



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

REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2021

Meeting Held Online

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lori Gaskin called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Lori Gaskin, Penny Owens, Betsy Weber, Sofia Silva

Committee members absent: Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino

Liaison members present: Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Sneddon

Liaison members absent: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Evelyn Feck, Planning Commissioner Sheila Lodge

Staff present: Creeks Division Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Education & Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith, Water Quality Research Coordinator Jill Murray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Weber/Silva to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 20, 2021.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0. (Rizo-Centino absent)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Benson introduced the new Advisory Committee members who will begin their term in January 2022.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR- For Action

Motion:

Committee members Silva/Owens to elect Betsy Weber as Vice Chair.

Vote:

Voice Vote: 3/0. (Rizo-Centino absent, Weber abstain)

BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER QUALITY RESEARCH AND MONITORING PROGRAM
SUMMARY- For Discussion**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation about and discuss results from the Fiscal Year 2021 Water Quality Research and Monitoring Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2021
Power Point Presentation – December 2021

Speakers:

Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members expressed their support of the Program, asked questions regarding the use of DNA versus Fecal Indicator Bacteria for source tracking; and, whether there was an increase in human marker reported during the pandemic.

Mr. Benson explained that while DNA tracking is more accurate, it is more expensive and takes longer to receive results.

Ms. Murray reported that there was no significant increase in the last 2 years.

b. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE – For Discussion

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Creeks Division's education and outreach program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2021
Power Point Presentation – December 2021

Speakers:

Liz Smith, Creeks Education and Outreach Coordinator

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members expressed their support of the education and outreach program and praised its comprehensive scope.

c. 2022 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE- For Action

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve the 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Documents:

2022 Regular Meeting Draft Schedule

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Division Manager

Motion:

Committee Members Owens/Weber to approve the 2022 schedule as presented.

Voice Vote: 4/0 (Rizo-Centino absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gaskin adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager