



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE BAY FOUNDATION
Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

Location: Loyola Marymount University 1 LMU Dr. Los Angeles CA 90045, LSB Room 331

1. Introductions: Meeting started at 10:07 am. Laurie Newman chaired the meeting.
2. Public comment (3 minutes per speaker)
 - a. Kathy Knight – Presented photos of the Ballona Wetlands and asked for help to save the wildlife of the ecological reserve and to support a full study of a fresh water wetland ecosystem.
 - b. Guangyu Wang – Thanked the board for inviting him to the meeting and expressed the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is still committed to being a partner of the SMBNEP.
 - c. Walter Lamb – Ballona Wetland Land Trust has not decided what to do at the Ballona Wetlands and that their role is to source facts. Stated three things are needed; transparency, accountability, and public participation. If these are being diminished you will hear from him. Mr. Lamb left the meeting during the public comment.
3. The Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board Meeting were approved (**MSP Vernez/Dorsey**)
4. Legal Update (closed session), public meeting resumed at 11am.
5. Board Member Items
 - a. Tracy Egoscue was approved to join the board during closed session (**MSP Vernez/Klocke**)
 - b. Term Renewals - Board Commitment Letters were signed by attending members and collected by TBF staff.
 - c. Officer Elections
 - i. Laurie Newman re-elected as Board President (**MSP Vernez/Dorsey**)
 - ii. Kate Vernez - Vice President, Jeff Klocke - Secretary, Laura Doss-Hertz – Treasurer (**MSP Newman/Egoscue**)
 - d. Conflict of Interest Letters were signed by attending members and collected by TBF staff.
6. Executive Director/Staff Reports
 - a. Administrative Update – Marcelo Villagomez presented the six month financial report (July – Dec 2017) and reviewed current balance sheet.



- i. Marcelo reviewed the IRS Form 990 for FY17 and the form was approved for filing (**MSP Egoscue/Newman**)
 - b. Programs/Operations (Tom Ford)
 - i. ANEP conference update and upcoming Washing DC meetings
 - ii. Annual work plan and BRP update
 - iii. Marine Programs update
 - iv. Watershed Programs update
 - v. Outreach update
 - vi. CRI update
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd 10 am – 12 pm, Location TBD.
8. Adjournment at 11:51 am

Attendance: Laurie Newman, John Dorsey, Jeff Klocke, Kate Vernez, David McCarthy, Tracy Egoscue

Absent: Laura Doss, Catherine Tyrell, Tyler Rasmussen

Staff: Tom Ford, Heather Burdick, Marcelo Villagomez, Julie Du Brow, Parker House, Karina Johnston, Armand Barilotti.

EPA: Erica Yelensky (via phone)

Public: Kathy Knight, Walter Lamb, Guangyu Wang, Craig Cadwallader