



SWRCB & SMBRC

A Water Quality Partnership

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SWRCB was a primary organizer for the Santa Monica Bay NEP

- **1988: Locally-initiated Santa Monica Bay Project was funded by State Water Board and local interests.**
- **SMBP work was conducted by SCAG**
- **Developed State of the Bay report to meet Federal NEP requirements**

SWRCB Assisted with Nomination to NEP Program

- 1988: Governor of California formally nominated Santa Monica Bay to the NEP
- Nomination documentation prepared by State Water Board & local interests
- Management Conference then established, after EPA review of nomination

Management Conference Was Basic Outline For Existing SMBRC Structure

- Management Committee
- Sponsoring Agency Advisory Committee
 - US EPA
 - State Water Board
 - Now folded into today's Governing Board
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Public Advisory Committee

Management Conference Addressed Water Quality Issues Important to SWRCB

- Extent of Bay pollution
- Health of marine organisms
- Adverse impacts on human health
- Existing and future management & resources
- Developed milestones & commitments to improving Bay health

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project Structure Created in 1995

- Followed completion of first Bay Restoration Plan in 1994
- The Project was a Program within the State Water Board
- Established a three-tiered structure similar to the one in existence today.
 - Bay Watershed Council – Governing Body
 - Technical Advisory Committee – Advisory to BWC
 - Executive Committee – Advisory to BWC

SB 1381 (Kuehl)

Established New Structure In 2002

- “Project” replaced by new Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
- New Commission *independently* executes its duties
- State Water Board *required* by state law to continue to provide administrative support

Administrative Support Provided by the State Water Board

- Two staff positions currently provided
- Office space—housed in Region 4 offices
- Computer support, supplies, copiers, etc.
- Legal support—conferral with State Water Board legal counsel as needed
- Cal/EPA-State Water Board representative on the Governing Board
- Regional Water Board representative on the Governing Board

How SMBRC Assists the State Water Board: Projects

- Funded construction of 30+ dry-weather diversion and treatment facilities
- Funded several hundred trash capture devices throughout the watershed
- Collected information on levels of non-invasive species in the watershed

How SMBRC Assists the State Water Board: Stakeholder Support

- Coordinated stakeholders to reach consensus on first municipal storm water permit
- Provided key forum for Regional Board to receive public input on proposed Santa Monica Bay TMDLs
- Participated in Clean Beaches Initiative to help State and Regional boards develop funding priorities

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