



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

REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2014

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street

CALL TO ORDER

Danielle De Smeth called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Danielle De Smeth, Betsy Weber, LeeAnne French,
James Hawkins, Natasha Lohmus, Lee Moldaver

Committee members absent: Paul Bullock

Liaison members present:

Liaison members absent: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jim Heaton, Planning
Commissioner June Pujo, Council Member Gregg Hart

Staff present: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division Manager Cameron Benson,
Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Water Quality Research Coordinator
Jill Murray, Creeks Project Manager George Thomson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Weber to approve the minutes of the regular meeting
of November 12, 2014.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0. (Bullock absent, Lohmus abstain, Moldaver abstain)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

**a. WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR
2014 SUMMARY**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss results from the Water
Quality Monitoring and Research Program Fiscal Year 2014 Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2014
Power Point – December 2014

Speakers:

Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding broader research from UC Davis or CalEPA on toxic research and regulation, contact with the State to see if ongoing research already exists, where the Inside Santa Barbara segment could be viewed, recommendations that the Committee can make to City Council, progress on pilot project at Andree Clark Bird Refuge; and, outreach to businesses.

Ms. Murray reported that efforts and research have been focused locally to speed results, there is likely work in progress we are unaware of but not specific to our concerns, the Inside Santa Barbara segment can be viewed on the City's website, informal recommendations for the Research program can be made by the Advisory Committee; and, targeted outreach could be done and the subject will be discussed at a future Creeks Division staff meeting.

b. INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation on the Invasive Plant Removal Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2014
Power Point – December 2014

Speakers:

George Thomson, Creeks Project Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding using liquid nitrogen at the root, where Arundo comes from, funding sources for replanting/restoration, working with the Fire Department on removal efforts; and, use of Arundo chips as building material.

Mr. Thomson reported that he had not heard of using liquid nitrogen in Arundo removal, Arundo may have been brought by Spaniards to the United States, grant funding generally includes money to replant; and, that the Division has looked into various reuse options.

Mr. Benson reported that the Fire Department has helped with outreach and Cal Fire crews perform a lot of removal work.

c. 2015 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve the 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2014
Power Point – December 2014

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager

Motion:

Committee Members Weber/French to approve the 2015 meeting schedule.

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0. (Bullock absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Weber/Hawkins to adjourn.

Ms DeSmeth adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager