

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
April 21, 2008

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jenna Newburn, Vice Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Pilar Alomia
Kaela Jorgenson
Jessica Spence
Lexie Brown
Cheryl Chen
Jenna Newburn

Administrative Assistant

Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison

Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Outreach Coordinators

Grants Manager

Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Chris Wendle	left early
Joel Armin-Hoiland	absent
Kelsey Fisher	absent
Michelle van Oppen	absent

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coastal Fund T-Shirts have arrived! At IV Earth Day, all t-shirts that were brought the event sold out. At first, t-shirts were being sold for \$5 each but with its popularity, price will be increased to \$10 each. Brought in \$75 in sales

Subway cars in each state are being used as artificial reefs. YAY for the fishes to have fake homes!

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MS Alomia motion to approve.

MSC Jessica, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 6:0.

V. BUDGET REPORT

The Board has \$120,000 left this year to fund projects. There are 18 projects that are requesting a total amount of \$209,000.

VI. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

SPR08-10 REEF Internships Program

The REEF program takes on students in paid positions and in volunteer positions and educates them to become knowledgeable about the UCSB coastline, the coastal ecosystem in general, improve their science literacy, thus empowering them to make informed decisions that will lead to coastal habitat conservation and preservation. The paid and volunteering students educate others in the UCSB community and in the Santa Barbara county. Tours are conducted in conjunction with some UCSB courses but are mostly held with K-12 students from neighboring schools in the county. According to the applicant, an estimated 10% of the UCSB campus knows about the REEF but cannot determine an approximate number of UCSB students who come in during visitor hours on Friday and Saturday. In addition, to the request of REEF flyers, he was unsure as to its contents. It would be better if more students could be involved working at the REEF and having a great time. The applicant did not have concrete numbers on who visits the REEF, so more information is needed before a decision can be reached.

MS Cheryl motion to table this proposal.

MSC Jessica, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-08 The Loop, IV's First LEED certified Sustainable Building Documentary

The project is getting the project site of a proposed green mixed-use residential and commercial building that will exceed LEED gold certification, creating a model for sustainable development in IV. This project relates to the coast as the development of this housing structure would provide additional housing options for students, which would decrease the need to move out to Goleta or Santa Barbara and drive to school. The building would have a green roof, meaning it would have a garden/vegetation growing, and when the rain comes, it would filter out the water making the runoff cleaner. The current project site is an automobile shop, so currently, when the rain comes, it takes the oil and grease with it to the ocean. But this project would clean up all the oil and grease. In addition, the pavement of the site would be changed to permeable surfaces which would allow an increase to groundwater and decrease the amount of runoff. There will be a video documentary of the process which can be used by UCSB's planning and urban environment classes to educate the students.

The Board loves the idea as individuals, but as an organization, cannot fund it based on policy restrictions. The project is a private for-profit sale and developers building the project would get the money. The property that is being used for the project is private and not affiliated with UCSB. Student funds cannot be used to support outside individual interests who would be receiving profit. Even if it were a public building that was being developed, it would not be feasible to fund it as other individuals associated with the project would be receiving student money. This goes against Coastal Fund's purpose in representing the students' interest in approving projects that others besides them would benefit more.

MS Jorgenson motion to deny this proposal.

MSC Cheryl, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-02 COPR Burn Site Restoration & Trail Enhancement

The project proposes to remove invasive plant species in one area of the Reserve that has been burned. The cleared areas would be revegetated with native plant species. A mower specifically built for rough terrain is requested through the funding to be bought for use in the Reserve. The mower would be used to maintain the trail area so that it is more visible to visitors in the Reserve. The Board has a hard time granting requests that allow applicants to purchase heavy duty equipment as the Board has no way of knowing what the equipment is used for after the project finishes. Additional research needs to be done about the mower before a decision can be made.

MS Alomia motion to table this proposal.

MSC Spence, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-09 Seabird Migration Study

This project proposes the data entry and analysis of spring seabird migration counts collected between 2002-2003 and 1976-1978. The analysis would allow the comparison of seasonal timing and abundance of seabirds and the data is valuable to detect climate change. Two student interns are proposed to work 100 hours each over the summer. The Board feels that data entry is not the most ideal thing to do over the summer, so it would be better if there were four student interns each doing 50 hours of work. This would allow the hourly wage to drop down from \$12/hr to \$10/hr. In addition, the Board feels that students would benefit more if they could assist in the data analysis, assist in the write up of the report results, assist with the write up for the article for the Nexus, and assist in the presentation at the Cliff House. Dave Compton will be supervising the interns and is currently the only person to do everything but data entry. His hourly wage is \$50/hr and that is on the low side as a private consultant that has valuable experience with bird monitoring and reporting. The applicant will speak to him about allowing the students to assist in the whole process. The Board will wait to hear back from the applicant regarding Dave Compton before reaching a decision.

MS Chen motion to table this proposal.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

VII. BUSINESS

COPR Tour

The tour at Coal Oil Point Reserve was well attended by the Board (seven members attended!). The information presented during the tour was poor in quality and did not seem to have much energy. The Board was able to see many things but descriptions about them were lacking.

IV Earth Day update

The beach clean up earlier in the day was successful as 27 people from the UCSB and Goleta community showed up to help out. A news team from the SB Channel interviewed Michelle about her efforts with the beach clean-ups.

IVRPD

IVRPD is asking the Board to team up with them to clean up other parts of IV. The Board feels that funds should be used for areas that are already being cleaned by the UCSB community and should be more focused on those efforts. There should be more clean-ups during the week in those areas than expanding to new

areas and having less clean-ups in the existing areas. If the Board were to fund them, then it would have to be specific on where the funds for the clean-ups were to be used.

Board Member Orientation

The orientation questions for new Board members and existing members to use as a basis in interviewing applicants is very sound. Props to Joel and Kaela for putting together a cohesive document together. This will guide Board members in asking the correct questions and help them to ask questions they might have forgotten to ask.

AS Banquet

The banquet hosted by AS will be on Tuesday, May 27. AS will award student groups that are exemplary in certain areas.

Administrative Assistant and Outreach Coordinator Interviews

Interviews will be concluded at the end of the week and hopefully a decision will be reached by then about the next Admin Asst. There is still only one applicant for the Outreach Coordinator position.

Coastal Fund Reception

The reception will be held on Friday, May 30. Michelle will be meeting with Lazy Acres this Friday to get logistics worked out with them. She still needs to get in contact with the speakers to see if they would be willing to speak at the event.

Spring Social

The social is planned for Saturday, May 31. Lauren needs to make reservations for Big Sur campsites tonight as that location is very popular. If Big Sur is full, then other possibilities include Kirk Creek, Plaskett, and Limekiln.

Spring Quarter Concert for the Coast

An ad featuring Concert for the Coast was in the Independent last Friday. IVRPD approved of the Beer Garden which required ID to be checked and is safer. IV Surfrider is going to get an ad in the Nexus soon.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

