

# City of Newport Beach

## Coastal/Bay Water Quality Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

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**Date:** August 11, 2011

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Back Bay Science Center, Teaching Lab Room A

### 1. Welcome/Self Introductions

**Committee Members present:**

Chairwoman/Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner

Randy Seton

Janet Rappaport

Tom Houston

George Drayton

Roberta Jorgensen

**Guests present:**

Ray Hiemstra, Coast Keepers

Steven Bender, Newport Bay Conservancy

Monica Mazur

Jack and Nancy Skinner

**Staff present:**

Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent

Janet Cates, Recreation Manager

Michelle Clemente, Marine Protection & Education Supervisor

Chris Miller, Harbor Resources Manager

John Kappeler, Water Quality Manager

Shari Rooks, Public Works Specialist

### 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's

The minutes from the July 14, 2011, meeting were approved.

### 3. Old Business

**(a) Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results**

**Monica Mazur** reviewed recent water quality test results within Newport Bay and along the ocean shoreline.

### 4. New Business

**(a) Dennis Kelly** was unable to attend and present an update on the **Coastal Dolphin Research Program**.

**(b) Presentation by Michelle Clemente** on the **Traveling Tidepool**. Please see PowerPoint presentation attached.

- Current interpretive "touch" tank gets an estimated 80,000 visitors per year
- New vehicle will be funded by the City
- Newport Bay Conservancy funds will outfit the vehicle
- Contributions also from Fish & Game and Back Bay Science Center

- Will be deployed at Little Corona during the summer and weekends but will also be driven to other special events throughout the year
- Hope to have vehicle and aquarium tanks by June of 2012

**(b) Ray Hiemstra** of Coast Keepers presented an update on the **Newport Bay Copper Reduction Project** and a proposed letter of support for amending SB 623 (Kehoe) - Marine Antifouling Paint for committee review and comment before being submitted to Council.

- SB623 was introduced in February by the Port of San Diego and the San Diego Coast Keeper and is a potential ban on the use of copper bottom paint
- SB623 passed the Senate in June, went to the Assembly in early July and passed there, and then the legislature went on break. It was scheduled to be voted on by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 17<sup>th</sup>, but Senator Kehoe just put this bill on hold for the rest of the year. The reason being the bill requires the State Water Board and the Department of Pesticide Regulation to perform specific tasks and both entities were concerned about what they are being asked to do and whether or not they will be able to do it.
- State of Washington recently instigated a full copper ban in a very short period of time

**ACTION:** **Chair Nancy Gardner** to bring the committee's recommendation regarding the proposed support letter for amending SB 623 to Council.

## 5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- **Jack Skinner** announced there will be an EPA meeting at SCCWRP on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> regarding their new standards.

**ACTION:** **Jack Skinner** will update committee on outcome of the EPA meeting at the next CBWQ meeting.

## 6. Topics for Future Agendas

- (a) Bacteriological Dry-Weather Runoff Gutter Study (Phase III)
- (b) OCTA Measure M2
- (c) Coastal Dolphin Research Program
- (d) Banning Ranch Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- (e) Big Canyon Project
- (f) Cienega Project
- (g) Prop 84 ASBS Grant Program
- (h) Update on "Green Streets"

## 7. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM in the Fire Conference Room.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.