

MINUTES OF THE LAKE MERCED TASK FORCE
GENERAL MEETING OF 30 JAN 2003

Meeting commenced at 6 pm. Location was SFSU Gymnasium, Room Gym 118. A quorum consisting of 29 member organizations was present. Approximately 35 people were in attendance until near the end. Approximately 37 LMTF representatives and alternates attended the meeting at some point.

Two written documents were provided in advance by the Steering Committee: Meeting agenda and a sheet containing proposed dates for future meetings. At the outset of the meeting, a substitute agenda was distributed. Tim Colen took on the role of meeting moderator.

Dan Murphy moved to adopt the substitute agenda.

Tim C explained that we will need interim officers for this group until the rules have been adopted and a nominating committee has done its work.

Motion to adopt an amendment to schedule speakers from Daly City and PUC for 7:30 pm. No dissent so motion adopted.

Main motion [to adopt substitute agenda] approved by voice vote.

Nominations made for officials to serve until a slate of officers is established. Tim C is nominated for Chair, Howard Strassner for Rules Recorder, and David Golden as Secretary for meeting minutes. Ruth Gravanis took on the responsibility for explaining the work of the Rules Committee.

Motion to adopt the Rules in whole was made by John Plummer and seconded.

Discussion on how to proceed took place, with decision to go through Rules point-by-point from the top.

On discussion of Rules "1. Name" Don Zingale offered an amendment to change the name of LMTF to the "LMTF Advisory Committee." Seconded. Amendment rejected in a vote of hands.

On discussion of Rules "2. Mission and Goals" Paul Callahan made a motion to change wording from "a plan" to "plans and programs." Amendment accepted on a voice vote.

On discussion of Rules "3. Task Force Participation" Michael Carlin proposed that an appendix be created that lists grand-fathered membership organizations, a substantive change in wording. Substantial discussion followed including a decision to postpone discussion of the inclusion of government agencies until debate on a later section of the Rules.

Ginny Jacquith made a motion to delete the second sentence “There shall be two types of participants: members and partners” but it wasn’t seconded.

The following paragraph was substituted for Section 3 as an amendment and accepted when no objections were stated:

All organizations as generally defined in Section 4 with a stakeholder interest in the well being of Lake Merced are welcome to participate in the Lake Merced Task Force. The organizations listed in Appendix A are considered members of the LMTF as of [the date these rules are approved].

On discussion of Rules “4. Membership” (preamble) Ginny J made an amendment to change the word “organization” to “task force”. As no objections were made, the motion was accepted.

On discussion of Rules “4.1 Qualifications” Anna-Marie B made a motion to add educational institutions. Don Z modified this motion with another to add student groups. As there were no objections, the motion to add “educational institutions and associated student organizations” was accepted.

On further discussion of Rules 4.1 Dee Dee Workman made a motion to add government groups, which was seconded. Ruth G recommended [to the Chair] that this be postponed for now as it will be discussed later. As no objections were raised, this was postponed.

Further discussion on the appropriateness of governmental agencies as voting members took place until 7:30 pm at which time discussion was paused so invited speakers could give their reports.

1. Presentation by Cynthia Royer of the City of Daly City, Water & Wastewater Resources Dept.

Topic was a Daly City update on a) construction on recycled water plan, and b) implementation of projects identified in AB 303 Grant Award 2002.

A memo covering these topics for the LMTF meeting of 30 Jan 03 was distributed.

Cynthia R noted that as long as LMTF followed the MOU signed by Daly City, Daly City would continue to work as either a partner or member [with LMTF], “but will pull out if it [the MOU] is changed.” Dick Allen, speaking for LMTF as a whole, complimented the Cynthia and the City of Daly City for their extraordinary progress on water issues.

2. Presentation by Rich Thall, San Francisco DPW Project Manager for Lake Merced

Rick indicates that he works closely with Rec & Park and needs our assistance for their community input process. He wants to hold a community workshop on March 8 which will include tables and short presentations by each LMTF committee. Each table needs 2-3 people. The workshop is cosponsored by Rec & Park, PUC, Tony Hall's office, and (he requests) LMTF. Time is 9-12 noon, location TBD. A sheet was passed around soliciting names for volunteers. There were no handouts.

3. Presentation by Michael Carlin of San Francisco PUC

Topics (from the original agenda) included SFPUC update on various topics including EDAW, Oct 2002 water addition, Vista Grande Storm water diversion, conjunctive use agreements with City of San Bruno and California Water Service; Water Service update on AB 303 Grant Application, Prop A&E impact, and Recycled Water for SF.

Among the points made by Michael C were that the Lake was raised 1.5 feet but still short by 2.5" due to pump failure. Some 350 acre feet were deposited in the south end. Vista Grande pilot site was flooded; running on temporary power. Coop program with Daly City. Conjunctive use agreement with San Bruno and SSF; all the wells have been shut down (except one DC well) as of 2 days ago. Continuous recording devices in wells. Looking closely at San Bruno well as they are on the extreme south end of aquifer. Prop A passed; there is \$120M available to build recycled water plants in SF. Consultants were told to move ahead in updating environmental plan. Prop E gave flexibility in financing. For Prop A there are about for 44 city projects and 33 regional projects. Pushing forward with recycled water program; pushed onto water side rather than waste water side. The clean water master plan is not on the list but is being redone. Applying for storm water permit for parts of SF; area around Lake Merced doesn't have a combined sewer so some storm water drains into the Lake. In response to questions, Michael said that the lake is currently at around 19.6' or 19.7' or thereabouts. The goal is about 24'. PUC hopes to do another water addition after Feb 15, subject to water availability. Talking to Daly City about storm water [use?]. Did fly over the Lake and did a new topographical map.

Michael handed out the Groundwater Assistance Grant application for 2002, for drilling test holes and monitoring wells, along with a cover letter dated Oct 24, 2002.

Regular meeting discussion resumed at almost 8:00 pm.

Marvin Yee moved that LMTF support the March 8 community workshop. Seconded. As there were no objections it was accepted.

Ruth G moved to extend the meeting the meeting to 8:30 pm. Don Z seconded it. As there were no objections, the motion was accepted.

Call for the question resulted in the Chair stating that the question is whether governmental agencies with regulatory authority over Lake Merced should be included [in 4.1], previously moved by Dee Dee W but postponed until now. Ruth pointed out that we're not dealing with voting rights or not for agencies, just whether government agencies are included in "4.1 Qualifications."

David G suggested we add a severability clause.

Discussion of organizational structure, whether to be a non-profit, value of bylaws, etc. Discussion of potential impact on government agencies of an organizational change and push into advocacy. Discussion of the appropriateness of government agencies voting.

Call for the question on Dee Dee's motion "Governmental agencies and legislative offices with regulatory authority over Lake Merced" As there were no objections, this was approved by a voice vote.

Don Z made a motion to include "local businesses." This was seconded.

James Grant moved that discussion on this amendments to 4.1 should end. Seconded. Don Z protests our use of Robert's rules and is overruled by the Chair. Vote by hand yielded in favor: 5, against: 10. Motion to add "local businesses" failed.

Ruth announces that the discussion is now on 4.2. Ruth explains that the new "thing" here is assessment of dues.

Anna-Marie kicks off a discussion of how long it would take for a new LMTF member to be seated. Ruth G states that in the near future this will be looked into by the Membership Committee.

Tim C asks that a new Chair be appointed as he has to leave the meeting. Jerry C accepts the Chair position.

As there were no objections to 4.2, the amendment was accepted.

Ruth indicates we are now on Rules 4.3, and asks for objections to 4.3.

Discussion of email communications and who can speak for LMTF. Ruth suggests that these details are addressed in sections of the Rules that follow.

David G points out that due to the advanced hour we're in danger of losing members from our quorum, and that there are two substantive issues still to be addressed: 1) should governmental agencies have the right to vote, and 2) do we approve the rest of the Rules, and we should expedite that process now. Ruth concurs.

David G moves that we adopt the rest of the Rules. Seconded.

Call for the question. Ruth explains that a call for the question is a motion to end discussion, and is not debatable, and a 2/3 vote is required to end debate.

Ginny J requests a roll call vote.

Roll call voting based on the Jan 6 list provided by Barbara E to Ruth G. Votes in favor: 19, against: 9, abstain: 0. Motion to end discussion passed.

Ruth explains that we now return to the main motion, to adopt the Rules [as a whole]. Howard summarizes the changes. Ruth acknowledges that there are inconsistencies with Rules section 5, and there is still opportunity to fix the Rules [in future meetings]. Some rancor over whether we should adjourn now; Don Z threatens to eject the group from the room.

David G moved to accept the remaining Rules as they stand. Seconded. Roll call vote in favor: 18, against: 6, abstain: 4. Don Z requests that the motion be listed as failed in the minutes. A check of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, copyright 1970 by Henry M. Robert III, page 354, section 44, indicates that on a roll call vote, "If he does not wish to vote he answers present (or abstain)." As the vote in favor was 3/4 and only 2/3 is required, the motion was passed.

At this point Rules sections 1 through 4 had been amended point-by-point by the group. The understanding is that Rules section 5 must be revised by the Rules Committee to become consistent with the now amended Rules sections 1 through 4.

Note: Meeting was not formally adjourned. Meeting broke up at about 8:30 pm.

Meeting notes circulated via email by David Golden, Secretary, Feb 15, 2003.

With one minor correction, minutes were approved at the LMTF meeting of Feb 26.

Minutes submitted by David Golden, interim Secretary, Feb 27, 2003.

Notes to reviewers:

Approval of these minutes, with potential corrections, will take place at the next LMTF meeting.

Feel free to submit questions or comments in advance to the Secretary:
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[] explanation of context added by Secretary.