

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 Metherrate, 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. Fundraising Committee: Bryan

The Fundraising Committee Report was provided ([see attached](#)).

8. Community Outreach Committee: 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