



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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 16, 2022**

**Meeting Held Online**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lori Gaskin called the meeting to order at 5:43pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Lori Gaskin, Penny Owens, Betsy Weber, Sofia Silva, Lee Heller, Chris Cline

Committee members absent: Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino

Liaison members present: Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Sneddon, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Evelyn Feck, Planning Commissioner Sheila Lodge

Liaison members absent:

Staff present: Creeks Division Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Project Planner Jim Rumbley, Code Enforcement Officer Natalie Teaze

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee Members Heller/Owens to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 20, 2021.

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0. (Rizo-Centino absent)

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**2022 SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Gaskin made the following appointments:

Education and Outreach Committee: Lee Heller, Chris Cline, Sofia Silva

Budget Subcommittee: Lori Gaskin, Betsy Weber, Penny Owens

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE- For Discussion**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation about the City's Storm Water Management Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – February 2022

Power Point Presentation – February 2022

Speakers:

Jim Rumbley, Project Planner

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding accountability for violations, and priority areas for trash capture.

Mr. Rumbley reported that city inspectors follow up to make sure all plans are followed before sign off on final inspection, priority areas were determined by Creeks Division staff.

**b. WATER QUALITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE – For Discussion**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a status report on the Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 Storm Water/ Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention and Enforcement Program and related creek clean-ups.

Documents:

Staff Report – February 2022  
Power Point Presentation – February 2022

Speakers:

Natalie Teaze, Code Enforcement Officer

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions related to encampment cleanups, access to dumpsters and trash containers when left uncovered; and, how information is received when an enforcement officer responds to a code violation.

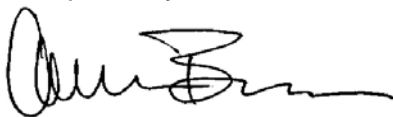
Mr. Benson reported that CDC guidance at the beginning of the pandemic was to avoid removing encampments due to higher risk of spreading Covid-19, however recent cleanups were advanced due to fire hazards, threats to water quality, and less risk of disease spread.

Ms. Teaze reported that any dumpsters that are not covered or contained can be reported to the Creeks Division's enforcement hotline; and, that often business owners and residents are lacking the education regarding the effect on water quality and are willing to change their practices once they have been notified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gaskin adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager