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Subject: 5-6 Minutes
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I have left a VM @ both office & cell numbers for Asst. XO & Ombudsman James Smith requesting 5-6 minutes maximum.....There are about 12 NGOs on your list, many have already "**consolidated**" presentations in prior sessions/written submissions/testimony, so our proposed proportional share is estimated by my Board at approximately that number of minutes anyway.

I would appreciate an email response that confirms that amount of approved minutes in advance and we'll consider it agreed upon. To assure us that others don't run on and (once again) use up or run into our dedicated allotment, we'll agree to "**bat leadoff**" (go first). Please confirm that as well.
Done deal.

On Mar 18, 2013, at 10:28 AM, Roger Butow wrote:

SDRWQCB staff:

CWN wishes to avoid a repeat of last October's staff rollout/presentation to the Board.

We felt marginalized, given short shrift and especially experienced gruff disrespect shown by the Chair.

We made our feelings known to the Board, staff and attendees at that time and are seeking a path that doesn't stir up yet more animosity or enmity.

EX.: It was ridiculous to be forced to watch Jill Witkowski give a time-consuming, redundant PP that included her personal recreational activities. What's next, baby pictures of NGO personnel's children?

Ms. Witkowski, as we pointed out, was given preferential positioning and extended time that could have been spent in a more valuable, a more pertinent way.

We are seeking a more egalitarian approach by staff and Board in the future. One that is indiscriminate and treats **ALL** interested parties more alike instead of the preferential auspice given to enviro-NGOs with hefty budgets and intern attorneys galore that we now observe.

CWN is **NOT** aligned with, nor working conjunctively with any of the NGOs listed in this procedural notification. Presently, going through our 1 year reorganization, it might eventually produce such collaborations---but not right now.

As we build out our new board, re-prioritize our goals, etc., we are carefully reviewing who we wish to be engaged in dialogue with.....Thus we are an anomaly, we have no communication or negotiation mechanism to get our properly deserved slot. So we won't be

"consolidating" as the notice encourages.

Question: As only 1 hour total is allotted on April 10th for ALL enviro-NGOs, under the circumstances, how might CWN procure an assured speaking timeframe and what is our guaranteed minimum allotted time for comments?

<Supp Hearing Procedures and Order of Proceedings Sig.pdf>

Thanks in advance for your considered attention and timely response,

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