

**NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION
And COASTAL BAY WATER QUALITY MINUTES
City Council Chambers
May 11, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Commissioners Duffield, McIntosh, West, Lawrenz, and Rodheim were present. Commissioners Rhyne and Valdes were absent.

Council Liaison: Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller
 Supervisor Shannon Levin

MINUTES Motion by Commissioner West, seconded Commissioner McIntosh, to approve the April minutes: All ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: **Joint Harbor Commission / Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee Meeting – Topics for Discussion**

Abstract: The Harbor Commission and Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee will meet and discuss various water quality issues that are of interest to either group.

Discussion:

Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee members present were: Council Member Nancy Gardner (Chair), Tom Houston, and Roberta Jorgensen. Staff: John Kappeler, Water Quality Manager.

The following topics were discussed at the Joint Meeting:

1. Project L.E.A.F. (Leaders of Environmental Action Films)

- a. The group watched several short videos made by high school students, and the videos were very well received. Commissioner Rodheim suggested that the L.E.A.F. group present the videos at one of the weekly Yachtsman's Luncheons held at Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Wednesdays, from noon till 1:30. Other avenues for outreach could be through the Kiwanis or NBTV. Council Member Gardner suggested that the L.E.A.F. group present the videos and a City Council Meeting.

2. Copper Paint

- a. Ray Hiemstra with OC Coastkeeper assisted with the presentation on copper bottom paint, with specific attention to the copper reduction project currently underway at the City's Balboa Yacht Basin. There were questions on the amount of copper loading as cited in the reports (50,000 lbs annually), and how much of that is attributed to copper boat paints as opposed to storm drain outfall (about 750 lbs annually) or copper found in the sediment. Committee Member Houston said that the Water Board's estimates were arbitrary. Commissioner Duffield said that the data was empirically impossible.

3. Code and Water Quality Presentation – Water Quality Related Violations (Administrative Citations, NOVs etc...)

- a. Manager Kappeler gave a report on enforcement actions in the past year.

4. Dredging

- a. Manager Miller gave an update on the current dredging project in the Rhine Channel, as well as the upcoming Lower Bay dredging, and also the City's Regional General Permit (RGP-54) which allows property owners to dredge in their slips.

5. Vessel Head Inspection

- a. Supervisor Levin gave a report on the Harbor Patrol's vessel inspection program as well as enforcement activities.

6. TMDL's

- a. Manager Kappeler gave an update on the various TMDLs that the City must comply with.

7. Harbor Resources / Harbor Patrol Coordination

- a. Manager Miller stated that this had already been discussed in the previous topics above.

8. Kelp Along Newport's Coastline

- a. Commissioner Lawrenz and Council Member Gardner exchanged thoughts on the success of the kelp beds off Newport's shoreline.

9. Buck Gully Update

- a. Council Member Gardner discussed diverting the runoff to the OCSD.

10. MLPA and Its Affect on General Boating and Related Businesses in the Harbor

- a. There was a discussion about how the new MLPA rules might affect fishermen in the area. Ray Hiemstra provided details about the current status of the program.

11. Water Quality Testing in the Harbor

- a. Monica Mazur gave an update on the County's program for testing water quality throughout the harbor and the Orange County.

12. Other Related Issues

- a. No other topics were discussed.

Action: Receive and file.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sailing Speed Limit:

Commissioner West reported that the City Attorney's Office was reviewing the proposed language, but that it may take some time for that office to complete.

Harbor Visioning Task Force

Commissioner Rodheim gave an update on the presentation that he gave to the Tidelands Management Committee. The Task Force's next area to focus on is the harbor entrance. He also asked if there were any legal implications on moving the Harbor Lines, and that we'd need the resident's input before we did anything. Council Member Gardner praised the report and was impressed with their vision.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

The Tidelands Management Committee is busy reviewing applications for the Citizens Advisory Committee members. She also discussed increasing funding for Capital Improvement Projects related to harbor dredging. She also discussed the idea of a harbor non-profit group being formed and how that

would be important to the harbor community and future projects. It would provide better coordination, and a non-profit could do things that the City can't. She also requested that the topic of sea lions be discussed at an upcoming Council Study Session.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Manager Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1777>*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Mooring Administration and Wait List, Mooring Extensions etc...
- NOAA Update on Mooring Field Realignment
- Dinghy Dock at Lido Bridge
- Bilge/pumpout stations

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 6:30 – NOTE: Different week and time than usual.**

ADJOURNMENT