

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday December 18, 2019, 5:30-7:00 PM, Muth Interpretive Center

Board Attendees: Sherry Marger, Angie Vazarian, Julie Ferguson, Pam Winkler, Derrick Ankerstar, Dave Waller, Randall English, Josie Bennett, and Kim Bick

Staff Attendees: Heather Cieslak and Amanda Swanson

Excused Attendees: Tim Brown, Ian Swift, Joana Taveres, and Taylor Sais

5:35: Approval of minutes from the November Meeting: Josie Bennett

- Motion to approve by David, seconded by Julie

5:40: Operations Report: Heather Cieslak

- A draft of the book project was provided for review.
- First draft of water signage was completed by Jim Cokas.
- CDFW has hired Amanda Swanson as the new reserve manager that will be starting on 1/13/20.
- Heather and Josie will be taking the lead on filling Amanda's Restoration Coordinator position.

5:50: Treasurer's Report: Pam Winkler

- Heather and Pam are in the process of revamping how our accounts are set up in Quickbooks.
- No concerns on the Statement of Financial Position.
- Budgets for 2020 need to be submitted to Pam by end of day 1/8/20 by committee chairs.

6:00: Restoration Committee: Amanda Swanson

- UNB Stakeholder meeting was held on 11/19 including CDFW, OC Parks (OCP) and City of Newport Beach.
- Amanda attended the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) public meeting on 11/13 where OPC funds for planning and permitting Phases 2B/2C were officially approved.
- Big Canyon Technical Advisory Committee was held on 12/10 to discuss the Feasibility Study for Phases 2B/2C.
- NBC interns are continuing to work on mapping ASL treatments and distributions throughout the Bay.
- NBC was awarded \$50,000 from the Warne Family Fund for ASL work.
- NBC is taking the lead on coordinating *Volutaria* management throughout the Bay including organizing regular conference calls, supporting OCP as they develop a volunteer program focused on emergent species as well as overseeing surveys throughout the CDFW, OCP and City of NB properties.
- Amanda and Heather working with the City of NB on a contract for monitoring and management of Bayview Heights Mitigation project.

6:10: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- No update.

6:20: Education Committee: Heather Cieslak

- Met with Peter Bloom about refurbishing the osprey perch located at the Back Bay Science Center

6:30: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- The theme for World Wetlands Day symposium on 2/1/20 will be "Climate Change Solutions", in partnership with UCI Ridge to Reef and about 100 people have already registered.
- Preparations have begun for NBC volunteers to participate with the NOAA King Tides citizen science project in early February.
- The committee is discussing partnering with UCI to collect baseline arthropod data from Big Canyon phase 2A prior to restoration efforts that begins in fall 2020.

6:40: Fundraising Committee: Dave Waller

- Santa at the Bay took place in mid-November and is a good opportunity to connect families to the Bay.
- In talk with someone to host a sound healing event at the Bay where the teacher would donate 35% of proceeds to the Bay.

6:50: Other business:

- Sherry mentioned that she thought that the board should reconsider the amount of books (1000) that were ordered now that the book wouldn't be ready for the holiday. The board discussed and decided that 1000 books is reasonable and the order doesn't need to be changed.
- Board retreat – January 17, 2020
- Sherry will check to see if the clubhouse at the Bluffs is available for the board retreat.

7:00: Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Julie and second by Dave.