

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

Thursday, May 8, 2014 @ 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 7:00 p.m. Chair pro tem Salgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Richard Dickey, Ken Nielsen, and Michael Smith; Chair pro tem Peter Salgado and Chairman Bill Hart

Absent: None

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of April 10, 2014

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, AND CARRIED 6-0-1, WITH CHAIR PRO TEM SALGADO ABSTAINING, to receive and file the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2014, with the following revisions:

Page 4, last paragraph, 1st sentence, after "questions" insert "to staff and Chair Hart"

5. PUBLIC INPUT - None

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Changes to AB411 Monitoring Program

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, summarized the staff report. Currently three separate agencies sample public beaches. These agencies include the Orange County Health Care Agency, (OCHCA) the Orange

County Public Works, and the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA). The San Diego Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB) staff has recommended changes to the monitoring program to increase efficiencies and balance regulatory compliance with public health protection. A workgroup of select stakeholders has developed a recommended program that would eliminate duplicate monitoring efforts and surpass the current State AB411 requirements. These recommendations include consolidating or eliminating sampling stations, revising sample frequency with respect to the level of impairment, establishing more rigorous trigger for public notification, and implementing investigations when warranted to assess public health risks and/or identify sources. Several agencies expressed support of the unified program at a workshop in April. Permit changes would ultimately be necessary to implement these recommendations. The Committee will receive regular updates on this proposal as it moves through the approval process. Staff recommended the Committee receive and file the report.

In response to questions, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak estimated that additional information regarding the recommended changes may be available after December 2014; advised RWQCB staff recommendation for a user friendly Regional Water Quality Control Board website to make water quality data more easily accessible and understood; confirmed that the only agency that posts warnings at the beach is OCHCA; agreed with speculation that it may be possible that San Clemente beaches will receive more warnings and be subject to additional public relations intensity due to increased testing.

Report received and filed.

B. Poche Action Plan Update

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak reviewed the staff report, including historical activities in the Poche watershed as well as an update on current and future projects planned as part of the City's Poche Action Plan. She reviewed the sources of water draining into the watershed, the City's attempts to address the high bacteria levels found in the channel, actions leading up to creation of the Poche Action Plan, and the recommended actions from the plan. In addition, she discussed current activities on site, including bird deterrent programs and Poche UV Treatment System; as well as next steps, upcoming projects, and active permits. Staff recommended the Committee receive and file the staff report.

In response to questions from the Committee, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak offered copies of the comprehensive bacteria source ID study and Poche Action Plan; advised the City's upcoming Sewer Master Plan update will address outfall; provided history of the Shorecliffs Golf Course bioswale; stated the berm configuration on the beach contributes to how treated water is discharged; noted this Committee will review all actions being considered

by staff; advised the regional water quality control board determined the location of the treated water discharge.

Committee Member Smith thanked Senior Management Analyst Vondrak for answering all the questions he submitted at the Committee's last meeting. In response to his suggestion that the falconry program run simultaneous at the landfill and Poche Pond, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak noted that the Poche Pond benefits when the falconry program is at the landfill, and Poche Beach has had an A+ rating since August when the Poche Action Plan started.

Committee Member Salgado noted that one solution is to install rip rap like other agencies have done, which makes the pond less attractive to birds and results in less water going out to the ocean. In addition, he volunteered to help staff with technical reports if needed.

Committee Member Brown announced that the update to the Sewer Master Plan is included in one of the projects in the General Plan's Strategic Implementation Plan and that the City Council has approved funding for the Poche Beach Action Plan from the Clean Ocean Fund.

Committee Members commended Senior Management Analyst Vondrak for the excellent and informative staff report.

Report received and filed.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated April 30, 2014
- B. April 2014 Environmental Programs Update

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

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak informed that many attendees at the City's Cinco de Mayo event signed pledge forms and received water bottles from staff; advised that representatives from 5 homeowners associations attended the H2O for HOA's Workshop and noted plans for next year include expanded promotion and extended day with lunch provided; advised the majority of the water to the Prima Deshecha Watershed comes from the urbanized development rather than the Shorecliffs Golf Course; noted Forster Ranch HOA will soon be using reclaimed water for its association property maintenance.

Committee Member Nielsen announced that video of the CAC's watershed tour workshop is available via the City's website and currently playing on channel 30.

Committee Member Ambrose commended Senior Management Analyst Vondrak for the colorful media ads currently running that are in line with the CAC's goals and actions; noted that artificial turf is being promoted in her neighborhood.

Chair Hart commented the number of offenders in the Case Log has decreased steadily in the last few years.

Committee Member Brown commented that on May 22, his existing lawn will be replaced with artificial turf, and that he is taking advantage of the City's rebate program.

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 Review of Environmental Sustainability Grants to their July agenda, and agreed to cancel the August meeting due to lack of agenda items and/or scheduling conflicts.

Report received and filed.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Smith reported no update from Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission.

Committee Member Dickey informed that first samplings of coastal waters for potential radioactivity as result of the Fukushima Nuclear Crisis have been negative.

Committee Member Nielsen commented that his research indicates the best quality of sand currently available for sand replenishment projects is from Mission Bay, and all the Committee Members agreed on the importance of procuring quality sand. In addition, he noted Greg Heron is available to come speak to this Committee and agreed to forward his contact information to Senior Management Analyst Vondrak for scheduling; suggested the City and CAC team with SANDAG as they would be a great asset for the City.

Committee Member Brown reported that at their last meeting the Planning Commission reviewed SB 2 and continued it to a special meeting on May 28; the City's Capital Improvement Program will be formally presented in a couple weeks; the Strategic Implementation Plan will be presented for Council recommendation in June.

Chair Hart requested that staff alert him when the Strategic Implementation Plan will be on the City Council agenda; announced Earth Day had to be canceled because the strong winds precluded equipment set up.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. to the Regular Meeting for the Coastal Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Brown, Chair

Attest:



Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer