

These minutes were approved by the Coastal Advisory Committee on 7-08-2021.

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
REGULAR COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Teleconference Only via  
www.san-clemente.org/live or Cox Channel 854**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was offered teleconference only due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and available to the public via live stream from the City's YouTube Channel.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ambrose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary McCaughan (7:00 p.m. arrival), Charlie Smith (7:00 p.m. exit), Joseph Zidron; Vice Chair Jorine Campopiano, Chair Susan Ambrose

Absent: Chris Kuczynski

Vacant: At-large Community Member

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

*All Committee Members and staff participated in meeting via teleconference.*

*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.*

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 11, 2021, Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CAMPOPIANO AND CARRIED 4-0-1, (WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER MCCAUGHAN ABSENT) to receive and file the Minutes of the March 11, 2021, Coastal Advisory Meeting.

Amended as follows:

Page 2, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, replace "Rain" with "Rail"

Page 4, last paragraph, replace with the following, "Chair Ambrose shared that a local newspaper recently published a photo of a mother and baby whale in the Dana Point area waters; announced the photo was appropriately a great introduction to the Dana Point's Festival of the Whales which began on March 6, 2021."

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Dog Beach Access

A memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, regarding dog beach access and water quality at San Clemente beach segments.

Committee Member Smith, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison to the CAC, described the discussion and final Commission recommendation to City Council regarding potential for the City to allow dogs to access a section of one of San Clemente's beaches. Following a discussion of the challenges the City has had in complying with the Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) level monitoring due to existing bacteria in the ocean water, the Commission elected to recommend against allowing dogs access to beaches in San Clemente. Committee Member Smith and Vice Chair Campopiano stated that they own dogs and expressed optimism that dogs would be allowed access to a less-popular beach area and/or restricted seasons/days/hours at some point in the future and would be more supportive if the beaches were wider.

Committee Members agreed to request that staff forward their support of the Commission's recommendation to the City Council, with communication via Chair Ambrose testimony at the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR AMBROSE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to communicate to City Council the CAC's support of the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission's recommendation that City Council uphold current rules and regulations surrounding dog access to San Clemente beaches and do not recommend any location for on or off leash dog access to City beaches.

B. Pier Bird Deterrent Netting and Bird Rehoming Project

A memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, regarding the Pier Bird Deterrent Netting and Bird Rehoming Project.

Supervisor Mallett reviewed the staff report, a breakdown of the questions asked by Stephanie Aguilar, resident, in her letter requesting answers to various questions concerning the Pier Safety Bird Deterrent Program. She reviewed the questions and clarified staff's responses as warranted.

Comments/Suggestions:

- Requested staff contact other cities with piers and/or similar netting programs for input on how they address the issues detailed in Ms. Aguilar's letter.
- Established staff will be returning with draft language for signage explaining the program and advising concerned citizens how to contact the City with any concerns they may have.
- Established the Pier netting contractor has authority and responsibility to access the netting to free trapped birds. The City's Maintenance staff have been trained, have the materials, and potentially could free any trapped birds on Saturdays in response to a report from the public. Calls received on Sundays will be addressed on Mondays. Marine Safety cannot be responsible for freeing the birds as water safety of humans is their foremost responsibility.
- Requested staff coordinate/clarify response and responsibility between Marine Safety, Maintenance, and the project contractor to determine the best way forward to ensure the maximum coverage and response.

C. Bottle Refill Station Update

A verbal report by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, on location of a bottle refill station at the T-Street bathroom.

Supervisor Mallett provided an update on her efforts to gather information including cost estimates of the Bottle Refill Station. She was unable to accomplish this last month, and hopes to have assembled the information requested for the CAC's June meeting. Supervisor Mallett agreed to a) check on the process for the CAC to work with private parties/raise funds to fund the improvements, b) research and provide estimates on project installations in the center wall, side walls, and a freestanding unit, c) check with staff in Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach for advice/information regarding the funding and installation of water bottle stations, and d) forward to the CAC a newspaper article (from Chair Ambrose) regarding the City of Laguna Beach's efforts to convert water fountains to bottle refill stations.

D. Drive-in Movie Night – June 4, 2021, at Vista Hermosa Sports Park, *The Lorax*

A memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, with an update on the Drive-in Movie Night.

Supervisor Mallett reported the "The Lorax" movie has been rescheduled to June 4, 2021, at the Vista Hermosa Sports Park. The movie was scheduled to be shown on April 17, 2021, but the movie screen company did not arrive to set-up the screen. The event will feature a SWAG (Stuff We All Get) bag of

environmental themed giveaways provided by the City, and will have a pre-order food option or food truck on site. The cost will be \$15.00 per car and start at approximately at 8:15 p.m. or dusk. The City will be promoting the event on its social media sites and in the San Clemente Times.

E. Orange County Transportation Authority Environmental Cleanup Grant Applications for Install of Trash Capture Devices

A memo by Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, with an update on 2020 Funding Award and 2021 Grant Application to Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Measure M2 Project X Environmental Cleanup Program (M2 Project X Program). The M2 Project X Program is designed to award funding for projects that mitigate the more visible form of pollutants such as litter and debris that collects on roadways and in storm drains prior to being deposited in waterways and the ocean. The City was awarded \$220,000 from OCTA with the City providing \$55,000 cash match to retrofit 100 catch basins with trash capture devices. The City submitted a second grant proposal on May 5, 2021 proposing to retrofit 102 catch basins with trash capture devices.

Supervisor Mallett reviewed the staff report and responded to questions/comments as warranted.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Bacteriological Monitoring Reports for March and April 2021

Information only report, no action necessary

B. Environmental Programs Update – Date of Posted Reports February and March 2021

Information only report, no action necessary

**8. REPORTS**

A. CAC Members

- Chair Ambrose referred to a flyer distributed earlier and shared the UCI-sponsored California Plastic Crisis Conference Series: Impacts and Solutions at Home and Beyond event. It is a viewing and discussion on April 29, 2021, of *The Story of Plastic*, with 4, 1-hour speaker panels/question and answer sessions on May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2021. She encouraged all to participate in the May 20 and 27 teleconference sessions if possible and will check to see if the video/audio of the prior sessions are available to the public for viewing. If so, she will provide the link to the recording to Supervisor Mallett for forwarding to the CAC.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coastal and Ocean Amateur Photography Contest – Chair Ambrose reviewed the flyer included in the meeting packet and encouraged participation.
- Coastal Issues and Legislative Update – Chair Ambrose continued this update to the next regular CAC meeting. She will forward materials to Supervisor Mallett in advance of the meeting for distribution to the CAC.

**B. City Staff**

- Clean Ocean Fee (COF) Renewal Update – Supervisor Mallett reported the consultant is in the process of confirming rate categories of specific parcels, and then will make recommendations on potential fee amounts. She anticipates the preliminary work will be completed by end of summer, with the fee structure going to City Council in August or September 2021.
- Pier Bacteria Source Characterization Study Update – Supervisor Mallett advised staff is waiting for the final data from the consultant, and then will schedule the ad-hoc committee meeting for presentation of results and final review. She will notify the CAC as to the last meeting date details.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**A. Potential Future Agenda Items**

Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, reviewed the Potential Future Agenda Items memo and requested the Committee Members provide input.

Committee Members added “Pier Netting Bird Safety Signage,” “Pier Bacteria Study Update,” “Update on Current Water Quality Legislation (Chair Ambrose),” and “Heal the Bay Beach Rankings Discussion” to the June agenda; added “Local Sand Opportunity Coalition Update,” “Ocean Protection Council Speaker/Presentation,” “Presentation from Denise Erkeneff, Surfrider Foundation Activities Update”, and “Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach Sand Nourishment Coalition Update” to future agendas.

**10. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Zidron shared that he has purchased a home in San Juan Capistrano and will be resigning from the CAC.

CAC Members thanked Committee Member Zidron for his tenure on the Committee, noting that his professionalism, knowledge, and passion for water quality issues will be sorely missed.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ZIDRON, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MCCAUGHAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. to the Regular CAC meeting of June 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The Meeting will be Teleconference Only and available to the public via live stream from the City's YouTube Channel.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Ambrose, Chair

Attest:



Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor