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

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 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 by Council Member Joel Bishop.

# **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Council Member Joel Bishop, Wayne Rayfield, Dick Dietmeier, Michael Kelly, & Brad Fowler were present.

Nyle Schafhauser was absent.

Additional attendees included: Larry Fregin (SCWD), Dave Rocha (OC Harbor), Ross Teasley & Cathrene Glick.

# A. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Action minutes of September 22, 2009 were approved.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person wishing to address the Subcommittee during the Public Comments section or on an Agenda item is asked to complete a "Request to Speak" form. The completed form is to be submitted to City staff prior to the Agenda item being called and discussed.

In order to conduct a timely meeting, there will be a three-minute limit per person for the Public Comments portion of the Agenda. State law prohibits the Subcommittee from taking action on a specific item unless it appears on the posted Agenda.

If anyone has handouts to distribute to the Subcommittee, please follow proper procedure and hand them to the City staff. The City staff will see that they are distributed.

There were no public comments.

# C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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# D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

# E. **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

There were no Public Meetings.

# F. OLD BUSINESS

# ITEM 2: Salt Creek recycling Update

Dick mentioned that there is still interest in this project but there has not been any movement recently because the SDRWQCB still has concerns on the issue of brine disposal. It is hoped as other projects get approved, such as the Aliso Creek Harvesting project and the San Juan Creek Recovery facility Permit gets revised, that brine disposal issues will be looked at in a reasonable way. Wayne mentioned that he thought the State was working on a Policy that would take into consideration water supply issues when approving projects. This item to remain on the agenda.

### ITEM 3: NPDES Permit Update

Upon request this item was moved to the end of the agenda. Wayne recused himself and left the meeting at 4PM.

Brad provided an update on the Draft NPDES permit. The Public Hearing Adoption Hearing is scheduled for November 18 in San Diego. At least two co-permittees, including Dana Point and the County of Orange, have requested a local location for the meeting. We expect a definitive answer as to a revised location on Friday, October 30, but it does not look promising at this point. Mayor Bartlett and Staff will provide testimony and there remains some significant concerns with the draft Permit, most notably Numeric Effluent Limits.

# ITEM 4: MLPA Update

Brad provided an update on the MLPA Process. City Council supported Option 2, after hearing concerns from the "consumptive community" who voiced their opinions at the October 12 Council Meeting. The Blue Ribbon task Force met last week and heard testimony but did not make a decision on any of the proposals. They will be preparing an integrated alternative proposal to send up to Fish & Game, along with the current three (3) proposals for a final decision which could be sometime in November.

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# ITEM 5: SCWD Water Conservation Implementation Update, including new rebate programs

Larry Fregin indicated that the Met water conservation rebate program is running again. Some rebates are a bit less than they used to be, however there are still a number of qualifying water saving devices, both indoor and outdoor that are eligible for rebates. SCWD is also in the process of finalizing their own rebate program for turf replacement with artificial turf (\$2/sq.ft.) or California friendly plants (max. \$300/household). The programs should roll out soon.

# ITEM 6: Street Sweeping Expansion Update

Brad indicated that City Council approved an expansion of enforced no parking areas in high priority areas where a high number of cars have been observed to be parked during street sweeping times, inhibiting the effectiveness of street sweeping. The first phase of expansion generally includes the "industrial area" along Doheny Park Road, Blue Lantern and several arterial streets. Other areas may be considered in the future by the City's Traffic Subcommittee as directed by City Council.

# G. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

### ITEM 7: Rain Barrel Rebate Program

Larry provided a summary of his research on rain barrels and associated rebate programs. Though rain barrels can address two issues, both water supply and prevention of runoff, Lisa indicated that MWDOC does not have a rebate program at this time because their cost analysis evaluation determined that it was not cost effective. This does not mean rain barrels area discouraged, however. There are some issues that should be explored more including vector issues, distribution of water and proposed use of water. We will continue to explore this concept.

Brad to contact Building Department to see what, if any permits may be required.

Update: email sent to subcommittee members that Building does not require a permit for rain barrels.

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# H. STAFF REPORTS

# ITEM 8: Legislative Update

Dick indicated that there are some bills regarding the Sacramento Delta being discussed and he will get an update at a meeting tomorrow.

Brad indicated that the City's Landscape Water Conservation Ordinance in response to AB1881 will be taken to City Council in November.

### I. COMMENTS

Wayne mentioned that the San Diego RWQCB hired a new Executive Officer, Dave Gibson.

# J. ADJOURNMENT

The *next* regular meeting of the Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall.