

**Minutes of the Aquatic Science Center Board of Directors
September 23, 2009
San Francisco Estuary Institute
7770 Pardee Lane, Floor 2
Oakland, CA 94621
11:30am-3:00pm**

Members Present:

Bruce Wolfe, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Dave Tucker, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board
Pamela Creedon, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Doug Craig, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Mike Connor (Alternate), Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Karen Schwinn (Alternate), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Dyan Whyte (Alternate), San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Amy Chastain (Alternate), Bay Area Clean Water Agencies
Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute
Frank Leung, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Non-Members Present:

Stephanie Seto, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Others Present:

None

Call to Order

Mr. Wolfe, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Public Comments

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Consent Items

Review and Approve Agenda

Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve all consent items, including the June 19, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Creedon and passed unanimously.

Action Items

Appointment of new Executive Director

The Board appointed Dr. Hoenicke as the new ASC Executive Director. Mr. Tucker made a motion to approve this appointment. Some discussion centered around the fact that a resolution appointing the new Executive Director was not included in the agenda package. Mr. Polhemus stated that an appointment

resolution was not necessary as long as the meeting minutes reflected the vote. It was agreed, however, to make the appointment more formal at the next board meeting and include a resolution at that time. The motion to appoint Dr. Hoenicke as Executive Director was seconded by Ms. Creedon and passed unanimously.

Information and Discussion items

Project update

Dr. Hoenicke gave an update regarding the Delta Historical Ecology Project. The Department of Fish and Game signed the contract, and the project is back on track. Dr. Connor suggested that the Board brainstorm the strategic direction of ASC. There was discussion of looking at an inner caucus and utilizing SCCWRP's strategic plan as a benchmark. Mr. Wolfe suggested a retreat in late spring to discuss strategic initiatives and directions with staff.

Follow-up to Supplemental Environmental Project discussion

Dr. Hoenicke suggested that the Board postpone this discussion to the next Board meeting in December due to time constraints. The December board package will contain one-page write-ups of SEP concepts in both Region 2 and Region 5.

Future Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Schedule

Dr. Hoenicke mentioned that a more detailed program plan is in the works and will be available at the next Board meeting in December. Future agenda items include ASC's strategic process, follow-up to the Supplemental Environmental Project discussion, a science briefing, and the Resolution for appointing a new Executive Director.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at SFEI.

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Tucker, Board Secretary

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Date