

**DEL MAR SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON COMMITTEE AGENDA
CITY OF DEL MAR
1050 CAMINO DEL MAR, DEL MAR
VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY
September 16, 2020, 1:00 PM**

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Council Liaisons: Mayor Ellie Haviland; Councilmember Dwight Worden

Members: Bradford Allison; Ellen Breen, Chair; Geoff Criqui; Jill Gartman; Lee Haydu; Julie Kawasaki, Vice-Chair; Carol Kerridge; Karen Lare, Secretary; Bill Michalsky; Jeffrey Barnouw

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMMENT: Live comment will not be available for this teleconference meeting. Members of the public can participate in the meeting by e-mailing comments to the City Clerk at cityclerk@delmar.ca.us up to one hour before the start of the meeting. The subject line of your email should clearly state the item number you are commenting on. If you desire to have your comment read into the record during the meeting, please note that in the email subject line and limit the comment to 500 words or less. There is no character limit for comments not being read into the record. State law precludes the committee from acting on any item that is not on the agenda.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Non–action item): State law precludes the Committee from acting on any topic which is not an action item on the posted agenda. Your information may be received, placed on the next agenda, or referred to the Committee Chairperson.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2020

VI. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: (Ellie, Dwight)

VII. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES:

1. Joint Powers Authority (Carol)
2. Citizens Advisory Committee (Carol, Bill)
3. City of Del Mar (Calendars: Council, DRB, PC) (Ellen)
4. Coastkeeper (Treatment Ponds) (Ellen)
5. W-19 Restoration Project (?)
6. NCTD & City of Del Mar (Railroad & Hwy 101 Bridges) (Carol, Bill)
7. SANDAG/ Railroad Track RE-location (Karen, Bill)
8. CDFW (Basin Water Quality) (Ellen)
9. Marisol/ Del Mar Resort (Karen, Jeff)
10. Penasquitos Lagoon (?)

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Events (Lagoon Day) (Carol/Karen/Lee/Julie)
2. Education (Jeff, Brad)
3. Blue Carbon (Brad, Carol, Bill, Geoff)
4. Trails (Trails Maintenance Status/Crest Canyon Extension) (Lee)
5. Website (Terry)

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Setal Prabhu and Hany Elwany (Restoration Project Managers, Environmental Services, Southern, California Edison) and Stephen Schroeter
2. Review and establish new subcommittees and liaison reports from other agencies
3. Nominate new Chair position and Vice-Chair position

X. OTHER BUSINESS (Non-action item): Discussion items not on agenda/items for next agenda.

1. Presentation in future by Sarah Giddings from SIO
2. Presentation in future by Zachary Plopper from the Wetlands Project

XI. ADJOURNMENT

February 19, 2020
Minutes from the Lagoon Committee Meeting
Held at 5:00pm at Del Mar City Hall - Breezeway Conference Room

Chair: Ellen Breen
Vice-Chair: Julie Kawasaki
Secretary: Karen Lare

City Council Liaison: Dwight Worden
City Staff: Clem Brown
Members: Jill Gartman , Jeff Barnouw, Karen Lare, Brad Allison, Geoff Criqui, Lee Haydu, Ellen Breen,
Julie Kawasaki, Bill Michalsky,
Absent: Ellie Haviland and Carol Kerridge
Guests: Jacquelyn Winters (joined us at 6:00pm)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Absent: Ellie Haviland and Carol Kerridge

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Non-action item):

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15, 2020

Minutes for January 15th are discussed. Karen motions to approve, Lee seconds and all approve

VI. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: (Ellie, Dwight)

Dwight let us know that they are starting to get geared up to go into annual goal setting for the City Council. Dwight warned the Committee however, that they have a lot of items on the priority list already and March 14th Saturday am is the workshop. Evaluating the tunnel alignments and getting the tracks off the bluff is already on the list as is the River Path phase 3. We can have someone attend the workshop meeting if we want to or have items that we feel need to be brought to their attention or emphasized. The group discussed some of our priorities.

VII. REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES:

1. **Joint Powers Authority** (Carol)

Dwight – the JPA agreed on a split vote to comment on the Marisol EIR and they did submit comments. They had a motion for the JPA to take a position against the Marisol Project but that vote was postponed until the next meeting. There's was a question about the consistency of the Marisol Project with the agreed upon guidelines of the park (the SDRV). They were two or three votes short of approval on the vote.

2. Citizens Advisory Committee CAC (Carol, Bill)

Bill reported that the CAC recommended to the JPA that they take a stand on Marisol. This recommendation was approved by a split vote. Based on the vote comments were sent forward to the JPA.

3. City of Del Mar (Calendars: Council, DRB, PC) (Ellen)

Announcement from Clem - new City Manager has joined the team. Christa or CJ will be at the reception at the Powerhouse.

4. Coastkeeper (Treatment Ponds) (Ellen)

Nothing to report

5. W-19 Restoration Project (?)

No update at this time.

6. NCTD & City of Del Mar (Railroad & Hwy 101 Bridges) (Carol)

No update at this time

7. SANDAG/ Railroad Track RE-location (Karen, Bill)

Dwight – it was agreed that the City Council (and other groups) need a protocol on how we want to assess the options that have been put forward (by SANDAG). Clem is working on the protocol and it will come back to us to review once it is ready. They are talking with SANDAG on their timing and have learned that they are going to hire consultants to flesh out the options further and then solicit feedback from impacted parties and stakeholders.

Clem - waiting to get their (SANDAG's) schedule so we can plan accordingly - SANDAG has mentioned that there will be an 18-month phase to get more information and then whittle it down to 2 options and they will update costs and start to get into some of the environmental concerns. Clem will get us more details as he hears more from SANDAG. They also confirmed that the consultant will meet with interested parties/stakeholders with further information.

A question was asked - is it too late to still look at additional options? Per Dwight no. Environmental review will not be done until it is whittled down to only a few options. Del Mar has the biggest stake in this although many will want a say.

Lee - working group meets again on April 23rd to discuss further - Dwight, Ellie, Lee and Dustin have signed up to be on the sub-committee to look at the location of the train tracks.

Geoff raised a health concern over diesel vents in our city - there are studies that show an increase of cancer and respiratory illnesses in minors in areas where they are exposed to diesel.

Group discussed various concerns and issues and questions. It was suggested that we can ask the questions in person when SANDAG presents to us.

8. CDFW (Basin Water Quality) (Ellen)

Ellen reported that in an e-mail from Steve he had just received the new data today - he will send to Ellen on Monday (so he can review it first). Steve would like to get copies of the pictures of the dirt plumes that Lee and Ellie showed at the last meeting. Ellen will send to him.

May 4th is the annual meeting of the mitigation of the restoration work. At this meeting they review the current results - they have scientists attend. Dwight educated the team on what the standards are. We have to do as well as the two "marker" lagoons so it is a number(s) that shifts over time. There are also individual requirements that they have to meet. It was suggested that those that can attend should try to as it is a great way to learn about the Lagoon health.

9. **Marisol/ Del Mar Resort** (Karen, Jeff)

Waiting for the upcoming vote. It was noted that if the ballot measure is passed then the Committee will be allowed to comment on the proposal and EIR.

10. **Blue Carbon** (Ellen, Carol, Bill, Geoff)

Ellen reported that the group met with Matt Costa in a casual conversation - he is now doing post doc work in the climate change area.

She discussed funding options for a Blue Carbon study on the Lagoon:

- Blue carbon restoration organizations might give us funding. Ellen has a few thoughts on how we might fund some research in the Lagoon on this topic or restore an area of the lagoon and use it as a way to research the current and future carbon condition. The next step would be to look at the what areas would be candidates for restoration. The group would like to meet with Clem to look at a map to see what areas might be good options.
- Dwight carried up our request to amend the CEQUA guidelines to include the concept of Blue Carbon and the protection of it. The Council agreed to it and it is now on the list for the Council to set a priority to make the amendment to the CEQUA guidelines. Dwight mentioned that the city should already be getting credit for carbon sequestering but it needs to be measured to make that happen. To raise money so it can be measured would be great. Matt also noted that his new boss might be interested in speaking with the city to liaison with us in this area.

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Education/Events** (Lagoon Day) (Carol/Karen/Lee/Julie)

The upcoming Ranger Station Grand Opening / Lagoon Education event is coming along. Karen handed out the tentative schedule and a draft of the announcement. The group discussed the announcement and Jeff offered to edit it. Karen to send electronic copy to Jeff.

Bill mentioned he is continuing to work on getting a sponsor for the Pizza (Pizza Port). It was noted by Lee that the Del Mar Foundation will give us \$1,000. Trish has the to-do to apply for the funding. How does the billing and payment work for events like this? It was conveyed that the Conservancy would collect the money and pay the bills. Ellen to ask the City for the money - Clem will be the one to be asked. It will come out of the Lagoon Committee Budget - we believe it is \$600 but it will be validated and a request put forth.

Dwight and his band Prairie Sky have agreed to play at the event. Food and Beverages will be served between 11:30 and 1:30. Bill asked about coffee? That was not planned.

Karen mentioned that the date for the event has been set as April 26th and all Lagoon Committee Members were encouraged to attend.

2. **Trails** (Trails Maintenance Status/Crest Canyon Extension) (Lee)

The City of San Diego website has been updated to show the emergency repair work that is being done for Crest Canyon with photos and details on the work. It is estimated to be done in January 2021. Corrugated metal pipe failed and caused the issue - there is an emergency fix in place to stop it from getting worse. They have a permit to do a piece of it now and then they will bring forward two other parts of the needed work to get permits in the future. We will get involved on this when it moves past the emergency stage. The other two stages have not been approved yet. It is a big job to just re-do the pipes and then fill in the holes and then re-plant, etc.

Discussion around what to do with all the dirt that has flown into the lagoon. No consensus on that at this time.

3. **Website** (Terry)

Ellen contacted Terry and he said that the content is all done however something happened with the person who was going to launch it. He stated that he does not know when it will get done

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Dredging Plan

The group reviewed the report that Ellen has sent to the all committee members. Ellen led us to focus on what is required to be dredged versus what they have been dredging. It was concluded that they are behind on the dredging frequency and on keeping up with what needs to be dredged (section 3).

Discussed how we could move forward with getting additional areas dredged and if there was a need to have the dredging done on a more frequent basis. It was suggested that we could bring it up at the upcoming annual meeting on May 4th. It was also suggested that we could ask Hany Elwany for the dredging reports on a regular basis. He has been with this project on a regular basis since the beginning. He (Hany) will come talk with us at our April meeting.

It was asked - will the restoration of W-19 change the dynamics in the Lagoon? This was looked at as part of the study of the restoration (according to Dwight) and determined to have a very small impact – this impact will be mitigated in some additional sand replenishment. SCE will only do what they are required to do. Question on what is that specifically? How do we hold them accountable? Dwight feels that the crunch point is the level of the sea level (NGVD)(vertical depth) at the mouth of the lagoon.

2. Sub-committees

We have more new Lagoon Committee members so we can now have four members on a sub-committee. This means that there is an opening on the events and education. Liaisons to organizations – are there rules on how many we can have? No there are no rules - Jeff would like to be on the track relocation list of liaisons.

Bill brought up the CDM Bridge replacement - 80-90% of this will be done with money that is federal money - maybe a sub-committee to pay attention to this work and give input. Lots of exposed rebar. There was a lot of discussion on this and it was decided to was to make it a tracking item as it will be a long-term item. Item 6 covers NCTD (NCTD & City of Del Mar (Railroad & Hwy 101 Bridges) (Carol)) - Bill will join her on this as another liaison.

Ellen suggested that we could separate the Education Committee and the Events Committee - to create two separate committees – the group discussed this concept. Ellen makes a motion and Bill seconds - all agree - motion approved. Karen, Carol and Julie to stay on the events section or the committee. Jeff and Brad will start the new Education Committee. Karen offered to meet with them to go over some of the previous notes and work the group had done.

Dwight suggested we Liaise with the as well and assign someone to that.

It was brought up that the Friends of the Library is hosting a Chaparral Meeting to Educate people on this important ecological zone - a lecture (Richard Halsey) February 26th at 6:00pm at the Library

X. OTHER BUSINESS (Non-action item): Discussion items not on agenda/items for next agenda.

1. Presentation at April meeting by Hany Elwany and Setal Prabhu - Restoration Project Managers, Environmental Services, Southern California Edison (SCE)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.