



**APPROVED MINUTES
Public Meeting of TBF Board of Directors**

Date: Wednesday, September 15th, 2021
Time: 10am – 12pm meeting
Location: Via Zoom

Attendees:

Board members: Andrew Basmajian, Fran Diamond, John Dorsey, Tracy Egoscue, Laura Doss Hertz, Jeff Klocke, Laurie Newman, Craig Perkins, Alex Tower, Catherine Tyrrell, Kathryn Vernez
(Absent: Tyler Rasmussen)

TBF Staff: Tom Ford, Marcelo Villagomez, Heather Burdick, Julie DuBrow

Members of the public: Marissa Caringella, Gabrielle Crowe, Walter Lamb, Guangyu Wang, Erica Yelenski

The meeting began at 10:03am and was chaired by Board President, Laurie Newman.

1. Introductions
2. Public comment
 - a. Guangyu Wang – Thanked the Board for their support over the years and is retiring at end of the week. Commented on the MOA and hopes that it is a good collaboration moving forward and the relationship between SMBRC and TBF will continue under the new agreement. He urged the members of the board to approve the MOA.
 - b. Marissa Caringella – thanked the Board for allowing her to intro herself and looks forward to a great working relationship.
 - c. Walter Lamb – Thanked the Board for having the meeting open to the public. Discussed the MOA and an article regarding the Ballona Community Restoration’s success metrics.
 - d. Gabrielle Crowe – Commented she would like to see more collaboration between groups.
3. The minutes from the June 9th, 2021 were approved (MSP Vernez/Tower)
4. Memorandum of Agreement MOA with Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission was approved (MSP Diamond/Vernez)
5. COO Report – Marcelo presented the financial update through June 2021
 - a. The figures shared are unaudited figures, not finalized and may change.
 - b. Projected growth next year both financially and the number of staff.
 - c. Employee annual reviews are underway.



6. CEO Report – Tom Ford presented Program updates
 - a. ANEP tech transfer meeting has been postponed until the spring of 2022
 - b. NEPORT
 - c. Annual report to EPA
 - d. New TBF website is launching later this month
 - e. Grant proposal and awards
 - f. TBF program/project highlights

7. Development updates
 - a. Coastal Connections 7 event update
 - b. Smog City partnership and beer release

The public meeting was adjourned at 10:57am

8. Closed session 10:58am-11:45am