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Agenda Item #3 d

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Tom Ford, Executive Director

Re: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointment Renewals

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- Review and renewal of TAC appointments

Background

The TAC functions as an unbiased scientific panel that provides reasoned recommendations on research projects and project implementation priorities to the Governing Board, as well as to the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP). The qualifications for TAC membership are specified in the SMBRC MOU (2011). Members should be experts in coastal and watershed science who are able to provide scientific opinions on a broad range of subject areas. They should also have a working knowledge of their scientific field and are able to work collaboratively to reach consensus on technical issues to present to the Governing Board. TAC members can be drawn from a variety of sectors, but they function as impartial scientific experts, not as representatives of their sectors. In addition, when taken as a whole, the TAC preferably should include a range of scientific specialties, for example intertidal ecology, fisheries, physical oceanography, plankton, sea birds, sediment, wetlands, etc.

Membership on the TAC is for a two-year term. There are no term limits for TAC membership. After renewal of their membership, the TAC members will elect or reelect a Chair for a two-year term. The TAC is also expected to work with staff to nominate new members, with complimentary expertise or other disciplines to enable the TAC to best accomplish its duties. The TAC will submit nominations for additional TAC members for approval by the Governing Board.

The current TAC consists of eight members. The affiliation and scientific fields represented by these members are summarized below.





Name	Affiliation	Expertise	Member Since
Dr. Richard Ambrose (Chair)	UCLA, Environmental Health Sciences	Environmental biology, ecology of coastal areas, resource management	2003
Steve Bay (Vice Chair)	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Environmental toxicology, tissue contamination, emerging contaminants	2003
Dr. John Dorsey	Loyola Marymount University	Wetland ecology, microbial contamination	2003
Dr. Mas Dojiri	City of LA Environmental Monitoring Division	Environmental monitoring, marine biology	2008
Dr. Rainer Hoenicke	Delta Stewardship Council	Systems ecology, watershed processes	2008
Dr. Karen Martin	Pepperdine University	Beach ecology, fish biology	2008
Dr. Dan Pondella	Occidental College, Vantuna Research Group	Fish ecology, evolution, and life- history	2003
Dr. Eric Stein	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Freshwater and wetland biology, watershed assessment	2013

