NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 PM, **ZOOM**

Attending:
President – Bryan Tsu
Board Members –Stacey Tutt, Bettina Eastman, Julie Powers, Mario Cuevas, Susie Onate, McKenna Wegner, Yugina Yun, Diane Daruty, Lori Metherate, Peter Bryant
Staff and guests - Heather Cieslak
OC Parks – Molly Waldram

Excused Absence: None

5:37 Call to order/roll call: Bryan

Approval of Minutes:
The Board Minutes for February were presented. Stacey moved, unanimously approved.

1. **Operations Report: Heather**

   The Operations Report was provided (see attached).

2. **Treasurer's Report: Julia**

   The Statement of Activity for February 2025 was provided (see attached).

3. **Education/DEI Committee: Mario**

   The Education Committee Report was provided (see attached).

   Mario requested NBC fund $1,100 to bus students and parents from Santa Ana Unified School District to bring them to UCI and the Muth. Stacey motioned to approve $1,100 for buses, unanimously approved.

4. **Board Development: Stacey**

   The Board Development Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting.

5. **Research and Advocacy Committee: Peter**

   The Research Committee Report will be provided at the next meeting.

6. **Restoration Committee: Yugina**

   The Restoration Committee Report was provided (see attached).

Yugina raised the issue of the potential impact of recent federal executive orders on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and funding. The Board decided to conduct a thorough review of the issues and discuss them at the next meeting.

**7. <u>Fundraising Committee</u>: Bryan**

The Fundraising Committee Report was provided (see attached).

**8. <u>Community Outreach Committee</u>: Bettina**

The Community Outreach Committee Report will be provided at the next Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the proposal for an Aquatic Center at Lower Castaways. The project is not certain to happen, with traffic concerns being a major potential obstacle. The next step is a City Council vote in April on whether to fund an Environmental Impact Report and traffic study. The Board discussed attending this meeting to gauge support.

7:00: Adjournment: Stacey moved, Mario seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Onate
Secretary