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To: Executive Committee, SMBRC

From: Tom Ford, Executive Director

Re: Proposition 84 Update

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

None. This is a review of the current ongoing Proposition 84 Request for Proposals (RFP) Process.

Background

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was passed by the voters of California on November 7, 2006. Proposition 84 allocated \$90 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) for coastal water quality improvement projects pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program (PRC§30915). Of this amount, \$18 million was made available to the SMBRC for projects that protect Santa Monica Bay beaches and coastal waters, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, and projects to protect and restore the Bay's marine, freshwater, and terrestrial habitats. Proposition 84 requires the SMBRC and State Board to work together to ensure that all projects are consistent with Clean Beaches Program requirements.

To date, the SMBRC has released two Proposition 84 RFPs and recommended 10 projects totaling \$9,220,500 to the State Board for funding. Two of those projects, totaling \$2 million, could not be implemented, and the recommendations were subsequently rescinded by the Governing Board. The SMBRC has approximately \$9 million available for project recommendations.

In November 2015, the SMBRC released its third RFP. The RFP focused on assisting responsible agencies in meeting the requirements of the new Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4 Permit). The application period closed on January 15, 2016. Ten applications totaling \$17,663,354 in funding requests were received by the submittal deadline.

SMBRC staff reviewed all proposals for completeness and eligibility and determined that all ten applications met the minimum requirements for technical review by the Clean Beaches Santa Monica Bay (CBSMB) task force.

In February 2016, the CBSMB task force and Commission staff reviewed the proposals for technical feasibility and ability to meet the priorities and criteria laid out in the RFP.

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On March 3, 2016 staff met with the CBSMB task force to discuss the proposal evaluations. Based on the discussions with the CBSMB task force, staff has determined that additional information from several applicants will be required prior to finalizing and submitting a Recommended Project List (RPL) to the Executive Committee and Governing Board.

In the coming months, staff will meet with several applicants to discuss questions and concerns that arose during the review process, conduct site visits, and develop a Draft Recommended Project list for consideration by the Executive Committee and Governing Board.

