

HB Huddle / Environment Team Meeting – “Earth Day, Every Day”

MINUTES

Date: August 5, 2017, Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Pam’s House

Facilitator: Karen

Attendees: Sara B/S., Karl C., Mary Ann C., Karen C., Pam K., Chris K., Carol K., Greg K., Ellen J., Kirk N., Mary N., Steve S., and guests Tim Kowal and Mark Bixby

Minutes Taken By: Karen C.

Topic	Facilitator / Speaker	Minutes	Action to Take
1. Sign in and welcome guests	Karen	Tim and Mark (contributing guests, not members).	
2. Agenda review (handout) and announcements:	Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will still meet Aug 19th but at Pam’s house for an E-Team meeting, 10-12 since there’s no HB Huddle for Aug. • Reminder that we are meeting the 2nd Saturday in September instead of the 1st to avoid the holiday weekend • City Council meeting Monday: study session beforehand. See times below. • The Local Elections & No Ban No Wall teams may have a table at the swap meet in Sept. and wanted to know if we’d be interested. There is some interest in the group, and we discussed other possible locations for tables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam will look into details for tabling at Farmer’s Market on Tuesdays and Fridays
3. New! “Sip and Talks.” (Save the dates!)	Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sip and Types” are being replaced by “Sip and Talks,” where each team will sign up for a different week to select a place where we will meet for the opportunity to have an agenda-free chance to talk and hopefully meet new members in a casual setting. Since there are five teams, the E-Team would host about every five weeks. • Response for input on days to avoid and locations: avoid Wednesdays since water committee attends meetings then. Location: flexible. The Corner is good and has a big meeting room. Group left to Karen to decide which weeks to host. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen reserved the weeks of Sept 10 & Dec 3 for the E-Team to host. The E-Team now needs to pick exact dates/times/locations. Avoid Wednesdays.
4. Discuss / Edit / Approve : New member handout (s)	Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed during the meeting, and everyone approved the general handout. Each committee would work on their own separate half page handout; however, • After the meeting, Karl suggested trying to fit all info, including committee info, on one handout, which I said I’d work on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen worked on a new, smaller handout after the meeting and sent it to chairs for approval. This handout is intended to be all-inclusive, with committee info on back. • Chairs: Look at the revision Karen sent and give her your updated committee description for the back of the handout. Need: Goal, Background, and Names of Chairs.

<p>5. Discuss Tour/action Bolsa Chica wetlands / fundraiser</p>	<p>Karen (for Jennifer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info from new member Jennifer Robins, who volunteers at Bolsa Chica Wetlands every 1st Saturday of the month (so she can't attend our first meeting of each month): "The Amigos de Bolsa Chica can arrange a private tour led by Amigos docents. The tour can be any day of the week, but Saturday mornings are usually busy at the wetlands. There is limited parking for about 30-40 cars. The tour is free and should be limited to 25 people. The docents talk about Birds, Endangered Species, Ecology, History and Restoration related to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. The tour starts at the Walkbridge in the South Parking Lot across from the entrance to Bolsa Chica State Beach between Warner and Seapoint Streets. The walk can be from the south parking lot to the mesa where the palm trees are or shorter depending on the group." • The group decided to look into doing this tour after one of our Saturday meetings when perhaps it's not as busy, and since it would be in the afternoon, the group thought October would be a good time to avoid heat / cold. • The group mentioned possibly meeting somewhere near the wetlands in the Trader Joe's shopping center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen will coordinate with Jennifer to pick a date in October, hopefully a Saturday afternoon. Ask Jennifer if she knows of a place we can hold our meeting before the tour. Also, possibly coordinate lunch (pizza) and fundraiser.
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6. Brief committee updates	Committee chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These ended up taking much longer than intended, but it worked out well and was informative. • Energy: No special pre-meeting on Monday. City Council meeting: pre-study session 4:00 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm but should arrive by 6pm. Email comments beforehand to agendacomment@surfcity-hb.org. At about 3 pm check for update to the city clerk agenda page supplemental comments where emails are posted. • Toxin-Free HB: Special guest, Tim Kowal from HB Tomorrow, spoke about the pilot program the council started to try organic (toxin-free) in Central Park West. Updates held every 3 months. This is agenda item #17. Other cities that have gone toxin-free found that there may have been an initial expense, but in time the soil rejuvenates to its natural spongy state so that it holds water better, therefore requiring 30% less water, hence saving money. • Water: *See detailed update below • Trash-Free HB Waters: Thanks to Chris and Jennifer, this committee is now up and running. They had met and came up with some ideas, one being to change the name to something longer that encompasses other issues that Chris wanted to incorporate. We decided today to go ahead and keep the name as is and focus on this one issue in this committee. And with the other issues we can create other committee(s), especially since the trash issue may not require a lot of activity. Additional note not discussed: If there's ever a one-time issue not specifically related to any of the committees, that issue can always be added on the agenda separately. Committees are more for ongoing/lengthy issues/actions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend City council meeting: • All: Reminder that this issue is on the city council's agenda Monday, #17. Ask the council to expand the program that is now only in Central Park West so that all of HB will be toxin-free.
7. Oh-by-the-ways / idea & issue sharing / items for parking lot	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ann announced that the group Drinking Liberally meets every 3rd Tuesday of every month at King's Fish House for all interested. • Discussed need for way for active members to communicate more easily. Steve mentioned Basecamp & Slack. • Greg reminded us about event tomorrow on desalination. I added it to the upcoming events below. • Pam told us about the possibility of a film screening about GMO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam will look into GMO film screening. Let Karen know if you want to be put on the next meeting's agenda so you can discuss details (or contact Karen if it can't wait until next meeting. Events should be scheduled at least a month in advance so there's time to advertise).
8. Break	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not have time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In future meetings, have different committees take turns reporting first to help ensure each committee has sufficient time

9. Breakout sessions with committees	Committee chairs separately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not have time 	
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Upcoming meetings / actions

- August 6th, 2-3 pm, Desalination Talk by John Earl, 15500 Sand Canyon Rd, Irvine
- August 7th, 6:30 pm (or 4 pm for study session to hear info from both sides): City Council meeting
- August 15th, 7pm, city hall, general planning meeting
- August 19th, 10-12, E-Team meeting / No HB Huddle, Pam’s House
- Saturday, Sept 9, 10-12pm, E-Team meeting, Pam’s house.
- Sip and Talk (E-Team’s turn to host): (Tentative) Weeks of Sept 10 & Dec 3. Need to determine exact date/time/location.
- October 7 (Tentative): Tour of Bolsa Chica Wetlands, possibly after Sat meeting. Fundraiser w/lunch (pizza?)

*Water Committee update:

From the OCWD meeting held 7/12/17, discussion is held at the water issues monthly meeting, then recommendations were voted on a week later 7/19/17 at the board meeting.

LA water district has water they can’t store. The OCWD agreed to purchase the water with a five year commitment. The water will be used to recharge our water aquifers which is below capacity.

Approved:

- 1) Authorize: the General Manager to execute a Metropolitan Water District Cyclic Storage agreement according to the terms provided and review by legal counsel
- 2) Authorize the purchase of up to an additional 100,000 acre-feet of water under the Cyclic Agreement; and
- 3) Authorize staff to access \$25 million of the taxable Commercial Paper program to assist in purchasing this additional water.

Water districts along the Santa Ana River are cooperating to create plans for directing the water charge aquifers and wetlands along the river.

Approved:

Authorize payment of \$33,900 to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the District’s cost/share for Phase II of the decision support modeling for the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program.

There was also a vote approve the design of the GWRS Final Expansion Project but I don’t actually understand the scope of the project enough to give a summary of what it means.

The next water issues meeting is at:

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
 Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – Boardroom

Recommendations are to be voted on August 16, 5:30 at same location

Agendas and past meeting minutes and general information are available at <https://www.ocwd.com>