



NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, November 6, 2025, 6:00 PM,
In-person, Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center & **ZOOM**

Attending current Board Officers and Nominated Board Members:

President - Bryan Tsu

Board Members – Peter Bryant (virtual), Mario Cuevas, Bettina Eastman (virtual), Lori Methenate, Susie Onate (virtual), Julia Powers (virtual), Bryan Tsu, McKenna Wegner (virtual), Yugina Yun

Nominated Board Members - Diane Daruty (virtual), Maureen Flanagan

Staff and guests - Heather Cieslak

OC Parks – Molly Waldram

Excused Absence - none

6:00 Call to order/roll call: Bryan Tsu, President

Bryan welcomed all in attendance in person and on Zoom, and thanked everyone for their volunteer efforts the past year and making 2025 a great year.

Approval of Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting: Approved.

The Annual Report presentation (attached) kicked off with Board President, Bryan Tsu, who highlighted the year's accomplishments between Board, staff and volunteers.

Treasurer, Julia Powers, presented the Financial Report.

Operations Director, Heather Cieslak, honored Betsy Flynn (in memoriam), who served over 4,000 hours leading programs, kayak tours and Shellmaker Island tours for over 20 years.

Mr. Tsu gave thanks to outgoing Board Member, Susie Onate (departing Secretary).

The proposed board candidates were presented. A pause in the meeting was held while ballots were collected and tallied. Staff established that there was a quorum for voting and tallied mail-in and on-site votes. All old and new candidates received a majority of the votes.

The new Board of Directors is now comprised of:

Mario Cuevas (Existing term ending 2026)

Bettina Eastman (Existing term ending 2026)
Bryan Tsu (Existing term ending 2026)

Peter Bryant (Existing term ending 2027)
Lori Metherate (Existing term ending 2027)
Julia Powers (Existing term ending 2027)
McKenna Wegner (Existing term ending 2027)
Yugina Yun (Existing term ending 2027)

Diane Daruty (New term ending 2028)
Maureen Flanagan (New term ending 2028)

Molly Waldram (OC Parks representative)

7:20: Annual Meeting concludes and board meeting follows

7:25: Discussion of WINGs support letter and Snug Harbor informational email:

- Maureen Flanagan motioned to approve a letter to the Ocean Protection Council in support of the WINGs (Wetland Imaging for Next-Gen Stewardship) proposal and Mario Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Maureen Flanagan motioned to approve a Snug Harbor informational email, informing NBC's constituency of a petition seeking to put the Snug Harbor project to a citywide vote, and Bettina Eastman seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority; Yugina Yun voted against.

7:30: Proposal of 2026 officer slate:

Bryan Tsu (President, existing)
Bettina Eastman (Vice President, existing)
Julia Powers (Treasurer, existing)
McKenna Wegner (Secretary, incoming)

Molly Waldram motioned to approve the new officer slate and Mario Cuevas seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

7:35: Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Tsu, President in lieu of McKenna Wegner, incoming Secretary