

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(April 15, 2009- San Francisco)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in special session at the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 50 California St., Suite 2600, San Francisco, CA.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charlene Haught Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Directors present were Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Anthony Intintoli, Director Gerald Bellows and Director John O'Rourke.

2. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

Chair Johnson explained that the purpose of the special meeting/public hearing was to receive comments on the Draft Transition Plan and Draft Emergency Water Transportation System Management Plan.

3. REPORT OF DIRECTORS

None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Nina Rannells and Operations Manager Keith Stahnke delivered presentations on the Draft Transition Plan and Draft Emergency Water Transportation System Management Plan respectively.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles King: Good afternoon. I realize this plan is for Alameda and Vallejo, but I'm a retired Army officer. My last assignment was at Mare Island in Vallejo, 41st boat unit up there. And I am also a City of East Palo Alto commissioner and resident. So we are looking at East Palo Alto. I'm more curious about what WETA's plans are for the south-of-Dumbarton-Bridge area and what -- it may be misplaced here, obviously. But I think the WETA is charged with a Bay Area-wide water transit system, so we in the South Bay would like some inputs and guidance and assistance and some consideration, if you will. So I'll leave you with that. Thank you.

Mike Giari: I'm Mike Giari. I'm the executive director for the Port of Redwood City. And I appreciate the opportunity that you provided here today for review and comment of the plan. I won't read the whole title -- just call it the "plan." In the event of a man-made or natural disaster, the San Francisco Bay Area will have to depend on multimodal transportation systems for response and recovery. And this has been identified throughout the world in many recent disasters where marine transportation played a vital and reliable role for the transportation of people and goods in the event of an emergency. The plan lays out a well-organized framework that defines the roles and responsibilities, not only for WETA but the other agencies such as transit operators and ports, all of which will have to play a key role in providing and coordinating marine transportation in the event of an emergency. The plan assumes the greatest potential demand for emergency water transportation services that would be associated with a major

earthquake that causes closures of existing fixed trans-Bay transportation facilities. Redwood City is the only deep-water port in the South Bay and is strategically located between two heavily traveled trans-Bay bridges. Therefore, the port in coordination with the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City police and fire departments, we have allocated significant amounts of time and resources in the preparation of planning for disaster operations.

As mentioned in the plan, WETA will be required to periodically exercise and outline emergency procedures that were in the plan. And the Port of Redwood City believes that there would be much benefit in coordinating joint exercises and training events based on the plan. Upon acceptance of the plan, we would like to work with you in order to expand South Bay regional water transit preplanning and establish specific procedures in the event that WETA requires utilization of the Port of Redwood City facilities for emergency response and recovery efforts.

I'll put these comments and a few more comments in a letter and get them to you during the comment period. We appreciate the opportunity.

6. ADJOURNMENT

All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary
