

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

Thursday, August 9, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room  
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Member Ambrose called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Member Zidron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary McCaughan, John McGuigan, Joseph Zidron, Zhen Wu;  
Vice Chair Jorine Campopiano, Chair Susan Ambrose

Absent: Richard Ayer

Staff Present: Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor  
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

*These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were actually considered.*

*Committee Members and staff shared brief biographies in recognition of new Committee Members McCaughan and Wu.*

**4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Committee Member Campopiano nominated Chair Ambrose to continue serving as Chair. There were no other nominations, and Chair Ambrose was reelected Chair on a unanimous vote.

Committee Member Zidron nominated Committee Member Campopiano to serve as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and Committee Member Campopiano was elected Vice Chair on a unanimous vote.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting of June 14, 2018

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ZIDRON, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CAMPOPIANO, AND CARRIED 3-0-3, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS MCCAUGHAN, MCGUIGAN AND WU ABSTAINING, to receive and file the minutes of the Regular CAC meeting of June 14, 2018 as submitted.

## 6. PUBLIC INPUT

Bill Hart, resident and prior Coastal Advisory Committee Member, distributed a promotional flyer to Charity Bingo nights at Goody's Tavern on Mondays in August starting at 7:00 p.m and invited all to attend. Proceeds from the event will support the San Clemente Watershed Task Force. Additionally, he thanked Supervisor Mallett for compiling a Beach Clean-up Manual which is used as a guideline for Watershed Task Force volunteers and other groups when conducting beach clean-up events.

Supervisor Mallett agreed to email all Committee Members an electronic version of the Manual.

Sarah Spinazzi, resident, questioned the City's assertion that the majority of the bacteria exceedances at the Pier were caused by bird droppings, especially as the City is relying on this assertion to justify the expense of installing netting at the Pier. She requested the City take another look at potential alternate sources for the bacteria, including the storm drains, before proceeding with additional netting installations.

Emily Croucher, resident, endorsed the request for additional study of potential sources, including storm drain runoff, which could be causing bacteria exceedances at the Pier; questioned why advisory postings were being moved or removed adjacent to the pier.

Anthony Alford, resident, opined that the City failed to perform due diligence to determine the source of the bacteria before installing the netting; felt the City was careless in using funds to install netting based on speculation as to the source of the bacteria; commented that a decline in the number of tourists coming to the City due to bacteria exceedances will be devastating for local businesses.

Supervisor Mallett advised that additional Pier netting installation is currently on hold while the City arranges for a consultant to conduct an additional study of the water and drainage which will include the avian markers; noted the City closely monitors storm drainage for bacteria contaminants. Additionally, she advised the City and County of Orange have a keen interest in protecting public health; locations are regularly tested, and posted in response to direction from the Orange County Health Agency. She will check with the Lifeguard Division as to potential for advisory signs being removed by the public; attach a map with testing locations to the County of Orange Health Care Agency/Environmental Health Ocean Bacteriological Monitoring Program Reports which are included in the CAC meeting

packets; research and report on the actions of other beach cities when faced with similar circumstances.

Chair Ambrose left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict. Vice Chair Campopiano took over the gavel and the meeting continued with quorum present.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Unified Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program – Overview and Update

A presentation by Mike Fennessy, Water Quality Administrative Manager with the Orange County Health Care Agency's Environmental Health Division.

Mike Fennessy, Water Quality Administrative Manager, narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "South Orange County Unified Monitoring Program," dated August 9, 2018. A copy of the Presentation is on file in Utilities Division. He described the overlapping testing by numerous agencies that was performed before the agencies collaborated to unify the various testing programs to save costs and more easily share results amongst the agencies. Additional information presented included the process of collecting samples, follow-up procedures, and posting details.

Report received and filed.

### B. The NowCast System: Using Statistical Models to Predict Water Quality at California Beaches

A Presentation by Ryan Searcy, Beach Water Quality Modeler with Heal the Bay, about the NowCast System and how it can predict beach water quality each day.

Ryan Searcy, Beach Water Quality Modeler, described an ongoing study of beaches to determine if environmental factors, including weather patterns, contribute to beach water quality levels. The program is currently in its infancy, and cities/counties are able to participate at no cost. Three sites in Orange County are currently part of the study. Results are continually updated and posted at [beachreportcard.org](http://beachreportcard.org). A website is currently in development.

Committee Members expressed interest in partnering with Heal the Bay, and the various universities involved in the study. Supervisor Mallett agreed to gather additional information on the study as warranted, speak with the City Manager about potential for the City becoming involved, and report back.

Report received and filed.

C. Environmental Sustainability Grant Program

A Memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, with information about the second cycle Environmental Sustainability Grant Program Applications.

Supervisor Mallett summarized the staff memo; recommended the Committee review the recommendations from the Environmental Grant Committee (EGC) and provide their recommendation which will be forwarded to the City Manager.

Committee Members discussed the pros and cons of the recommended programs and recommended allocations based on the project itself, applicant's relationship with the City, and the project's compliance with grant guidelines. Following discussion, the Committee acted to revise the amounts suggested by the EGC, stating a preference to fully fund the Watershed Task Force and Marblehead Elementary School projects as they have clearly stated goals that align with the grant guidelines and elected to reduce the San Onofre Parks Foundation amount. They denied the grant request from St. Andrew's by the Sea Methodist Church and requested the applicant be asked to provide additional information on how the project meets the grant requirements and directly benefits the residents of San Clemente.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MCCAUGHAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CAMPOPIANO TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY MANAGER APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) St. Andrew's by the Sea Methodist Church in the amount of \$0.00 (zero).
- 2) Watershed Task Force in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 3) Marblehead Elementary School in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 4) San Onofre Parks Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Public Comment:

Bill Hart, representing the Watershed Task Force, thanked the Committee for their support; encouraged the Committee to continue its efforts to work with the agencies involved to improve conditions in the pond at Poche Beach.

D. Consideration of Earlier Start Time for CAC Meetings

A memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, on what would need to be done to change the standing CAC meeting time.

Supervisor Mallett reviewed the staff memo.

Discussion ensued regarding potential change to the time and location of the CAC meetings, with consensus of the members present indicating a preference to have the meeting start at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Committee Members expressed preference to move the meeting to City Council Chambers, citing an increase in available parking spaces, improved safety, and improved ability for the public to access as determining factors.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MCCAUGHAN, SECONDED BY MCGUIGAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to change the Coastal Advisory Committee meeting time start to 6:30 p.m. and change meeting location to City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California 92672, on the second Thursday of each month starting with the meeting of September 13, 2018.

Supervisor Mallett will draft a resolution reflecting the new start time and location for signature at their next meeting.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Bacterial Monitoring Reports June & July 2018

A summary of recent activities conducted by the City related to runoff/surface water quality and solid waste and recycling.

Supervisor Mallett encouraged all to read the San Clemente Times article providing the history of some of San Clemente local beach names.

### B. June & July 2018 Environmental Programs Updates

A summary of recent activities conducted by the City related to runoff-surface water quality and solid waste and recycling.

Agenda items 7A & B received and filed.

## 9. REPORTS

### A. CAC Members - None

### B. City Staff - None

Supervisor Mallett will send links to prior meeting packets to new Committee Members McCaughan and Wu so they can review past discussions of beach nourishment issues.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Supervisor Mallett reviewed the status of Potential Future Agenda Items and requested the Committee Members provide input.

Committee Members requested staff include additional information to the Clean Ocean Fee Renewal in October, namely, a breakdown of how the money collected is spent and potential that the fee could be increased to create and build a fund for beach sand nourishment.

**11. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Vice Chair Campopiano shared that the State of California has draft reports available for public comment, specifically the "2018 Ocean Litter Strategy," "CA Ocean Acidification Plan," and "Marine Protected Area Monitoring Action Plan." She will forward the links to Supervisor Mallett for forwarding to the Committee.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Campopiano adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. to the next CAC meeting to be held on September 13, 2018, **at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at San Clemente Civic Center located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California 92672.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Ambrose, Chair

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor