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Agenda Item# 3 b

To: Governing Board, SMBRC  
From: Shelley Luce, Executive Director  
Subject Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) 2013 Update

## **Action Requested of the Governing Board:**

- Adopt the BRP 2013 Update

## **Background & Summary**

The process to update the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) began early this year and has been undertaken through a public process with involvement of the Governing Board, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC), and other interested stakeholders. Several meetings and workshops were convened specifically to share information, discuss related issues, and receive public input. Major events throughout the process include the following:

- February 13, 2013 Annual WAC meeting held to review progress in implementing the BRP and solicit ideas and suggestions regarding how to update the goals, objectives, and milestones included in the existing BRP.
- March 28, 2013 TAC reviewed and provided comments on a preliminary draft of the Update at the meeting. A follow-up webinar was held on May 24 for TAC members to provide additional comments.
- April 18, 2013 An overview of the summary and the process to incorporate WAC recommendations into the BRP was presented at the Governing Board meeting. Staff also presented and received feedback on the major (top-ten) issues and areas of the BRP considered for updating.
- June 20, 2013 A workshop was held during the Governing Board meeting to review and comments on the first part (Section A, Water Quality) of the draft Update.
- June 25, 2013 TAC conducted additional review and provided more comments at the meeting.

*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*



August 15, 2013      A second workshop was held during the Governing Board meeting to review and comments on the remaining parts (Section B, Natural Resources and Section C, Benefits and Values to Humans) of the draft Update.

On November 26 a new draft of the BRP 2013 Update was made available to members of the Governing Board as well as members of the Watershed Advisory Council for final review. This draft was developed based on comments received during those events listed above as well as written comments submitted to date.

The attached package includes a copy of the latest draft (dated November 26, 2013<sup>1</sup>) and a summary of written comments and staff responses. Staff recommends that the Governing Board vote to adopt this latest draft at the December meeting. Please notice that since November 26, staff has been reaching out to Governing Board members to ensure that the draft document have adequately addressed comments received. If additional changes to the draft are deemed necessary based on further input received during this process, staff may prepare and present a change sheet prior or at the Governing Board meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Non-substantive grammatical/editorial corrections were made to the draft distributed on November 26

