



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH WATER QUALITY/COASTAL TIDELANDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Crystal Cove Room

Thursday, September 5, 2024 - 3:00 PM

Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Members:

Council Member Joe Stapleton, Chair
Council Member Brad Avery, Vice Chair
Peter Belden, Member
Curtis Black, Member
Charles Fancher, Member
Craig Hudson, Member
George Robertson, Member
John Wadsworth, Member
Vacant, Member

Staff Members:

Jim Houlihan, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer
John Kappeler, Senior Engineer
Karen Gallagher, Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

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- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2) **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (10 min)**
- 4) **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 min)**
Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

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- 5) **CURRENT BUSINESS (55 min)**

(a) City of Newport Beach - Beach Profile Sand Measurements (Mike Sinacori) (30 min) Update on the City of Newport Beach's - beach profile sand measurements, along with and update on beach sand maintenance efforts with the County of Orange.

Recommendation: Committee Discussion

(a) City of Newport Beach Groin Field Rehabilitation Project (Mike Sinacori) (25 min) Presentation and update City of Newport Beach's groin field rehabilitation project.

Recommendation: Committee Discussion

6) **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM) (10 min)**

(a) City of San Clemente Sand Replenishment Project (October 2024 - TBD)

(b) General Plan Advisory Water Quality Sub-Committee Report (October 2024 - Curtis Black)

(c) Total Maximum Daily Load for Copper (Cu) (November 2024 - John Kappeler)

(d) Coastal Resiliency (Fall 2024 - TBD)

(e) Newport Beach Trash Interceptor Public Outreach Campaign (Winter 2024 - John Pope)

7) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 min)**

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers must limit comments to three minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

8) **SET NEXT MEETING DATE (5 min)**

Recommendation: October 3, 2024

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

Date: June 6, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Crystal Cove Conference Room, Newport Beach Civic Center
Meeting Minutes prepared by:

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee Members Present:

Councilmember/Chair Joe Stapleton
Committee Member Peter Belden
Committee Member Curtis Black
Committee Member Charles Fancher
Committee Member George Robertson

Committee Members Absent:

Councilmember/Vice Chair Brad Avery
Committee Member Richard McNeil
Committee Member Craig Hudson
Committee Member John Wadsworth

Staff Present: John Kappeler, Senior Engineer
Karen Gallagher, Administrative Assistant
Bob Stein, Assistant City Engineer
Paul Blank, Harbormaster

Guests Present: Jim Mosher, Resident
Nancy Gardner, Orange Coast River Park
Nancy Skinner, SPON
Virginia Anders-Ellmore, Newport Shores Resident
Rudy Svrcek, Harbor Commissioner

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Committee Member Robertson to approve the April 4, 2024, minutes, seconded by Committee Member Fancher.

Ayes: Black, Belden, Fancher, Robertson, Stapleton
Noes: None
Absent: Avery, Hudson, McNeil, Wadsworth
Abstention: None

5. Current Business

- a. City of Newport Beach General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Presentation and update on the "General Plan Update".

Recommendation: Receive and file

An informational report on the City of Newport Beach General Plan Update was presented by Committee Member Black. A PowerPoint Presentation was displayed. He noted a few elements in the General Plan specifically touch on points that are within the scope of the Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee. Nancy Gardener stated the General Plan lays out how a City is to be developed and has various required elements, such as safety, noise, land use, and housing. Historical background of the General Plan was provided. The update is required to comply with State law. Beaches are also a backbone of the resources the City provides and it will play a key role in the General Plan update.

Committee Member Black noted that certain General Plan elements, such as the Harbor and Bay, Natural Resources, and Safety elements are within the scope of authority of the Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee. The goal would be for the Committee to develop and share official recommendations on themes, goals, and policies within the Committee's scope of authority that should be considered and included in the General Plan. A review of the 2006 key themes and policies was displayed. Discussion ensued on the particulars of each displayed element, how the Committee has been involved in the past, and projects which have addressed the keys in each element.

Discussion ensued on the potential language of policies to include in the General Plan update, with comments touching upon topics as not tying the hands of future City Councils, whether to include certain types of studies, how to implement policies once they are included in the General Plan update, how to phase different approaches, the impact of proposed educational programs, and the past development of the Harbor Area Management Plan.

Committee Member Black stated the General Plan update consultant has complete background analysis on the key items which have changed within each element since the 2006 update. The Committee can consider opportunities and ideas that can be potentially added to the next General Plan in the Harbor and Bay, Natural Resources, and Safety elements. Discussion ensued on the various opportunities presented, including comments on grant opportunities, partnerships, and various funding sources. Committee Member Black concluded his presentation with a request that Committee discussion ensue on the topic and to develop Committee recommendations that are relevant to their scope of authority for potential inclusion in the General Plan update. He also suggested the formation of a subcommittee to take a deeper dive look into formulating draft recommendations to be presented to the full Committee at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued on the topic, including deadlines for submitting input on the General Plan, staying within the scope of the Committee, developing a formal document with recommendations, the process for creating a subcommittee and their ability to meet without violating any open meeting laws, identification of gaps, prioritization of goals and objectives to include in the recommendations, identifying future vulnerabilities, and potential data collection projects and associated challenges.

Discussion ensued on the work to be conducted by the subcommittee, if formed, including construction of a preliminary list of topics within the scope of the Committee that the General Plan Update Committee should address in their work. The subcommittee could present their findings to the Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee at the August meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Committee Member Fancher to form a subcommittee comprised of Committee Members Robertson, Black, and Fancher, seconded by Committee Member Black.

Ayes: Black, Belden, Fancher, Robertson, Stapleton
Noes: None
Absent: Avery, Hudson, McNeil, Wadsworth
Abstention: None

- b. Newport Coast Fire-Retardant
Update on past/future Newport Coast fire retardant applications

Recommendation: Committee Discussion

An informational report on past and future Newport Coast fire retardant applications was presented by Senior Engineer Kappeler. He noted that the Newport Coast Board at their last meeting voted not to spray any Phos-check for at least the next year, which is good news from a water quality standpoint.

There was no further action or discussion on this matter.

6. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

- a. City of San Clemente Sand Replenishment Project (Summer 2024 - TBD)
- b. City of Newport Beach - Beach Profile Sand Measurements (August 2024 - Mike Sinacori)
- c. Total Maximum Daily Load for Copper (Cu) (Summer 2024 – John Kappeler)
- d. Coastal Resiliency (Fall 2024 – TBD)
- e. Newport Beach Trash Interceptor Public Outreach Campaign (Fall 2024 – John Pope)

Names were provided to contact regarding the Coastal Zone to have a presentation in September. Discussion ensued to add the General Plan subcommittee report to the August agenda. There was a request to have a representative from San Clemente attend a future meeting to speak about their sand replenishment project. Discussion ensued on the trash interceptor project and obtaining a list of grants.

There was no further action or discussion on this matter.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Recommendation: August 1, 2024

The next meeting was set for August 1, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Chair / Joe Stapleton