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Agenda Item: 3 a i

To: Executive Committee

From: Tom Ford, Executive Director

Re: Appointment of SMBRC Governing Board Member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA) Governing Board

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- Recommend Governing Board vote to appoint one if its members to the SMBRA Governing Board

Background

The SMBRA is a joint exercise of powers agreement between the SMBRC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Established in 2004, the SMBRA has a Governing Board comprised of five members: the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (or his/her designee), the member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District who has been appointed to the SMBRC Governing Board (or his/her designee), and three voting members of the SMBRC Governing Board, as appointed by that body, not otherwise appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The three most recent SMBRC appointees are Gloria Gray (West Basin Municipal Water District, Sarah Sikich (Heal The Bay), and John Sibert (Malibu Watershed Cities, City of Malibu).

John Sibert termed out in November 2016, thus that seat is vacant.

Any member of the SMBRC Governing Board (whether voting or non-voting) is eligible to serve as an appointee to the SMBRA Governing Board. The SMBRA board meets from time to time as needed to approve annual budgets, grants, and special projects. The appointed position does not have specified term limits. Most recently, the board met to approve its Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to conduct a long-term restoration project on LAWA property.

Staff recommends that, following the January 2017 SMBRC Executive Committee meeting, a nomination period be opened up for interested SMBRC Governing Board members. As is done for the SMBRC Chair and Vice-Chair election process, the nomination period would close two days prior to the February 16, 2017 Governing Board





meeting, but re-open again for floor nominations on the day of the meeting. A vote would then be taken at the meeting in a manner deemed appropriate by the chair.

For more information on the SMBRA, the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, and the role the SMBRA plays in the overall Santa Monica Bay National Estuary program, please visit the SMBRC “Orientation Page” at http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about_us/orientation/ .

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