



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 17, 2013**

**David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Betsy Weber called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Committee members absent: Danielle De Smeth

Liaison members present: Council Member Frank Hotchkiss

Liaison members absent: Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Megan Alley

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Water Resources Specialist Tim Burgess

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Bullock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2013.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0, Ms French abstained

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Budget Subcommittee meeting occurred March 18, 2013.

**7. BUSINESS ITEM**

**a. Storm Water Infiltration Demonstration Projects**

Recommendation: That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the Storm Water Infiltration Demonstration Projects.

Documents:

Staff Report – April 2013  
Power Point Presentation – April 2013

Speakers:

Tim Burgess, Creeks Water Resources Specialist

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the budget, the difference in detail at Steven's Park, who will be responsible for maintenance; and, if there is any performance data on the Mackenzie Park project.

Mr. Burgess reported that the difference in budgets listed is due to a change order contingency, the entrance to Steven's Park has a steep grade which does not make it ideal for a permeable surface so a concrete area will replace the asphalt to create a runoff to a bioswale which empties into San Roque Creek, and will include a speed hump to help direct the flow, currently Public Works handles re-asphalting and slurry sealing, during the contract period the contractor will be responsible for repairs, and extra pavers will be purchased and kept for replacement because there are utilities, such as water and sewer pipes which run underneath and would need to be accessed, although the parking lots will be closed during the construction, in general the facilities will not need to be closed; and, that two monitoring wells were installed at Mackenzie Park in order to log the water levels to measure the effectiveness of the drainage, monitoring and sampling was also done before the project was done in order to compare the data to storms which occur after the project was complete.

**b. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget**

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Documents:

Power Point Presentation – April 2013  
Staff Report – April 2013

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the reduction in interest income and the additional overhead, and whether the rest of the city could be responsible for a portion of the oversight of the Storm Water Management Program which is done by the Creeks Division.

Mr. Benson reported that the interest income is forecasted by the Finance Department, and the additional overhead is being applied starting in 2014 for services provided by other divisions of the City which were not previously being charged to the Creeks Division; and, that although the Creeks Division administers the permit, other divisions are responsible for their own compliance with the SWMP.

**Motion:**

Committee Members Moldaver/Bullock to recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council with the following modifications and comments:

- Since the Street Sweeping Program is operating with surplus revenues in FY 13, and projecting surpluses in both FY 14 and FY 15, the Measure B contribution to the program should be frozen at the FY 13 level and not increased each fiscal year as proposed.
- The Creeks Division and the Streets Division should include an additional performance measure (P3) for FY 14 in which the two Division's staff meet to review the structure and funding of the Street Sweeping program to ensure the greatest water quality benefit from the Measure B funding, and to report the results of the meeting(s) to the Committee by January 2014. The scope of the review should include, among other things, an analysis of street sweeping contract administration costs, why the Creeks Fund contribution to the program increases every year while the Streets Fund contribution remains flat, why costs of Police enforcement continue to increase while citation revenue is declining, whether it makes financial sense for the City to own its own street sweeping vehicle rather than contracting the service out, and whether the Street Sweeping Fund should continue to pay the additional clean-up costs associated with citywide special events such as parades.
- During a Street Sweeping Program presentation in February 2013, the Committee was informed that the City Council used \$1 million from the Street Sweeping Reserve Fund to help balance the City budget during the economic downturn (FY 2009). The Committee would like to know whether that reserve fund included any Measure B funds, and whether the funds were used to provide a water quality benefit to the City. The Committee would also like to know whether there is a plan in place to reimburse the Street Sweeping Reserve Fund.

**Vote:**

Voice vote 6/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

Committee members Moldaver/Lohmus to adjourn.

**Vote:**

Voice vote: 6/0

Ms. Weber adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Benson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "B".

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager