DRAFT MINUTES
TBF Board of Directors
Public Meeting
March 19, 2025

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Time: **10:00am-10:30am**
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Kathryn Vernez at 10:01am.
   a. BOD attendance: Kathryn Vernez, Laura Doss-Hertz, Francine Diamond, Dan Ganetti, Candice Edwards, Tracy Egoscue, Jeff Klocke
   b. Staff attendance: Tom Ford, Heather Burdick

2. Public Comment – Attendees: Walter Lamb, Zoe Katz, Barry Gribbon, Chad BillMyer, Cris Gutierrez, IP15pm CC (*Zoom ID*), Karen Martin, Lizzy's iPhone.
   a. Walter Lamb – public comment talked about EPA, SMBNEP workplan, LA Times, and TBF's website.
   b. Cris Gutierrez – spoke with Tom Ford yesterday, here for three reasons love, truth, and trust. Co founder Climate Action Network. Concerned when she read the article in LA Times. Removing climate change is a lie and not good example for children.

3. Approval of the April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion: Egoscue moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Genetti seconded**.**

4. CEO, Tom Ford presented TBF program updates:
   a. Manhattan Beach City Council – 28th street storm drain project.
   b. Abalone aquaculture lab upgrade for white abalone and red abalone
   c. Kuruvungna Springs – West LA site holds volunteer events once a month
   d. Workforce development program – scientific diver program, investing with UCLA and Aquatic Futures Foundation to train divers and provide internships/first jobs in the field.
   e. Volunteer dive program – doubled our restoration efforts in kelp forest off Palos Verdes
   f. Spring blooms – excited to see the response in the beach dune sites from the recent rains – El Segundo blue butterfly in Manhattan Beach and snowy plovers have been abundant in the Santa Monica dunes.
   g. Tom is traveling to Washington, DC next week with the other NEP directors – meeting with the EPA staff at HQ and will reach out to other programs and agencies.

5. Public meeting adjourned, Closed Session (Tracy Egoscue, Board member - General Counsel)