



**MEETING MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BAY FOUNDATION
Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

LOCATION: Sky Source Offices, 57 Market St., Venice 90291

1. Introductions: Meeting began at 10:00am. Laurie Newman chaired the meeting.
 - a. Welcome to Tyler Rasmussen. Tyler attended the meeting in consideration of joining the Board. He provided a short self-introduction including his work at Fisher Phillips as an employment lawyer, and general litigation.
2. The minutes from the Meeting of February 22, 2017 were approved with one revision: the spelling of Catherine Tyrrell's name (**MSP Tyrrell/Vernez**).
3. Board Member Items
 - a. Agenda item #3 was removed from consideration until next meeting
4. Executive Director/Staff Reports
 - a. Programs/Operations (Tom Ford)
 - i. US EPA and National Estuary Program Tech Transfer Meeting.
 1. Three days in Washington, DC, meeting with House and Senate staff, EPA headquarters and ANEP Tech Transfer Conference.
 2. SMBNEP will receive full funding for FY18.
 3. New EPA Regional Project Officer, Erica Yelensky. Approximate 30% of her time will be provided to overseeing the program.
 4. First ever Congressional Estuary Caucus led by Republican Reps from Florida and New Jersey see economic/environmental importance of estuaries. Five-year reauthorization that passed last year will continue to be very important.
 - ii. Legal Update
 1. Change in Tom's status as director of Commission and Authority.
 2. MOA between Commission and Foundation will be revised.
 3. Discussed current status with The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
 - iii. Human Resources Update
 - iv. Bay Restoration Plan Revision
 1. Last updated in 1996. Full revision of current plan over the next 2 years.
 - v. Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies
 1. 6 LMU interns this summer. Full launch in fall 2017.
 - b. Financial Update (Marcelo Villagomez)
 - i. Marcelo presented the financial reports to the Board.
5. Development
 - a. Fundraising/Outreach (Julie Du Brow)
 - i. Greenbar Event for Friday 5/12 almost sold out
 - ii. Coastal Connection 3 – September 28th, save the date is complete.
 1. Honorees – A Plastic Ocean and Patagonia Stores. Looking for one more honoree.



2. Sponsors – So Cal Gas, Terranea. Board members were provided materials to use when talking with potential sponsors.
6. Motion approved to appoint Tyler Rasmussen to the Board of Directors pending approval of his management team (**MSP Newman/Tyrrell**)
7. Next Meeting: August 23rd, 2017 10am – 12pm location TBD.
8. Meeting adjourned at 11:42am.

Attending: Jeff Klocke, Laurie Newman, Catherine Tyrell, Laura Doss, Kate Vernez, Tyler Rasmussen

Absent: John Dorsey, Shelley Luce.

Staff: Julie Du Brow, Tom Ford, and Marcelo Villagomez,