

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

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chris Cline called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chris Cline, Lee Heller, Lori Gaskin, Penny Owens, Anne Burdette, Stephanie Moret

Committee members absent:

Liaison members present:

Liaison members absent: Council Member Kristen Sneddon, Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Sebastian Aldana, Planning Commissioner Sheila Lodge

Staff present: Water Quality Research Analyst Jill Murray, Community Engagement Supervisor Liz Smith, Project Planner James Rumbley, Community Outreach Coordinator Jen Hollywood, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Lopez Lozano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Gaskin/Heller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

2024 SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – FOR ACTION

Chair Cline made the following appointments:

Budget Subcommittee: Lee Heller, Penny Owens, Chris Cline

Education and Outreach Committee: Anne Burdette, Chris Cline, Lee Heller

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Water Quality Code Enforcement Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a status report on the Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Storm Water/Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention and Enforcement Program and the related creek clean-ups.

Documents:

Staff Report – Code Enforcement Update Power Point Presentation – January 2024

Speakers:

Liz Smith, Community Engagement Supervisor

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions on if there was a partnership established with Heal the Ocean as well as stating that they look forward to Community Engagement Division's continued work.

Mrs. Smith responded that the Sustainability & Resilience Department is familiar with Heal the Ocean, but no formal partnerships have been made.

b. Storm Water Management Program Report

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the City's Storm Water Management Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – SWMP Update Power Point Presentation – January 2024

Speakers:

Jim Rumbley, Project Planner

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions on what notices are received after submitting a Storm Water Management Report to the State and if any water sampling is collected while it rains.

Mr. Rumbley answered that no notices have been received as the City has been in compliance, but if the City were not meeting appropriate goals, the City would get a notice to rectify issues.

Dr. Murray responded that water samples were not always collected during rain events.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cline adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Markey

Acting Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager