don't like our beaches, attendance will drop, tourists will quit spending their money in town, and we take a huge economic hit. Committee Member Nielsen said our beaches were changing—he said North beach looked like Coney Island—there are more people there than ever before.

Marine Safety Chief Humphreys said the economic impact to San Clemente is dramatic, but on the federal level, their method of economic calculation (benefit vs. loss) is different than our economic analysis. Two years ago, Chief Humphreys said, Dr. Phil King did a study to see if federal support of a sand replenishment project would be feasible, and he showed that it would be, however, this study is being used by the USACOE, and they use different calculation factors. For example, they may feel if the money isn't being spent in San Clemente, it will be spent at other state parks or cities, and the Federal Government will still get their recreational dollars. Chief Humphreys said the Federal Government is now looking at the value of protecting a national railroad, but the railroad initially told the government at a meeting that the cost of protecting it is very low.

Committee Member Burror suggested getting a corporate sponsor to help push our project through. Committee Members Nielsen and Ortega suggested that we get donations from concerned parties (citizens, Surfrider, corporations) up front to buy the sand. Committee Member Ortega calculated the cost to be \$180,000 to buy 30,000 cy of sand. She said the maximum we'll do in a year is 300,000 yards, which would cost \$1.8 million. Committee Member Nielsen said if you want sand on the beach you have to get your wallet out. The committee agreed that we could probably get donations; many people and groups are passionate about the beach, and we could do fundraisers, etc. They felt many people would "pop" for \$150 for a truckload of sand. Committee Member Nielsen said he talked to Chris Evans and Chad Nelson, of the Surfrider Foundation, and was told that the Surfrider Foundation supports sensible sand replenishment (i.e. no visible groins, no damage to the beach). Committee Member Waters felt that corporate and other donations could also be used to rent tractors to move the sand onto the beach. Committee Member Ortega said that we should agendaize a meeting with Ms. Sarber for the next CAC meeting and from there, possibly request a meeting with Ms. Sarber and Moffatt & Nichols.

Committee Member Ortega asked that the CAC look harder at the 10% fines figure; Chairman Barnes stated that the USACOE says that the sand needs to match your existing conditions (plus 1%) and must be protective of your environment; therefore, for us it would be 10-11%. Committee Member Ortega doesn't think it was 10% for SANDAG.

Committee Member Burror said the USACOE samples from all borrow sites and uses the best from each site; whether or not it's 10%. Committee Member Ortega said the USACOE report said 10-20% on the surface of borrow sites, but the report did not state the percentage of the sand underneath, and she'd like more input on this. Chairman Barnes did not want to raise the issue, because we're going to get a permit anyway. Committee Member Ortega did not want to assume that 15% fines is "junk" sand. Committee Member Hannan said it was not; it was very sandy. Committee Member Ortega said she wanted to make a decision based on fact, and that we don't know what the fines were on SANDAG. Chairman Barnes said we do know that Sunset Beach used 5% fines. Committee Member Ortega wanted to know if it was realistic to expect to receive opportunistic sand that was 10% fines or

less, and she wanted to know what sand other cities had placed on their beaches. Committee Member Hannan said that now all the sand being used for nourishment is from riverbeds. Committee Member Nielsen said the Arizona sand is 2% fines. Committee Member Burror pointed out that buying sand is "sand replenishment", but we're working on an opportunistic replenishment program, which means you take fill material from someone who's willing to pay to give it to us.

The committee agreed they do not want to get the sand from San Clemente, unless someone pays to blend it with other more suitable sand. Chairman Barnes stated he'd prefer a small beach with high quality sand over a large beach of "junk". Committee Member Ortega said that 15% fines may not be junk, and if we insist on 10% or less fines we may not get any sand. Committee Member Hannan pointed out that the committee had not yet narrowed down the percentage; that we have left that open on purpose so we can negotiate that figure depending on what becomes available to us. He said the percentage we pick will be lower than the percentage the permit requires and Committee Ortega stated we would go by what percentage we pick; not by what the permit states. Committee Member Burror said if we go less than 20%, people won't pay to donate sand and blend it with better sand because they can get rid of it cheaper at a landfill. Chairman Barnes said people won't get rid of good sand; they'd only want to donate dirt they can't use.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Projects

Committee Member Nielsen said he'd like to see more educational efforts for the URMP. City Engineer Cameron said the City had a booth at the Ocean Festival handing out educational brochures and that they hired consultants to work on the educational program. He said they've mailed fliers and published an article in the Parks and Recreation booklet. He said education is a high priority in the URMP program, and that we have two staff members, Brandi Outwin, Sr. Engineer and Kim Aldrich, Water Quality Code Compliance Officer dedicated to the URMP program. He said another full-time person is budgeted for this project. Mr. Cameron stated that the residents' fee for the URMP is paying for the salaries, the vehicles and emergency equipment for the program. He said the City is gearing up to do more public education for the program. He said any delays are because they are currently getting new staff members up to speed on the program. Staff has been given new requirements from the Regional Board to meet in a short time so they are working on implementing those requirements. They are also starting design work on four CDS units. He said the whole process is very time-consuming, and is "more than a full-time job". He also said they are submitting an annual report to the Regional Board, in November, and that a progress report could be available to the CAC in December. The committee asked for regular short updates on the URMP project and Mr. Cameron said he could provide these to the CAC.

The committee discussed current and future projects that the committee would like to review during the upcoming year. Chairman Barnes outlined the following items for the CAC to agendaize and there was some discussion of some of the items, as follows:

Year 2003

September: Kelly Sarber to meet with CAC re: sand from Arizona Opportunistic Sand Policy

October: Coastal Frontiers to report to the CAC:

Chief Humphreys said Coastal Frontiers should have a report available by the October CAC meeting and Committee Members Hannan and Nielsen offered to review the report and summarize it for the committee.

November: USACOE Feasibility Study

December: URMP Update

Year 2004

January: Coastal Canyons and Bluffs Guidelines/Update:

Director Bruce Wegner stated that there are two things in process at the City: 1) City Council asked staff to review the Coastal Canyons and Bluffs guidelines and have hired three consultants including a biologist and a geologist to study 19 specified areas of the bluffs and canyons; 2) City Council will review what they want to do in terms of enforcement in regard to new structures, as well as existing structures on the bluffs and canyons; and 3) an educational brochure, which has been funded and has yet to be mass-produced and distributed. Director Wegner said the City Council will probably ask the CAC for their approval in regard to ordinances, education, and appropriate plantings for the bluffs/canyons, etc. City Engineer Cameron said plantings don't currently require permits, so that could be a sensitive subject. Director Wegner said this is a sensitive subject with the California Coastal Commission as well. Mr. Cameron thought the City could update the CAC in January on this subject. Director Wegner said the program depends greatly on what the City Council decides in regard to ordinances and is contingent upon the City Attorney's review. Mr. Cameron said it is also dependent upon the City's Community Development Department and how they implement the plan.

February: USACOE/San Juan Creek Erosion:

Chief Humphreys said he would speak with his USACOE contacts and ask if they can speak to the CAC on this subject.

March: Street Sweeping Program Update:

The Committee members would like to hear if the residents are happy with the new street sweeping program and whether a new street sweeper has been added to the program.

April: Riviera Erosion Control

May: Final Design of Runoff Treatment (Capital Project)/Update:

City Engineer Cameron said the City will be hiring someone to do the final design of the runoff system.

Chairman Barnes said he'd like to see a public workshop or brochure done to give the public positive alternatives to dumping runoff, such as using permeable pavements and diverting runoff into tanks for irrigation rather than just telling them what not to do, as we are currently doing.

As a side note, Committee Member Hannan asked when the Marine Safety Building bulkhead was scheduled to be rebuilt. Director Wegner said the City submitted their request to the California Coastal Commission (CCC), and the Commission asked for further studies. The City Council approved the budget for the studies. Once the studies are done, they will be submitted to the CCC for approval.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes, June 10, 2003

Received and filed.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes June 25, 2003

Received and filed.

C. Bacteriological Monitoring Report

Committee Member Hannan remarked on the "enterococcus coliform", saying that a Federal agency recently published an article saying they recently started testing for this bacterium, and this bacterium shows up everywhere. The study was to try to determine if there is any negative impact from this bacterium; there may not be. Received and filed.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Chief Humphreys remarked that he heard from a third party, that the initial study done by the USACOE shows that there is very little erosion in San Clemente. He also heard, from Coastal Frontiers, that the current study may not include 100 year storm conditions, etc., and may not take into consideration all of the conditions of San Clemente beaches. He said that the studies done at Doheny and south of the river mouth, show erosion which could affect our erosion in the future, but that the USACOE may not be taking this into consideration. Chief Humphreys said he forwarded this information to Chuck Mesa at USACOE, and asked them to consider these points in their study, as well as the historical photos we can provide, from Whittier College, along with historic width measurements. He said we also have eyewitness accounts of the appearance of the beach since the '70's. Chief Humphreys asked for help from the committee members with getting this information conveyed to the USACOE, possibly in a letter signed by the CAC chairman. Committee Member Hannan said he would help Chief Humphreys with this. Committee Member Waters said an aerial photo from the '60's, of our whole coastline, was found and may be helpful.

10. **ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Hannan said he would like to check on the sand being dumped by LA County. He said they're trucking 2.5 million cy a year to the dump and maybe we could use it. He said we've studied the sand, and it's the right size, free of chemicals, etc., and if they don't want it, perhaps we could use it.

Committee Member Nielsen said that North Beach has improved greatly since he brought it up at the last CAC meeting. He said he is organizing a pre-winter cleanup in the Neighborhood Pride Program area of San Clemente, and it is supported by the Surfrider Foundation. He'd like the Committee to try to get the whole city involved. He'd like the committee to be involved in the Fiesta, and other City events, to hand out educational information and help people air their concerns.

Chairman Barnes wanted to make sure the Draft Policy was not attached to the permit application without prior CAC approval; Chief Humphreys said this had not been done. Chief Humphreys said the City Council should vote on certifying the Negative Declaration at their first meeting in October.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER WATERS CARRIED (6-0-0) to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Barnes

Attest:

Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2003, 7:00 P.M.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Commissioner Bob Maltinsky.
2. **OATH OF OFFICE**
City Clerk Myrna Erway administered the oath of office to reappointed Commissioner William Thomas and newly appointed Commissioners Ann Dickson, Kathy VanAuken and Garrett Waters.
3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMER COMMISSIONERS**
Chairperson Swartz commended former Commissioners Anthony Amorelli, Mary Anna Anderson, and Bill Roberts for their many years of service and dedication serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. They were presented with a token of appreciation from the City of San Clemente. Former Commissioners Amorelli and Anderson talked about their time served on the Commission and spoke words of encouragement to the newly appointed Commissioners.
4. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Dickson, Maltinsky, Swartz, Thomas, VanAuken, Vance, Waters

Staff present: Bruce Wegner, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director
Steve Mead, Recreation Division Manager
Rita DeForrest, Administrative Assistant
5. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF:
CHAIR, CHAIR PRO TEM, AND COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**
Chairperson Steven Swartz was nominated and re-elected unanimously Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner William Thomas was nominated and elected Chair Pro Tem.

Commissioner Garrett Waters was nominated and elected to serve as Commission liaison to the Coastal Advisory Committee.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **June 10, 2003**

MOTION BY MALTINSKY, SECOND BY VANCE, CARRIED (3-4-0), to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 10, 2003. Commissioner Thomas abstained because he did not attend the meeting; Commissioners Dickson, VanAuken, and Waters abstained because they are newly appointed to the Commission.

B. **June 25, 2003**

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY THOMAS, CARRIED (3-4-0), to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 25, 2003. Commissioner Maltinsky abstained because he did not attend the meeting; Commissioners Dickson, VanAuken, and Waters abstained because they are newly appointed Commissioners.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **San Gorgonio Park- Sports Field Expansion**

At an adjourned regular meeting on June 25, 2003 at Shorecliffs Middle School, the Parks and Recreation Commission received public input relating to the proposed expansion of sports fields at San Gorgonio Park. Director Wegner reviewed the site plans for the reconfiguration of the sports fields at San Gorgonio Park; explained that it will be a substantial improvement; noted required grading and retaining walls, the double bullpen, batting cages, field storage buildings, artificial turf infields expansion, reconfiguration of the parking to add parking spaces, and relocation of the restroom / concession building; explained that City Council has approved funding for expanded lighting for the existing fields and basketball courts and a new restroom / concession building at the Park. Concept A is the preferred plan brought to the Commission.

The meeting was opened to public input. The following are comments made by residents:

Jack Martin, Shorecliffs resident, voiced concern about San Gorgonio Park being developed into a City-wide sports park and the lack of parking; commented that it is not a sports park and is at capacity; noted that Shorecliffs is an older community and many don't attend meetings to voice their concerns.

David Sealand, Shorecliffs resident, voiced concern about the increased traffic; pointed out that the park is more of a regional park with the increased lighting, organized sports and additional development which increases litter, noise and traffic; it is overdeveloped, overused, causing traffic congestion; suggested newer sections of the City share the burden.

Al Cullen submitted a petition signed by 249 people, 40 of the names are people from outside the Shorecliffs community; advised that the Shorecliffs community is adamant that it does not need or want any increase in organized sports or sports lighting; commented that the community has had it with outside interests forcing their wants on other neighborhoods; advised that, if there was more time and if they had more energy, they could collect more names; suggested taking the money allocated for the improvements to the park and building a new park where the new population growth is located.

The meeting was closed to public input.

Commissioner Maltinsky stated that the perfect place to increase park development was Steed Park with the City managing it; pointed out that the concessionaire's contract at Steed Park was scheduled for renewal in January 2004; agreed that San Gorgonio Park is a well used park; advocated that the money, allocated for the upgrades at San Gorgonio Park, should be used to expand Steed Park.

Commissioner Waters agreed with Commissioner Maltinsky; commended those who gathered the names on the petition, to protest the expansion of the sports fields, on a tremendous job completed in a relatively short time period; reported that residents that live adjacent to the park have reported property damage to their cars by youngsters, who are waiting to use the crowded sports fields, throwing rocks from the hills in the Park; reiterated that the Park is overcrowded, there is traffic congestion, the parking situation is horrible, and there is a safety hazard from cars speeding down Via San Gorgonio to Vaquero; opposed the expansion of the Park. He stated that the entire City has to share in the burden of lighted sports facilities; commented that it was too expensive to upgrade San Gorgonio Park when Forster Ranch Community Park, with existing fields, can be lighted.

Commissioner Dickson agreed with the Park neighbors that the Park should not be expanded but did support the City Council approved lighting of the soccer/baseball field; found the cost to reconfigure the sports fields exorbitant; suggested using the money instead at Steed Park.

Commissioner VanAuken questioned whether Little League could share space at Steed Park with girls' softball. Director Wegner advised that the topic will be discussed with both organizations but that the primary youth sports organization at Steed Park is girls' softball.

Commissioner Thomas made the following comments: He agreed with the Shorecliffs community and recommended City Council deny the third field; noted that the Commission spent a year researching the lighting issue; favored fully utilizing the land the City owns; strongly favored revisiting Forster Ranch Community Park in terms of lighting existing fields and agreed with Commissioner Maltinsky's recommendation to maximize the use of the sports fields at Steed Park; pointed out that the City is not in a financial position to manage the fields at Steed Park.

Commissioner Vance made the following comments: She totally agreed that Forster Ranch Community Park should be reconsidered for lighting of the existing sports fields and the other community amenities master planned; noted that additional parking in the Shorecliffs neighborhood around San Gorgonio Park would be a major issue, and adding an additional ball field would impact the area which is already impacted; favored spreading the impact of sports fields throughout the City.

Chairperson Swartz made the following comments: San Gorgonio Park is a community level park and a keystone for the park system for the entire City. The City needs to get the most out of every park; noted that Talega Park is crammed with amenities; believed that Forster Ranch Community Park sports fields should be lighted, and a community center and swimming pool should be built; stated that Forster Ranch Community Park is a City park and for the enjoyment of everyone. He did not support the added field at San Gorgonio Park and was against impacting the neighborhood more than it is at present; commented that the lighting project, already approved at San Gorgonio Park, will accommodate larger usage but not add to the congestion; suggested looking at traffic controls at Via San Gorgonio and Vaquero; stated that there is no money in the General Fund for City staff to manage Steed Park.

MOTION BY THOMAS, SECOND BY VANCE, CARRIED (7-0-0), to recommend to City Council that a third lighted baseball field be denied at San Gorgonio Park.

Commissioner Thomas requested that a discussion regarding Forster Ranch Community Park be placed on a future Commission agenda. He noted that the school sports fields are underutilized, and youth groups are overcharged for their use. Commissioner Thomas will research the situation with CUSD.

Commissioner Maltinsky agreed with Commissioner Thomas that the schools' sports fields should be maximized, and a cooperative agreement with the school district should be negotiated.

Commission consensus was to continue the topic to the August 12, 2003 meeting for further public input.

B. Talega Neighborhood Parks Two and Three - Park Naming

Director Wegner reviewed the contents of his report outlining the results of community input to name the two remaining neighborhood parks within the Talega planned community; advised that the request to name the two parks was advertised in the local newspaper in addition to the Talega newsletter; explained the policy for naming parks at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission in 1987.

Commissioner Thomas remarked that it is a democratic process, and the names should be submitted to the community for voting. Director Wegner reviewed the process as follows; the community submitted suggested names for the Talega Parks

#2 and #3, the Commission should make a recommendation to City Council, and send their recommendation to City Council.

The Commission discussed the names submitted and selected six for a vote. The consensus was to select a name to recommend to City Council for Talega Park #2, advertise the park naming guidelines to the community to name Talega Park #3, and discuss naming Talega Park #3 at the August meeting. The street adjacent to Talega Park #3 is at present unnamed; the name of the neighborhood directly associated with Talega Park #3 will be researched.

The Commission selected six names based on the park naming policy which are as follows: (1) Freedom; (2) Liberty; (3) Saluda; (4) Sunrise; (5) Serra; (6) Cristianitos

Director Wegner advised that Talega Park #2 is not directly located on Calle Saluda, and it could cause some confusion.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY WATERS, CARRIED (7-0-0), to recommend to City Council that Talega Park #2 be named Liberty Park.

MOTION BY SWARTZ, SECOND BY THOMAS, CARRIED (7-0-0), to table naming Talega Park #3 until (a) additional community input is obtained, (b) the name of the adjacent community and street to the Park is researched, and (c) the criteria to name a City park is advertised.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Vista Bahia Park- Arlie Waterman Field Fencing**

As requested by Commissioner Maltinsky, the Commission engaged in a discussion of the adequacy of the existing fencing design to protect spectators and vehicles at Arlie Waterman Field located at Vista Bahia Park.

Director Wegner advised that Little League representatives were sent a letter to inform them of the reported safety issue, but no response was received. He stated that an invitation was extended to discuss the issue at this evening's Commission meeting; however, there was no representative from the Little League in the audience.

The consensus of the Commission was that staff resolve the safety issue at Vista Bahia Park.

Commissioner Thomas excused himself at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION BY DICKSON, SECOND BY VANCE, CARRIED (6-0-0), the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that staff resolve the safety issue at the Arlie Waterman Field, Vista Bahia Park, by installing a fence or screen in the existing backstop to reduce foul balls from impacting the concession building area behind the field. The concern about the height of the third base line fence was deferred since no Little League representative was at the meeting.

B. Keep Our Beach Clean Patrol/Program

Chairperson Steven Swartz advised that he had an idea sparked by Commissioner Thomas during the City Council interview process for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission; proposed a volunteer program to patrol and pick up trash on the beach, thereby providing a means for community organizations and youth to do something good for the community and, at the same time, earn community service hours.

Commission consensus was that this was a great idea, since it would help keep the beaches clean, and provide community organizations or school/church youth groups with community projects. Suggestions brainstormed by the Commission are as follows:

- Create an Adopt a Beach Program
- Have a competition of who has the cleanest beach
- Create an awareness project.
- Award a patch to those participating
- Have a beach party at the end of the year.

Commissioner VanAuken volunteered to contact the PTA to research if ASB and the students are interested in this community service project.

A sub-committee composed of Commissioners Swartz, VanAuken, and Waters was formed to work on the project.

C. San Clemente Chamber of Commerce Marine Corps Events Partnership

Recreation Division Manager Mead reviewed the contents of his report on formalizing an event with the Chamber of Commerce involving the USMC 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines; pointed out that the City has adopted this Marine unit and assigned the Chamber the task of community liaison; advised that this partnership agreement would include routine events involving the USMC 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, as well as other events, that may involve the entire Marine Base, that are planned and promoted due to national military involvement in various conflicts of war; noted that the current event is scheduled for October 11, 2003 at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park which will include food and live music.

Pat Wolfram, Vice-Chair of the Chamber of Commerce board, described the event planned on October 11, 2003; responded to inquiries by the Commission as follows: the Steed Park location was chosen because of its size and parking to accommodate large events; this event is larger than usual because of the Iraq war.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY THOMAS, CARRIED (7-0-0), the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the partnership agreement with the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce to provide an annual event related to promoting and honoring the adopted USMC 2nd Battalion 4th Marines at Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

2. Allocate appropriate City staff services and equipment support for the annual event.
3. Approve the Special event "Welcome Home Marines Fall Fest" proposed for October 11, 2003. Allow all future events under this partnership agreement related to the Camp Pendleton Marines and the Chamber to be reviewed and approved by the Director of Beaches, Parks and Recreation in consultation with other affected City departments.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. **San Clemente Police Services – Park Calls for Service - no report.**
- B. **Coastal Advisory Committee Minutes of 3/13/03, 4/10/03, and 5/8/03**
Received and filed.

11. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Recreation Manager Mead reported that the Foundation / City Ridge Trail Challenge event went well, and approximately 325 persons registered to take part in the event; mentioned the annual Foundation / City Skateboard Tournament; advised that Carl Kepner is the Foundation lead person, and Carol Gibson is the City staff lead person for the skateboard tournament; reported that the after hours middle school recreation classes are doing well, the drama class was modified to a smaller format because of poor enrollment, and hopes were that this class will grow in the future.

12. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

A. **Sphere of Influence Report**

Chairperson Swartz requested that the Commission's spheres of influence be discussed on the August agenda. Commissioner Dickson mentioned she would be out of the country next month.

Commissioner Maltinsky – sphere of influence is park usage – no report.

Commissioner Swartz – sphere of influence is vendors – no report.

Commissioner Thomas – sphere of influence is schools– no report.

Commissioner Vance – sphere of influence is youth organizations – no report.

B. **Coastal Advisory Committee – report by Commissioner Vance**

Commissioner Vance reported that the Coastal Advisory Committee met with the City Council in joint meeting; noted that a healthy dialogue

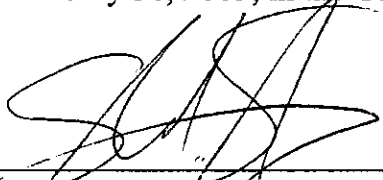
occurred relating to the roles and responsibilities of the Committee; commented it was a good starting point.

Commissioner Dickson volunteered to help with the Ocean Festival

Chairperson Swartz welcomed the three new Commissioners.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY MALTINSKY, CARRIED (6 -0-0), to adjourn the meeting to the joint City Council, Commission, Committee bus tour of the city and its facilities on July 30, at 2:30 p.m., meeting in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the Community Center and departing at 3:00 p.m. from the Community Center; the joint meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on the same date, July 30, 2003, in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the Community Center



Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Parks & Recreation Commission



Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director



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COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SOCWA (Doheny Outfall) Ocean Bacteriological Monitoring Program

Enterococcus (ENT), Fecal Coliform (FC), Total Coliform (TC) Colony Forming Units / 100 ml Sample
NS – NOT SAMPLED All creeks flowing unless denoted by *

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Beach Name	Lab	ID	Location	Type	8/4/03	8/5/03	8/11/03	8/12/03	8/14/03	8/18/03	8/20/03	8/22/03	8/25/03	8/26/03	8/28/03
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	ENT	<10					180	<10				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	FC	30					10	<10				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	TC	30					<10	10				
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	ENT	<10		10	10		<10			10	<10	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	FC	10		40	20		<10			20	10	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	o-S-17	20000' South Outfall	TC	30		70	10		80			260	<10	
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	ENT		<10				<10	40				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	FC		40				<10	20				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	TC		110				<10	70				
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	ENT	10		20	20		<2			8	60	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	FC	15		90	60		10			80	90	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	p-S-19	450' North of Pier	TC	<10		90	80		4			88	260	
T STREET BEACH	EH	q-OSC01	Trafalgar Street Beach	ENT		10				<10					80
T STREET BEACH	EH	q-OSC01	Trafalgar Street Beach	FC		<10				<10					160
T STREET BEACH	EH	q-OSC01	Trafalgar Street Beach	TC		10				<10					130
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	ENT		<10				<10	<10				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	FC		<10				10	<10				
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	TC		10				>10	<10				
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	ENT	<2		8	4		<2			<2	<2	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	FC	<2		8	2		22			2	4	
SAN CLEMENTE	RA	r-S-21	AVENIDA CALAFIA	TC	<2		6	>2		24			<2	2	
SAN CLEMENTE	EH	s-S-23	LAS PALMERAS	ENT		<10				30	<10				
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CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE • WATER QUALITY SECTION

JULY 2003 PROGRAM UPDATE

General Notes

July 8 Kim Aldrich joined the Water Quality Section
 July 31 Response to Regional Board LIP comments due
 Construction Site Runoff Manual finalized

Meetings

July 3 Reviewed program with Mayor Dorey
 July 9 Met with developer regarding continuing discharges at 117 Santa Ana Lane
 July 9 LIP Review meeting with South County cities and County
 July 9 Watershed Chapters and Retrofit development meeting
 July 10 NPDES Public Education Subcommittee meeting
 July 14 Reviewed program with Councilman Anderson
 July 15 Met with developer regarding issues at 305 Pico
 July 15 NPDES New Development Subcommittee meeting
 July 17 Met with owner regarding WQMP development
 July 17 NPDES New Development/Construction Task Force meeting
 July 22 Watershed Chapters development meeting
 July 23 US Army Corps of Engineers meeting to discuss Poche Beach project
 July 23 LIP Review meeting with South County cities and County
 July 24 NPDES General Permittee meeting
 July 24 NPDES Public Education Subcommittee meeting
 July 28 Reviewed Program with City Manager Talley
 July 29 Poche Beach Source Identification Plan development meeting

Staff Training

July 28-31 40-hour HAZWOPER Training / Kim Aldrich

Public Outreach

July 19 Ocean Festival
 July 20 Ocean Festival
 Fall 2003 Article in City of San Clemente Magazine

Complaint Summary

DATE	STREET NAME	CLASSIFICATION	VIOLATION DESCRIPTION	STATUS
7/1/2003	N. El Camino Real	RESTAURANT	Red dust noted in gutter, extends down Cabrillo but clean upstream of restaurant	closed
7/15/2003	Ave. Monterey	RESIDENTIAL	On-going flow of water in gutter	closed
7/16/2003	N. El Camino Real	RESTAURANT	Red dust noted in gutter from tile cutting and washing into street	closed
7/16/2003	N. El Camino Real	CONTRACTOR	Painters working in ROW with 5 gal paint/potential spill	closed
7/16/2003	Corte De Vega		Report of hay discharged to storm drain system	closed
7/16/2003	Corte Segrada	LANDSCAPER	Sediment and debris washed into street from residential landscape project	closed

7/16/2003		AUTO DETAILER	Discharge of wastewater runoff	closed
7/17/2003	W. Marquita	RESIDENTIAL	Paint spill and wastewater in storm drain system	closed
7/17/2003	Ave. Montego	PAINTER	White fluid draining on Ave. Vaquero	closed
7/17/2003	N. El Camino Real	HOTEL/MOTEL	Workers power sanding large building causing paint chips in street/sidewalk/dirt	closed
7/18/2003	Vista Hermosa/Frontera	MUNICIPAL	Lime tracked from site onto roadway	closed
7/19/2003	W. Esplanade	CARPET CLEANER	Discharge of wastewater runoff to storm drain system	closed
7/19/2003		COMMERCIAL	Irrigation overflow to storm drain system	closed
7/19/2003	Truman/Benedict	RESIDENTIAL	Monday nights on-going discharge	closed
7/21/2003	Calle Del Establo	RESIDENTIAL	Neighbor dispute concerning discharge of pesticide to the storm drain system	closed
7/21/2003	S. El Camino Real	RESTAURANT	On-going washing sidewalk and patio areas to storm drain system	closed
7/21/2003	Ave. Victoria	RESIDENTIAL		closed
7/22/2003	Calle Amanecer	INDUSTRIAL	Significant asphalt debris along Cordillera and Calle Amanecer; Diesel spill on Cordillera; Residue in drainage of parking lot	closed
7/22/2003	Ave. Alessandro	RESIDENTIAL	Contractor washing cement into street/gutter	closed
7/23/2003	Via Alegre	LANDSCAPER	Landscape contractor saw cutting concrete and washing out to street/gutter	closed
7/23/2003	N. El Camino Real	RESTAURANT	Discharge of food waste to alley and street	closed
7/25/2003	S. El Camion Real	AUTO DEALER/DETAILER	Discharge of oil/grease/wastewater from hosing impervious surfaces and auto detail to pit in ROW and street/gutter	closed
7/25/2003	W. Esplanade	CARPET CLEANER	Mobile carpet cleaner discharging wastewater to street/gutter	closed
7/25/2003	La Ventana	CONTRACTOR	Concrete spill and wash water to street/gutter	closed
7/28/2003	Ave. Navarro	AUTO REPAIR	On-going washing parking area water into gutter/drain	closed
7/28/2003	Ave. Del Mar	RESTAURANT	On-going washing sidewalk and patio areas to storm drain system	closed
7/28/2003	E. Ave. Pico	COMMERCIAL	On-going excess irrigation runoff into street/drain inlet at MO2	closed
7/28/2003	Cazador Ln.	RESIDENTIAL	New slab construction at address is causing runoff at neighbor's property, discharging over slope	closed
7/28/2003	N. El Camino Real	RESTAURANT	Catch basin immediately adjacent to restaurant and across street smells like sewer gas; also uphill restaurants are washing mats etc nightly at 7pm	closed
7/28/2003	E. Esplanade	RESTAURANT	On-going washing of mats to storm drain system	closed
7/31/2003	Ave. Encinas	RESIDENTIAL	Entire street has foul odor	closed

August Action Items

August 6 Prop 40 Grant Submittal Due
August 8 EPA Work Plan Revisions Due
August 13 NPDES Watershed Chapters Due to Regional Board
August 13 NPDES Local WQMP Due to Regional Board (program start date)

Upcoming Meeting and Training Opportunities

August 14 NPDES New Development/Significant Redevelopment Training for Planners and Preparers
August 14 Authorized Inspector Training
August 25 Management and Basic Field Implementation Training
August 26 'Hands-On' Field Implementation Training for Existing Development
October 9 Authorized Inspector Training
December 11 Authorized Inspector Training