

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Wetlands Advisory Board  
January 19, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Wetlands Advisory Board was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Jeff Crooks, Coastal Salt Marsh Rep.  
Chris Nordby, Wetlands Scientist  
Theresa Talley, General Member  
Daniel Smith, Land Owner

Members Absent

Jayne Janda-Timba, Chair, General Member  
Michael Beck, Environmental Org.

City of San Diego Staff

Jeannette De Angelis, Program Manager, DSD

Guests

Catherine Rom  
Dick Rol  
Meris Guerrero  
Tershia d'Elgin  
Jane-Marie Fajardo  
Todd Majcher

CALL TO ORDER

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (TALLEY/NORDBY) that Jeff Crooks be appointed Acting Chair in the absence of Jayne Janda-Timba. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Jeff Crooks at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on September 22, 2016 and December 22, 2016 were unanimously approved with the acknowledgement that Jim Peugh's comments on the draft Board procedures be documented in City staff's files for further review.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tershia d'Elgin discussed bringing a proposed project in Maple Canyon, Maple Canyon Restoration Phase II, forward to the Board for a future workshop item and feedback. She is working with San Diego Canyonlands and Friends of Maple Canyon to address erosion and drainage improvements in the canyon.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Town and Country Project – *Todd Majcher, Project Applicant*

- This project was first heard by the Board at the September 22, 2016 meeting in which the Board could not find that the area of proposed wetland impact was low quality habitat under the biologically superior option for wetland deviations.
- The project has now been redesigned to avoid wetland impacts and is being presented to the Board for acknowledgment that the deviations are no longer needed and to seek the Board's support for the project.

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (SMITH/TALLEY) that the Board approves the Town and Country project with the modifications as presented today. Motion carried unanimously. The Board appreciates the applicant's work in avoiding wetland impacts following the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### Wetland Advisory Board Procedures – *Jeff Crooks*

- A general discussion of the draft procedures and comments received was conducted including the need to encapsulate the Board's new role in assessing whether a proposed project's wetland impacts are of low quality under the wetland deviation process.
- An item regarding public policy matters of the Board needs to be added to Section III., Business of the Board. The intent is to keep the primary purpose and intent of the WAB consistent with the broad language of public policy relating to wetlands in the City as set forth in the Municipal Code.
- In review of the procedural elements of the draft, general discussion on the areas of interest, wetland restoration projects and wetland policies was conducted.
- The Board members will continue to review the draft procedures and provide comments back to City staff. City staff will revise the procedures for the next meeting.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Maple Canyon Restoration Project Phase II
- Re-appointments/Membership recruitment – *Continuing Discussion*
- Presentation on the Borer Beetle by Gail Sevrens, CDFW
- Wild Mission Bay Planning Efforts
- Los Peñasquitos TMDL and marsh restoration
- West Mission Bay Bridge
- Pond 20 possible mitigation bank
- Local canyon/wetland restoration projects
- Famosa Slough storm water diversion
- Mission Valley Community Plan update, San Diego River elements
- Advisory Boards and Commissions procedural refreshers

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to be held at the Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park