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Agenda Item #3b

To: Governing Board, SMBRC
From: Shelley Luce, Executive Director
Subject : SMBRC Fiscal Year (FY) 13 Work Plan

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- Approve the 2013 Work Plan

Background

The SMBRC and its partner, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, comprise the National Estuary Program of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. The partnership receives its major operational funding through a grant from US EPA as specified in Section 320 of the Clean Water Act. Each year, we prepare a work plan outlining the issues we will work on, the program objectives, tasks, funding sources, and resource allocations for the work to be performed during the federal fiscal year. The US EPA requires that our Governing Board adopt a work plan, which is then used by US EPA to track our grant expenditures and our progress toward achieving our mission to improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resource, and protect the Bay's benefits and values.

The FY13 work plan builds upon the work being carried out in the current fiscal year and for this reason many of the tasks in the current work plan will be carried over. In addition, we propose several changes/additions that reflect new program priorities and opportunities. Also, new to this year, the proposed work plan incorporates suggestions from members of the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) at the February 22, 2012 meeting. We also reformatted the work plan by grouping all tasks in five major program areas. This restructuring makes the format of the work plan more consistent with the Bay Restoration Plan and other SMBRC publications such as the annual report, and will simplify tracking and reporting of our progress.

The Excel spreadsheet table that accompanies this staff report provides a summary of proposed FY 13 work plan tasks and how they are related to the tasks in our current (FY 12) work plan. Staff incorporated many of the suggestions made by WAC members in the FY 13 Work Plan and they are highlighted in [blue](#).

Upon adoption of the work plan by the Governing Board, it will be submitted to the US EPA for approval. Although the 2013 federal fiscal year does not start until October 1, 2012, US EPA has requested that we submit the work plan no later than April 15, 2012.

As the primary fiscal agent for the US EPA Section 320 grant funding, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (SMBRF) will prepare and submit the grant application including the adopted work plan, and receive and administer the grant funding on behalf of the SMBRC.

Budget/Financial Impact

Adoption of this work plan is necessary for the US EPA to award section 320 grant funding for the 2013 fiscal year.

our mission: to restore and enhance the santa monica bay through actions and partnerships that improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the bay's benefits and values

