

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5:30 PM, **ZOOM**

Attending:

President – Cassandra Radcliff

Board Members - Julie Ferguson, Ramraghi Fuller, Cesar Gallo, Susie Onate,
Taylor Sais, Susan Jarratt, Saam Shams, Mario Cuevas, Stacey Tutt

Staff and guests -- Heather Cieslak, Alys, Dr. Christine Whitcraft (CSLB)

OC Parks - Derrick Ankerstar

Absent: Peter Bryant, Kim Bick

5:30 Call to order/roll call: Cassandra

Approval of Minutes:

- February 2023 Meeting
Susan Jarratt moved; Cesar seconded; passed
- March 2023 Meeting
Cesar moved; Taylor seconded; passed

1. Treasurer's Report: Ramraghi

Ramraghi presented the Statement of Activity for January-March 2023 ([see attached](#)).

2. Operations: Heather

Operations Report for April 2023 was provided by Heather ([see attached](#)).

3. Fundraising: Heather

Fundraising events are included in the Operations Report. The Committee will meet in the next month or two.

4. Education Committee: Julie

Education Committee Report was provided by Julie ([see attached](#)). If anyone has any suggestions for the Naturalist training, please talk to Julie. Save the date late July/early August summer volunteer appreciation event to celebrate the Naturalist graduates.

5. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan

DEI Committee Report was provided by Susan ([see attached](#)). We received over 120 exit survey that went out on Earth Day. The volunteers are inputting the data which will be shared with the Board. The volunteers survey will go out to the volunteers soon.

6. Community Outreach, Website, Tracks: Cesar

Community Outreach report was presented ([see attached](#)). The restoration video is in progress.

7. Research Committee: Peter

Peter provided the Research and Advocacy Committee report.

8. Board Development Committee: Taylor

Taylor provided the Board Development report.

9. Restoration Committee: Alys

Alys provided the Restoration Committee Report for April 2023.

Dr. Christine Whitcraft, CSLB, attended the meeting to discuss the grant that they got and potential partnership with NBC. The California State Budget Act of 2022-23 allocated \$100m to California Climate Action Initiatives (<https://uckeepresearching.org/california-climate-action/>) and is going through the UC system to devote energy around coastal resilience and implement the continuous monitoring of sea level in 7 estuaries. It is a 2 year funding program of over \$150k to onboard and train interns or volunteers. The objective is to obtain current sea level information for modelling and prediction of future conditions. After the grant, NBC is not required to continue the monitoring. The LOI was written in March, and they hope to get funding in September. Instrumentations have been bought and will be put in the ground. Instruments

will be in places where they are currently existing. There are 7 estuaries in the proposal.

Cassandra moved to support partnership with CSLB; approved unanimously.

Alys will prepare the letter of support to be submitted by May 5, 2023.

7:15: Adjournment: Susie moved; Susan seconded; passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Onate
Secretary