

Executive Director's Report — March 3, 2016

Thank you very much Chair Wasserman.

I shall be brief. Yesterday was the Giants' first spring training game. Things are better now.

BUDGET and STAFFING:

By our next meeting I should be able to report to you on the progress of hiring both a supplemental accountant and a chief budget officer.

POLICY

Now for some good news that is only slightly less exciting than the beginning of baseball season. Steve Goldbeck and I spent last week in Washington, D.C., your nation's capital, working and learning with our peers from the Nation's 31 other coastal states, NOAA staff, and others. During our visits on the Hill to Bay Area representatives and staff we were greeted warmly. While Steve worked with NOAA on Thursday and Friday, John Coleman of the Bay Planning Coalition and I walked the halls of Congress again, this time in support of legislative language that we, BPC, the Coastal Conservancy, Save the Bay, and the Bay Institute had agreed upon that would amend the US Army Corps of Engineers'

authorizing legislation to force the Corps to pay for the beneficial reuse of dredged sediment. We were met with an overwhelmingly positive responses from Bay Area offices, the two Senate offices, and committee staff. More news on our progress in two weeks.

Unfortunately, the San Francisco division of the Army Corps has decided not to comply with four conditions of the consistency determination that you approved and they fully supported last year. This very abrupt and unfounded about-face is the subject of our closed session at our next meeting.

Finally, just as you expected Leo DiCaprio to win the Academy Award on Sunday, you are probably expecting me to ask you, once again, to submit your FPPC Form 700s on time – on April 1. Please do so.

That completes my report, Chair Wasserman, and I am happy to answer any questions you all may have.