



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 20, 2012**

**David Gebhard Meeting Room, 630 Garden St.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paul Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Paul Bullock, Lee Moldaver, Natasha Lohmus, LeeAnne French

Committee members absent: Betsy Weber, Stephen Macintosh, Danielle DeSmeth, Annie Marroquin

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Casebeer , Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan

Liaison members absent: Council Liaison Frank Hotchkiss

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Rumbley, Water Quality Research Coordinator Jill Murray

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2012 were deferred to the next meeting for approval.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

July meeting to be cancelled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Moldaver reported on the City Council Special Meeting of June 6, 2012 where the potential use of Measure B funding for the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Vegetation Maintenance Project and consent decree costs resulting from the Channelkeeper litigation of wastewater and stormwater NPDES permit violations was discussed.

## 7. BUSINESS ITEMS

### a. Enforcement Program Update

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the Storm Water/Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention and Enforcement Program  
– **For Discussion**

Speakers:

Jim Rumbley, Code Enforcement Officer

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding hydrocarbon emissions from cars; and, how many cases are referred to the District Attorney.

Mr. Rumbley reported that although hydrocarbon emissions are considered a violation, it would be difficult to enforce due the inability to tie it to a parcel; and, that the current District Attorney has set up a task force to prosecute repeat offenders of environmental laws.

### b. Water Quality Research and Monitoring Program Update and Fiscal Year 2013 Research Plan

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Water Quality Research and Monitoring Program and concur with the staff recommendation to implement the proposed Research Plan for Fiscal Year 2013.

Speakers:

Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding when Mission Creek appeared on the 303(d) impaired list, whether any testing for coal tar sealant has been done on CalTrans projects; and, if there have been changes in focus since the inception of this plan.

Ms. Murray reported that Mission Creek was added to the 303(d) list around 1998 and it was listed as having low dissolved oxygen within the last couple years, that Caltrans has banned the use of coal tar sealants; and, that before

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last year, high level of pesticides were not seen as often and were not a focus of the program.

Committee members Moldaver/Lohmus to approve the recommendation for implementation of the proposed Research Plan for Fiscal Year 2013.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/French to adjourn.

Mr. Bullock adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Benson', written in a cursive style.

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager