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Agenda Item #3 b

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA) FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Budgets

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- Approve the SMBRA FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Budgets

Background

The SMBRA was created by a joint exercise of powers agreement between the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) and operates as a local public agency within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed and the jurisdictional boundaries of the SMBRC and the District with the purpose of broadening funding opportunities for projects within the Santa Monica Bay.

The SMBRA Governing Board met on August 17, 2017 to consider adoption of the annual budget. Staff recommended that the Board adopt annual budgets for both FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 because the funds for the projects administered by the Authority are already secured for both fiscal years and no major changes to the budget is anticipated. The Board accepted staff recommendation and adopted the budget for both fiscal year during the meeting.

The joint exercise of powers agreement requires the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to review and consider approval of the SMBRA annual budget following adoption by the SMBRA Governing Board.

Attached below are the recommended SMBRA FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 annual budgets and brief description for the two projects funded and administered by the SMBRA for 2017-2019.



Project Descriptions for SMBRA 2017-2019

Wetland Protection Development Project (WPDG) Project

Through a grant from the US EPA Wetland Protection Development Grant Program to the SMBRA, the goal of this project is to advance a coordinated and consistent approach to wetland monitoring and assessment in accordance with the monitoring and assessment strategies developed by the State of California and USEPA. This project builds upon substantive efforts initiated in recent years to develop standardized intensive (i.e. Level 3, L3) wetland assessment methods and a framework and fill the need for an expansion of these effort necessary to continue progressing towards a comprehensive and cohesive statewide monitoring strategy. The intensive methods provide information on ecological function, are more diagnostic of restoration performance and regulatory compliance, and are important for the validation of rapid assessment methods. The consistent approaches to intensive assessment will foster efficiencies as each project develops and use comparable protocols and databases, and will improve our ability to share information between projects. Specifically, this project has conducted, and will continue to conduct field test and comparative analysis of the Level 3 intensive methods at several wetland locations throughout Southern California (including Ballona Wetlands), will continue to refine the L3 monitoring manual, and will outreach to, and communicate with wetland monitoring agencies and partners throughout California.

Malibu Lagoon – Restoration and Enhancement Project – Monitoring Grant

Through a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to the SMBRA, the goal of this project is to assess and document the post-restoration habitat conditions of Malibu Lagoon. Specifically, the project goal will be achieved through organization and performance of all surveys, monitoring, data analysis and reporting needed to meet the required Coastal Development Permit conditions for the Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project (COP # 4-07-098) as documented in Biological and Water Quality Monitoring Plan and Vegetation Assessment and Monitoring Plan. The project also involves coordination and supervision for volunteer plant maintenance crews. Activities covered under the FY 2017-2019 budget will be the last before the end of this five-year project. All data collected each year over the past four years have been compiled, analyzed, and published in cumulative annual reports accessible at <http://www.santamonicabay.org/explore/library/reports/>.



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SMBRA FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Budgets

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET		
REVENUE:		
Wetland Protection Development Project (WPDG) 2 Grant	\$	136,000
Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project Agreement	\$	147,000
OTHER:		
County of Los Angeles contribution	\$	11,500
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$	294,500
EXPENSES:		
Wetland Protection Development Project (WPDG) 2 Project		
TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	
1	Consolidate Regional Data Sets	\$13,600
2	Field Implementation of Level 3 Monitoring Protocols	\$40,800
3	Refine Level 3 Monitoring Manual	\$40,800
4	Outreach and Data Management	\$40,800
PROJECT TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR		\$ 136,000
Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project		
TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	
1	Project Management	\$20,000
2	Download and clean data, maintain database	\$5,000
3	Field surveys	\$34,000

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4	Chemistry lab analyses	\$19,000
5	Benthic macroinvertebrate lab analyses	\$31,000
6	Avian monitoring (Cooper Ecological Monitoring Inc.)	\$18,000
7	Fish Surveys (none)	\$0
8	Annual reporting	\$3,000
9	Data probe maintenance	\$9,000
10	Date probe replacement	\$0
11	Mileage	\$1,000
12	Equipment and supplies	\$7,000
13	Volunteer Management	\$0
PROJECT TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR		\$ 147,000
OTHER EXPENSES:		
	Annual Audit	\$ 11,000
	Board Bond	\$ 500
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 294,500
TOTAL REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES:		\$ -

**SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION
AUTHORITY
PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET**

REVENUE:

Wetland Protection Development Project (WPDG) 2 Grant	\$	92,000
Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project Agreement	\$	99,000
OTHER:		
County of Los Angeles contribution	\$	13,000

TOTAL REVENUE: **\$ 204,000**

EXPENSES:

**Wetland Protection Development Project (WPDG) 2
Project**

TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	
1	Consolidate Regional Data Sets	\$920
2	Field Implementation of Level 3 Monitoring Protocols	\$13,800
3	Refine Level 3 Monitoring Manual	\$38,640
4	Outreach and Data Management	\$38,640
PROJECT TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR		\$ 92,000

**Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement
Project**

TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	
1	Project Management	\$14,000
2	Download and clean data, maintain database	\$3,000
3	Field surveys	\$22,000
4	Chemistry lab analyses	\$13,000
5	Benthic macroinvertebrate lab analyses	\$21,000
6	Avian monitoring (Cooper Ecological Monitoring Inc.)	\$12,000
7	Fish Surveys (none)	\$0
8	Annual reporting	\$2,000





9	Data probe maintenance	\$6,000
10	Date probe replacement	\$0
11	Mileage	\$1,000
12	Equipment and supplies	\$5,000
13	Volunteer Management	\$0
PROJECT TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR		\$ 99,000
OTHER EXPENSES:		
	Annual Audit	\$ 12,000
	Board Bond	\$ 1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 204,000
TOTAL REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES:		\$ -

