



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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 17, 2018**

**David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 620 Laguna Street**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Penny Owens called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Penny Owens, Danielle De Smeth, Kristie Klose, Betsy Weber, Lee Moldaver

Committee members absent: Ryan Parker, Natasha Lohmus

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen

Liaison members absent: Planning Commissioner Sheila Lodge, Council Member Gregg Hart

Staff present: Creeks Division Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Associate Planner Jim Rumbley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Weber to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2017.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0. (Parker, Lohmus, De Smeth absent)

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rebecca Twohey from Heal the Ocean spoke regarding the mudslides in Montecito and potential further flooding and debris flows in Santa Barbara County.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Lee Moldaver provided information regarding an upcoming public forum related to creeks and watersheds and how they were affected by fire and debris flows.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Danielle DeSmeth arrived at 5:45 pm.**

**a. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation about the City's Storm Water Management Program (SWMP).

Documents:

Staff Report – January 2017  
Power Point – January 2017

Speakers:

Jim Rumbley, Creeks Associate Planner

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding accessory dwelling units and how they are affected by SWMP requirements; and, whether post construction monitoring is done on projects in this program.

Mr. Rumbley reported that many accessory dwelling units are exempt from the design review process which means there are no post construction requirements; and, that project specific monitoring on private property is something that is being discussed for the future but is currently being done on all Creeks Division capital projects.

**b. DRAFT COASTAL LAND USE PLAN**

Recommendation:

That the Committee discuss the Draft Coastal Land Use Plan and direct staff to send a comment letter to the Planning Division, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Division Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members expressed support for the creek, wetland, and water quality protection provisions included in the Draft Coastal LUP, since they will reduce the adverse impacts of coastal development on water quality, creeks, and riparian habitat; that they would prefer larger creek and riparian habitat setbacks than those proposed in the Draft Coastal LUP, while recognizing the existing land uses and constraints resulting from a high level of urbanization near City creeks in the Coastal Zone, and therefore support the proposed setbacks as a compromise; that as the City proceeds with an update of the General Plan, and particularly the Environmental Resources Element, the Committee recommends implementing larger setbacks to more adequately protect riparian resources, aquatic biota, and water quality in City creeks; that the Committee supports the incorporation of the City's Storm Water Management Program and Storm Water Ordinance policies and regulations into the Draft Coastal LUP; and, that the Committee supports amending the Draft Coastal LUP to include a requirement that creekside development projects prepare and implement a creek bank restoration plan, including the planting and maintenance of native riparian vegetation for habitat improvement and bank stabilization, to avoid and mitigate adverse project impacts.

Motion:

Moldaver/Weber to recommend that staff send a comment letter on behalf of the Committee to City Council regarding the Draft Coastal Land Use Plan.

Voice vote: 5/0 (Parker, Lohmus absent)

Public Comment:

Je' Goldsby spoke about the need for public access along the creeks with paths and bikeways.

**c. 2018 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve the 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Division Manager

Motion:

Weber/Moldaver to recommend that the Committee adopt the 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented.

Voice vote: 5/0 (Parker, Lohmus absent)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moldaver/Owens to adjourn.

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager