

## **OPENING SESSION**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Water Quality Task Force was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Councilmember Cagle in the Library Conference Room, 303 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, California.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Gin (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)  
Councilmember Cagle  
Ann Dalkey, Resident/Marine Biologist  
Mary Delehanty, Resident  
Sean Guthrie, Marina Owner  
Shane Michael, Harbor Commission  
Don Mueller, Redondo Beach Boaters Association (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)  
Brent Scheiwe, Sea Lab  
Alex Bannerman, Harbor Commission  
Rafael Fernandez, Boaters Advisory Panel

Members Absent: Dick Acker, Rocky Point King Harbor  
Tony Cordi, Harbor Drive Restaurant  
Ann Garten, Chamber of Commerce  
Trevor Christianson, Youth Commission  
Mary Simun, Redondo Beach Unified School District

Officials Present: Mike Shay, Civil Engineer  
Steve Huang, City Engineer/Chief Building Official  
Diane Cleary, Minutes Secretary

Officials Absent: Bill Workman, City Manager

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Member Bannerman, seconded by Member Guthrie, to approve the following Consent Calendar Item:

3. **APPROVED AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING** for the Water Quality Task Force regular meeting of February 22, 2006.
4. **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:** Regular Meeting of the Water Quality Task Force, January 25, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **5. PRESENTATION BY SHIELA KENNEDY FROM ENFACTS SOLUTION ON THE NPDES PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES.**

Ms. Shiela Kennedy reviewed her background and the Storm Water Quality Management Program including Program Management, Public Agency, Illicit Discharges and Corrections, Public Education, and next steps.

##### Program Management

In response to Member Guthrie, Ms. Kennedy referred to the City Ordinance stating the permit has specific legal requirements with specific language. She added the Ordinance is both general and very specific.

Civil Engineer Mike Shay stated the overall structure of the plan with all details is referenced in the Municipal Code, which is posted on the City's website.

##### Public Agency

Civil Engineer Shay stated emergency procedures could fall under hazardous or emergency procedures. He added there are public activity manuals showing all special procedures to be followed along with staff and contractor training. He advised that vehicle maintenance includes city vehicles/contractor vehicles.

Ms. Kennedy stated that 99% of the required programs are implemented by city staff and fall under the City's jurisdiction; however, other programs deal with other entities such as auto shops. She added until now, the TMDL has been completely separate from the NPDM permit but it expires in December, when there will be two programs integrated and working together.

##### Illicit Discharges and Corrections

Civil Engineer Shay stated that letters are sent out to businesses until they comply.

In response to Member Guthrie, Ms. Kennedy stated they did one round of inspections prior to 2004 and the second round will be completed this year. Civil Engineer Shay stated 70% of the businesses have been done with all completed by June.

Ms. Kennedy stated the program is ongoing and data is reported to the Regional Board with required followups as part of the permit requirements. She believed that education is more effective than fines but that the Regional Board believes enforcement is the only way, and that the next permit may have more requirements for enforcement. She felt personnel could be available for education depending on cost. Many of the issues are common and businesses generally comply once notified informed of a violation. She felt citing one business may be sufficient notice.

Member Guthrie felt businesses generally comply once educated, but some will ignore the violation.

Member Bannerman suggested hiring a full-time enforcement officer to issue citations.

Civil Engineer Shay felt this would require a Municipal Code change. No full-time employee is dedicated to environmental issues, but a staff member issues warnings and reports to Mr. Shay.

City Engineer Huang stated Public Works has approximately 100 personnel, but Engineering is separate with approximately 24 personnel. Civil Engineer Shay stated Public Works personnel deals with recycling, air quality and storm water issues.

Member Dalkey suggested assessing if there is sufficient staff to cover environmental issues.

City Engineer Huang stated an engineer is in charge of all sewers which are part of the environment, and Public Works has an entire crew dedicated to the sewers. Civil Engineer Shay is in charge of storm drains and related issues. He added there are sufficient resources and staff to handle environmental issues, and the City has only been penalized by the Regional Water Board once because of Seaside Lagoon.

Civil Engineer Shay pointed out that consultants could be hired if needed, and that the next permit cycle will require annual inspections.

Ms. Kennedy stated the permit started in 2001, reviewing each site at least twice by December of this year.

Civil Engineer Shay stated staff covered 100% of the first round and 70% of the second round.

### Public Education

Ms. Kennedy stated the Regional Quality Control Board sets the requirements. She felt they have a long way to go to accomplish the task but education helps. She added there is a dynamic environment with difficult to reach tourists, and determining polluters depends on the community. She felt California is very unique, and those who don't see the ocean are not as compliant. She stated members can call her at 949-721-1133 or email her at [skennedy@enfacts.net](mailto:skennedy@enfacts.net)

Civil Engineer Shay added the City generates an annual calendar and supplements County requirements, doing more than is required.

Councilmember Cagle requested policy ideas to be recommended to City Council by June.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROGRESS REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBCOMMITTEES WITH FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE TASK FORCE:**

**a) Subcommittee 9a.**

Goal - Provide recommendations to the City Council for action for solving current immediate problems found in the Harbor and waterfront area.

Member Bannerman reported on existing test data, recommended that the City create its own clearinghouse for all agency tests, and to direct staff to compile information for the Task Force.

Member Dalkey stated that the LA County Department of Health Services compiles data and map on its website showing each station monitored, its frequency and agency, and Heal the Bay gathers data on a weekly basis. She pointed out there is no data gathering specific for Redondo Beach and suggested refining data specific to the City.

Civil Engineer Shay reviewed the location of all monitoring sites in the Santa Monica Bay and stated the City does its own monitoring, along with monitoring by the Department of Health Services and City of Los Angeles. He added the City has approximately 90% of testing data.

Member Bannerman felt there is no test point inside the Harbor.

Member Guthrie felt a baseline is needed to determine problem areas, as well as a historical baseline going back at least a few years so moving forward, a comparison can be made, and all data should be compiled in an understandable format.

Member Dalkey felt the area inside the Harbor is not regulated and data needs to be obtained.

Member Bannerman stated the reason for the F rating south of the Pier has not been answered, and tests could be enhanced for possibly biological reasons.

Member Dalkey felt the Harbor has not been critically studied, and spatial concerns along with the number of different factors contributing to the higher counts on the south side of the Pier should be considered.

Member Bannerman felt solutions not meeting permit requirements need to be addressed and suggested stepping up reviews of restaurants and areas within the Harbor.

Civil Engineer Shay stated staff has tested a profile across the Pier and the data looks somewhat better. However, the sampling varies, depending on when and how they are taken.

Member Guthrie felt the rating has been getting worse and there is a trend is causing this to happen.

Member Fernandez felt testing by different organizations does not follow the same methodology.

Member Bannerman stated the problems are not necessarily from the environment which needs to be identified.

Member Scheiwe stated AES Redondo does a lot of sampling.

Member Dalkey stated the City needs to look at all contributors to the F rating.

Councilmember Cagle stated the County is willing to pay if the City develops a program for serious testing around the Pier.

Member Dalkey felt the tests used do not distinguish between birds and humans and that the Beach Water Quality Work Group is working on developing new methodology to help make this distinction. A provision in the Clean Water Act states a site could be excluded from regulations if the only source of the bacteria is from wildlife and there is no relationship or incident of disease from the bacterial contamination.

Member Bannerman felt that testing needs to be done around other areas for a comparison to the area next to Pier.

Joel Hanson pointed out an exemption would not be given if all environmental impact is from an excessive amount of birds due to uncovered trash, etc.

Member Bannerman recommended having a department of environmental issues and enforcement officers for restaurants and garages.

Member Dalkey recommended supporting research for better testing.

**b) Subcommittee 9b.**

Goal - provide recommendations to the City Council for a long-term clean Harbor and waterfront plan.

No discussion.

**c) Subcommittee 9c.**

Goal - Provide recommendations to the City Council for community outreach public education program.

No discussion.

**d) Subcommittee 9d.**

Goal - Identify funding opportunities.

No discussion.

**e) Subcommittee 9e.**

Goal - Provide recommendations to the City Council for establishing a long-term Harbor volunteer program with procedures for dealing with emergency issues such as red tide.

Member Mueller reviewed the Emergency Harbor Volunteer Program to clean up fish kills due to the Red Tide. He reviewed the background, costs totalling approximately \$5,000 per event, funding and recommendations including a focal point, timely response, maximum resources applied during the first days of the event, communication, coordination and statistics. He noted a drop in business from the Red Tides of approximately 25% and that the \$5,000 would be minimal and justified to clean up the area.

Member Dalkey suggested looking at real numbers and analyzing certain weeks during Red Tide time and loss in revenue.

Mayor Gin believed that the overall benefit of the cleanup should outweigh the need to provide analyses and trends on revenue loss.

Member Delehanty suggested that the key officers have a training plan determined by the subcommittee.

Member Bannerman suggested indicating positions of key people.

Member Mueller would like to compile names and numbers with a checklist.

Member Guthrie suggested someone be responsible for updating the checklist, and having an annual updating and training meeting of key personnel a few months prior to Red Tides.

Councilmember Cagle suggested that the Harbor Master keep track of the checklist.

Civil Engineer Shay suggested annual training when updating the list and personnel.

Motion by Member Mueller, seconded by Member Bannerman, to adopt the recommendation in concept, to be submitted to staff for refinement and to City Council by June.

Councilmember Cagle added Recommendation #7, a training program for volunteers and annual meetings of key people.

Member Michael suggested an early Red Tide alert.

Mayor Gin left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Member Delehanty suggested that USC may be of assistance.

Member Scheiwe stated a Red Tide may or may not come in depending on weather conditions, so immediate response is crucial since there are few warning signs.

Member Mueller stated the Red Tide can be seen a few days prior to coming into the Harbor depending on the time of year.

Member Delehanty felt the Cheesecake Factory could be a good contributor of numbers and statistics on revenue loss.

Member Guthrie noted leaseholders pay a percentage of gross revenues off the top to the City, whether or not they make money, and when that goes down, the City loses money.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 P.M.**

There being no further business to come before the Water Quality Task Force, motion by Member Bannerman, seconded by Member Dalkey to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, in the Library Conference Room, 303 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, California.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sandy Forrest, City Clerk