



# bay restoration commission

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**February 14, 2017**

**Agenda Items #3c**

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Tom Ford, Executive Director

Re: SMBRC Watershed Advisory Council February 2017 Meeting Update and Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan Development

Action Requested of the Governing Board:  
None

## **Background**

Each year, the SMBRC, in collaboration with The Bay Foundation (TBF), prepares and submits a work plan of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) to USEPA that identifies the expected tasks and activities necessary to implement the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP), the objectives to be achieved, and the entity that is expected to carry out the specific tasks. USEPA uses the annual work plan to track grant expenditures and progress toward achieving the program's objectives, and to compile information on the environmental outcomes of work plan implementation.

The annual work plan for the federal fiscal year 2018 covers the time period between October 1st, 2017 and September 30, 2018 and it must be submitted to USEPA before the end of April in order to meet the deadlines for work plan review and approval by USEPA.

As in previous years, the process for developing the annual work plan involves solicitation of input from the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) at its annual meeting, and input and review from the Executive Committee and the Governing Board, and final approval by the Governing Board, which is tentatively scheduled for the April 20 Governing Board meeting. It is anticipated that the work plan for the upcoming fiscal year will build upon the work being carried out in the current fiscal year, including many multi-year tasks to be carried over to the next year and beyond. Meanwhile, changes will be made to reflect new program priorities and new project opportunities, based on the assessment of current work plan activities and in response to input received from the WAC and the Governing Board.

Accompanying this staff report is the records of comments received at the annual WAC meeting held on February 9, 2017 as well as through an online survey between February 2 and 12, 2017. At the February 16 Governing Board meeting, staff will present preliminary ideas and recommendations and seek Board member input regarding fiscal year 2018 work plan priorities, as well as incorporation of the comments received.

For your reference, the current fiscal year 2017 Work Plan can be viewed and downloaded at SMBRC's website at [http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/news\\_events/docs/fy2017\\_workplan\\_oct2016.pdf](http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/news_events/docs/fy2017_workplan_oct2016.pdf)

*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*

