



DRAFT MINUTES
Public Meeting of TBF Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Time: 10am – 12pm meeting

Location: Via Zoom

Attendance:

Board Members: Laurie Newman, Kate Vernez, Tracy Egoscue, Fran Diamond, Alex Tower, Craig Perkins, Andrew Basmajian, Dan Genetti

TBF Staff: Marcelo Villagomez, Heather Burdick, Tom Ford

Public members: Gabrielle Crowe BWLT, Walter Lamb BWLT, Erica Yelensky US EPA, Marissa Caringella SMBRC

- 1) The meeting started at 10:07am, chaired by Laurie Newman. Introductions were made by board members, staff, and members of the public.
- 2) Public Comment was provided by Gabrielle Crowe and Walter Lamb
- 3) Dan Genetti was approved to join the Board of Directors (MSP Vernez/Tower)
- 4) The minutes from the September 15th, 2021 meeting were approved (MSP Diamond/Vernez)
- 5) COO Report was presented by Marcelo Villagomez
 - a) Personnel updates, hybrid office model and future staffing needs
 - b) Goal is to increase non-restricted funding in 2022
 - c) Provided update on the annual audit process
- 6) CEO report was present by Tom Ford
 - a) NEP Updates
 - i) Infrastructure bill funding
 - ii) Tom Ford will be a reviewer on the Indian River Lagoon NEP Performance Evaluation
 - iii) New guidance on PE expected to come from EPA in early 2022
 - iv) FY23 work plan in development and will be sent to EPA Program Manager in late spring/early summer
 - b) TBF Program updates
 - i) New website launched and updates/improvements are being made.
 - ii) Community Engagement Program: Rethink disposables and Table to Farm highlights



- iii) Watershed Program: Beach/Dune projects being implemented, and community-based restoration events (LAX Dunes and Ballona) with small groups of volunteers are back up and running.
- iv) Marine Programs: Eelgrass pilot project monitoring continues, plans for infrastructure improvements to abalone facility at SCMI, and Kelp Project updates
- 7) A tentative schedule for the 2022 TBF BOD meetings was shared. No conflicts were identified at the time of this meeting.
- 8) Entered closed session at 10:51 a.m.