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To: Executive Committee, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- Recommend Governing Board approval of the work plan

Background

Each year, the SMBRC collaborates with The Bay Foundation (TBF) to prepare and submit 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). 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 2019 (FY 2019) covers the time period between October 1st, 2018 and September 30, 2019 and it must be submitted to USEPA before the end of April to meet the deadlines for work plan review and approval by USEPA.

A draft work plan was distributed to the Governing Board members for review and input in early February. A presentation on the draft work plan was made at the February 15 SMBRC Governing Board meeting to further solicit input from Board members.

The FY 2019 work plan will build upon the work being carried out in the current fiscal year, including primarily multi-year tasks to be carried over to the next year and beyond. The differences between the FY18 Work Plan and the FY19 Work Plan are summarized in Appendix A of the draft work plan, through a table that briefly describes tasks that were either completed in FY18, combined with other tasks for FY19, or removed. Tasks were also combined mainly for the purpose of improving reporting efficiency, increasing the readability and succinctness of the text, increasing consistency of task scopes throughout the Work Plan, or providing a better understanding of projects with similar goals.

SMBRC and TBF staff are continuing in incorporating comments and input received from members at and after the February 15 Governing Board meeting, and developing the environmental outcomes, budget, and staffing section of the work plan. A final draft of the work plan will be submitted to the Governing Board for review and approval at the April 19 Board meeting.

