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

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- Recommend adoption of the BRP 2013 Update by the Governing Board

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.

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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.

A new draft of the BRP 2013 Update (dated November 21 and attached) was developed which incorporated comments received during those events listed above as well as written comments submitted to date. Staff recommends that this latest draft be submitted for Governing Board adoption at its December meeting. Please notice that there are still a few remaining information gaps in this latest draft. But we are confident that these gaps can be filled before the draft document is submitted for Governing Board approval.

Per requests from several Governing Board members, a “track change” version, in addition to the “clean” version of the document was prepared for review. To further assist members in reviewing this draft document, three Excel matrices were also developed. The first matrix provides a list of objectives and milestones and a brief explanation (Column H) for each milestone on whether it remains the same, is revised and/or re-numbered, or is completely new, as compared to the current BRP. The second matrix provides a list of milestones in the current BRP that are recommended for deletion and a brief description of the rationale for these deletions. The last matrix provides a summary of all written comments received, staff responses, and changes made if applicable.