

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 5:30 PM, **ZOOM**

Attending:

President – Cassandra Radcliff

Board Members - Julie Ferguson, Ramraghi Fuller, Cesar Gallo, Susie Onate, Mario Cuevas, Stacey Tutt, Peter Bryant

Past President -

Staff and guests - Heather Cieslak

OC Parks - Derrick Ankerstar

Absent: Taylor Sais, Susan Jarratt, Saam Shams, Kim Bick

5:38 Call to order/roll call: Cassandra

Approval of Minutes:

- May 2023 Meeting

Peter moved; Stacy seconded; passed

1. Treasurer's Report: Ramraghi

Ramraghi and Heather represented the Bay and hosted the Orange County Community Foundation at the Muth. The event was a success, and we expect to receive a grant from the Foundation. The Statement of Activity January – May 2023 was also presented by Ramraghi ([see attached](#)).

2. Operations: Heather

The Operations Report was provided by Heather ([see attached](#)). The Proposed Amended 6/2023 Operations Budget was also presented by Heather for approval by the Board. Big Canyon Phase III will not be mobilized until 2024 which will result in delaying hiring of the construction coordinator. We are still waiting for permits to be issue for Phase III. The Plein Art brochure is available at the Muth for distribution. Coast Keeper is in litigation with the City of Newport Beach for the CAD.

Julie moved to approve the Proposed Amended 6/2023 Operations Budget; Unanimously approved; passed

3. Fundraising: Heather

Fundraising Report is included in the Operations Report.

4. Education Committee: Julie

The Education Committee Report was provided by Julie ([see attached](#)). The Naturalist program is generally not available for non-volunteers at the Bay but Thursday lectures are open for non-volunteers and the other conservancies have the option to have a separate Saturday in-person training. The Naturalist program is specifically designed for the wildlife and habitat at the Bay.

5. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan

DEI Committee Report will be provided next month.

6. Community Outreach, Website, Tracks: Cesar

Community Outreach report was provided by Cesar ([see attached](#)). All Tracks publications will be listed on a spreadsheet and will be made available on the new website. Reach out to Cesar if you have any questions on the new website.

7. Research Committee: Peter

Research and Advocacy Committee report was provided by Peter ([see attached](#)). The topic for World Wetland Symposium will be ground water depletion. Ground water is being depleted everywhere except for Newport Beach where it is being replenished.

8. Board Development Committee: Taylor

Board Development Report was provided ([see attached](#)).

9. Restoration Committee: Saam

Restoration Committee Report was provided.

6:29: Adjournment: Julie moved; Mario seconded; passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Onate
Secretary