

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(March 14, 2013)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the WETA offices at Pier 9, Suite 111, San Francisco, CA.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Anthony Intintoli chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Directors present were and Director Gerald Bellows and Director Timothy Donovan. Vice Chair Intintoli led the pledge of allegiance.

2. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

No report.

3. REPORT OF DIRECTORS

No report.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Rannells referred the Board to her written report. She also noted an update to the legislative report submitted by WETA Federal Representative Peter Friedmann of Lindsay, Hart, Neil & Weigler, LLP, noting that the current budget continuance would not curtail federal ferryboat funding as had previously been anticipated.

Ms. Rannells then introduced Shane Gusman of Broad & Gusman, LLP, who reviewed Assembly Bill 935. He reported that this bill, should it be signed, would significantly alter the composition of the Board by creating two new seats and by limiting the Governor's appointments by requiring representational seats for the counties of Contra Costa and San Mateo. He noted that no letters of opposition or support had been submitted for the bill and that the authors of the bill had remained anonymous to date.

Vice Chair Intintoli invited brief comments but noted that discussion of a non-agendized item would be limited. Director Bellows asked if this bill would impact the staggered terms. Mr. Gusman responded that the two additional positions created by this legislation would be for two and six year terms for the initial term only and six year terms thereafter, thus creating staggered terms as had been established in AB 2433.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Bellows made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes from the February 7. Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

6. APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH FAST FERRY MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR MARINE SERVICES

Manager of Operations Keith Stahnke presented this item requesting Board approval of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Fast Ferry Management, Inc., extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2014 for a not to exceed amount of \$315,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the amendment.

Director Bellows made a motion to approve the item. Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

7. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR BAY BREEZE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Mr. Stahnke presented this item requesting that the Board authorize award of a contract to Marine Group Boat Works for the refurbishment of the *Bay Breeze* vessel in an amount not to exceed \$4,288,700, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contract and to take all other actions and execute all other documents necessary to complete the work.

Vice Chair Intintoli asked when the *Bay Breeze* had been built and what the cost would be to replace the vessel rather than refurbishing it. Mr. Stahnke replied that it had been built in 1994 and that a replacement would cost slightly over \$10 million.

Director Donovan asked if the refurbishment work would be performed locally. Mr. Stahnke said that the work would be done in the San Diego, CA area.

Director Bellows made a motion to approve the item. Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

8. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE ENHANCEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Manager of Planning and Development Kevin Connolly presented an informational item describing a concept for a one year demonstration project to enhance South San Francisco ferry service. Mr. Connolly noted that provided there was general support for the concept, staff would develop a final demonstration service recommendation for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Intintoli noted that ridership for the South San Francisco service was only a third of what had been projected and that it was imperative that everything possible be done to make the service a success.

Public Comment

The Hon. Pedro Gonzales, Mayor of South San Francisco, member of the WETA Community Advisory Committee and co-chair of the Water Transit Advocates of San Mateo County, said that more outreach was needed to generate awareness of the service, especially for local residents in areas west of Highway 101. He also said that he believed many South San Franciscans would use the ferry service to visit Jack London Square in Oakland if more midday service could be added.

9. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Intintoli called the meeting into closed session at 1:25 p.m. Upon reopening of the meeting at 1:40 p.m. he reported that no action had been taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary
