



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 18, 2012**

**David Gebhard Meeting Room, 630 Garden St.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paul Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present:, Paul Bullock, Betsy Weber, Natasha Lohmus, LeeAnne French, Stephen Macintosh, Lee Moldaver

Committee members absent: Annie Marroquin

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Casebeer

Liaison memberst absent: Council Liaison Frank Hotchkiss, Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Water Quality Research Coordinator Jill Murray

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee MembersFrench/Weber to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 14, 2012.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0 Ms. DeSmeth abstained

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Southern Coastal Santa Barbara Creeks Bio-Assessment Program and 2011 Report**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Southern Coastal Santa Barbara Creeks Bio-assessment Program and a summary of the 2011 Report.

Speakers:

Jeff Brinkman, Ecology Consultants, Inc.  
Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding which watersheds were studied, how potential estuaries are selected, if there is anything that we should be adding to the program, how many years after a fire does it take to recover; and, if excess sediment contributes to decline.

Mr. Brinkman reported that Mission, Sycamore, and Arroyo Burro watersheds are included in the study, that the program is currently very effective, within the budget and over the years has been refined, recovery time depends on the severity of the fire and the amount of watershed burned; and, the chart shows different fires over an extended time period.

**b. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget**

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2013 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding whether grant funding is reflected in the budget as a revenue or an expenditure, how the proposed TOT is calculated, what is included under "special projects", what is included in the transfers out, if the amount being transferred from reserve is typical this year; and, is the amount transferred for street sweeping similar to past years.

Mr. Benson reported that revenue and expenditure accounts will be established for grant funds as they are awarded and accepted, industry trends and local history/trends are used to forecast TOT increases, special

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projects include: community promotions, a GSAB actuarial study, creek sign program, and Bren School group project, "Transfers out" includes street sweeping and the Creeks Division's share of the FMS replacement program, street sweeping funds have always been transferred out for many years year with an approximate \$6,000 per year increase.

**Mr. Moldaver arrived at 6:15**

Motion:

Committee members Macintosh/Moldaver to recommend budget to P& R Commission.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Lohmus to adjourn.  
Mr. Bullock adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager