
**CITY OF DANA POINT
OCEAN WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
APPROVED ACTION MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Offices
Admin. Conference Room
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present:, Dick Dietmeier, Bill Lane, Wayne Rayfield & Brad Fowler. Council Member Steve Weinberg notified in advance of his absence due to a death in the family. Nyle Schafhauser was absent.

Additional attendees included: Brad Gross (OC Harbor), Keith Johannsen and Lisa Zawaski.

It was noted that Chip Monaco was no longer with Orange County Supervisor's Office.

A. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

ITEM 1: Action minutes of June 26, 2012 were approved.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith asked about the connection between the birds and water quality at Doheny and the food source for the birds. Brad indicated that a potential food source is the County landfill in San Juan Creek and an application for additional study work has been submitted. Wayne also noted that the seagulls also eat from the ocean.

Brad Gross indicated that he was interested in the subcommittee and has instituted a voluntary dye tab program for all boats anchoring within the Harbor and a required dye tab program for all "live aboard" to identify and reduce the possibility of a sewer release in the Harbor. Brad also mentioned that the Harbor has four new pump-out facilities.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

D. PUBLIC MEETINGS

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There were no Public Meetings.

E. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Salt Creek Debriefing Paper.

Mike Dunbar was absent. Wayne Rayfield stated that South Coast Water District had submitted many projects to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Prop 50 & Prop 84 project call, including two for the Salt Creek Recycling Project (planning and construction) and one for a reservoir to hold recycled water that has been treated from Salt Creek.

F. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 3: Doheny Sanitary Sewers

Dick stated that the State Parks system has a budget problem with operation and preventative maintenance for their sewer infrastructure, but the issue has come to light.

Brad noted that SCCWRP did confirm that no sewage was leaking from the Doheny State Beach sewer system during low water table conditions based on a study conducted last year. A follow-up study is planned for this spring to evaluate the same during high water table conditions.

Brad also commented that Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) is conducting a study to determine if there is any sewage getting into San Juan Creek and/or Doheny State Beach, as sewage could be a contributor to human pathogens that cause a health risk to humans.

Dick mentioned that areas which have old orangeburg pipe, commercial buildings without cleanouts and restaurants without grease interceptors could also be problematic.

Brad Fowler mentioned that the City will consider an ordinance to extend restrictions to boats that are anchoring outside of the Harbor, similar to Newport Beach's, to address the concern of prohibited dumping (water quality) and safety.

ITEM 4: Zero "Waste" Campaign

The agenda item was corrected from Zero Trash to Zero Waste Campaign.

Brad mentioned that the City is working with the Destiny group to develop a Zero Waste Campaign to help with ocean water quality and sustainable practices. This is a work in progress.

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G. STAFF REPORTS

ITEM 5: SOCWMA Update & Projects

Brad stated that the City and SCWD have met twice to discuss projects and prioritize them. Projects from both the City and SCWD ranked in the top list of projects for submittal for the next Round of Prop 84. A public workshop with stakeholders, including NGOs was conducted last week to further discuss and rank projects. A final list will be developed by the County based on the input from this meeting. Dana Point's high priority project is the nuisance water diversion project in the lower reach of San Juan Creek at LO1SO2 and SCWD's high priority project is a multi-faceted Water Use Efficiency Project.

ITEM 6: Regional MS4 Permit Update

Brad stated that the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has drafted a "regional" permit that will cover San Diego, South Orange and Riverside Counties. The City has been an active participant in the workshops and providing input into the draft which has been a significant staff effort. Brad mentioned that the new RWQCB staff and Water Quality Improvement Plan concept which allows permittees to focus resources to address their highest priorities is a welcome approach and the City looks forward to working with the staff as this permit evolves and is adopted.

ITEM 7: Coastal Clean Up Update

Lisa mentioned that Coastal Clean Up Day was held on September 15 and was successful, even though participation seemed slightly lower than in the past due to the hot weather.

Over 467 volunteers collected over 830 lbs of trash and 78 lbs of recyclables at the five events in Dana Point.

ITEM 8: Legislative update – Lou and/or Emmanuel

There were no legislative updates provided at this meeting.

H. COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The *next* regular meeting of the Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 3 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall.

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