

# LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

## 02/27/13 Special Meeting

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<b>6.1</b>	TIDELANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC). (0120-90) a. Letter submitted by Serge Dedina
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**Jacque Hald**

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**Cc:** Ben McCue  
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(Dear Ms. Hald, please provide copies of this letter to Council Members for the Feb. 27 Council meeting—thanks).

Feb. 26, 2013

Dear Council Members:

Please use this as a letter of support for reinstating the Tidelands Advisory Committee.

It is critical to have a participatory TAC that can review proposed projects that impact our coastal zone, but also carry out much needed work to evaluate how we should manage our coastal zone well into the future.

As a former member of the TAC (in the 1980s) I believe that the TAC can help to restore a more participatory civic culture in Imperial Beach and engage coastal stakeholders in management decisions that lead to more effective management of our tidelands for conservation and economic development purposes.

Here are some additional recommendations:

- The TAC should consist of at least 10 members to represent the diversity of coastal stakeholders in Imperial Beach. Having only five members is too limiting.
- The TAC should work to carry out and prepare a Coastal Zone Management Plan for Imperial Beach.
- The TAC should not hold its meetings in the Council chambers—but at a work table in a City conference room to encourage greater interactive participation and to provide more inclusion for local citizens to engage the TAC and provide feedback and ideas.
- The TAC should be a working group—rather than just a deliberative group that reacts to proposals.
- The TAC should not require citizen feedback to be restricted to 3 minutes so that stakeholders feel empowered to work collaboratively with TAC members to share and exchange ideas and reach consensus on issues.
- Staff members who work with the TAC should receive training in team building and building group consensus, so that TAC members can engage the public rather than just react to information that City staff present to them.
- The TAC once formed should carry out field trips to each coastal zone location in Imperial Beach with state and or federal resource agency staff (e.g. US FWS, State DPR) to get an overview of the range of issues that face our coastal zone. This would include South San Diego Bay Wildlife Refuge, Otay Delta/Pond 20, Imperial Beach Coastal Zone, Tijuana Estuary, Tijuana Rivermouth MPA and the Imperial Beach Pacific shoreline from the TJ Rivermouth to Carnation Avenue.
- I would also encourage the City to evaluate the potential for the TAC to meet during regular business hours so that staff members are not required to expand their already busy schedule by working in the evening.

Thanks for your consideration of these recommendations and thanks for agreeing to once again reinstate the Tidelands Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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