

City of Newport Beach

Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Minutes

Date: March 14, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Conference Room

1. Welcome/Self Introductions

Committee Members present:

Chairwoman/Council Member Nancy Gardner

Dennis Baker

Carl Cassidy

Tom Houston

Laird Hayes

Louis Denger

Fred Galluccio

Guests present:

Jack Skinner, SPON

Monica Mazur

George Drayton

Jim Mosher, resident

Staff present:

John Kappeler, Water Quality Manager

Chris Miller, Harbor Resources Manager

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the February 14, 2013 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

1. Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results

John Kappeler reviewed recent water quality test results within Newport Bay and along the ocean shoreline. A detailed discussion ensued relative to the water quality exceedences at the Arches storm drain – possibilities include a more robust sampling plan and/or diverting the dry-weather flows.

4. New Business

- **Chris Miller** gave a presentation and overview of the City's Small Vessel Waste and Refuse Program. The presentation covered vessel pump out stations – the City has four public pump out stations (a total of five pumps). The City recently received a grant to replace these pumps with a newer version. The pump out stations are inspected 3x/week in the winter months and 5x/week in the summer months. In addition, there are two services in the harbor that will come to your dock and pump out your boat. Also, there is a live aboard program within the Harbor. Live aboards must have a permit, moor in the correct location and have a yearly inspection. Chris explained the program for renting out residential docks, too – discussion ensued.
- **John Kappeler** reviewed the water quality test results for the **Santa Ana River Marsh Dredging** project. (See attached Presentation)

- Total material to be dredged 73,000 cu/yds.
- 23,000 cu/yds. of material for near shore disposal.
- Total project cost \$5M
- Dredging to be completed by the end of March.

2. John Kappeler presented a review and prioritization of various water quality projects for the **Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Goal Setting.** (See attached Presentation)

The committee participated in a goal setting session and reviewed 14 different projects/programs for this coming year.

The committee voted on their top five projects/programs:

1. Arches Project
2. Tracking Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
3. Street Sweeping
4. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)
5. Refuse and Household Hazardous Waste Pickup
6. Trash Booms in and around Newport Bay

Note: there was a tie for the fifth project, so we have a total of six priorities this year, and the projects are not listed in any specific order.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- John Kappeler announced this would be our last meeting at this location
- Jim Mosher noted the meeting agendas are now more action based –vs- educational based
- Tom Houston noted and agreed that he likes the action based approach to future agendas
- Council Member Henn would like action items listed on future meeting agendas

6. Topics for Future Agendas

- (a) Bacteriological Dry-Weather Runoff Gutter Study (Phase III)
- (b) Prop 84 ASBS Grant Program
- (c) Big Canyon Project
- (d) Rhine Channel Project Wrap Up
- (e) Senate Bill – SB 1447
- (f) MiOcean Program
- (g) Small Vessel – Waste and Refuse

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for April 11, at 3 PM in the Community Room.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Chairwoman / Nancy Gardner