



bay restoration commission

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Agenda Item 3 b ii

To: Executive Committee, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Proposition 12 Grant Award Process

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- Recommend Governing Board adoption of the proposed resolution regarding the Proposition 12 grant award process

Background

On March 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 12 – the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. This bond measure provided over \$2 billion for parks and natural resource protection programs throughout the state. Within Proposition 12, \$25 million was made available to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (renamed the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission by State Legislature in 2003) to “fund grants to public agencies and non-profits to implement storm water and urban runoff pollution prevention programs, habitat restoration, and other priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan.” Per the bond measure, the Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council, now the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), shall determine project eligibility and establish grant priorities.

Proposition 12 bond funds are administered by the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC). Projects that meet the eligibility criteria and are consistent with SMBRC grant priorities must also be approved by the SCC. All grant funds are administered by the SCC through grant agreements between the SCC and grantees. Recommended projects must support the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (the Plan) goals, meet SCC project selection criteria, and be consistent with the SCC 2018-2022 Strategic Plan goals and objectives.

To date, approximately \$18 million of Prop 12 funding has been awarded to implement 49 projects in the SMB Watershed. In 2012, SMBRC staff, in consultation with our funding partners SCC (Prop12) and State Water Resources Control Board (Prop50 and Prop84), developed a list of projects for priority funding with the remaining available bond funding. The list included projects that were still in the planning phase, but were projected to be ready for implementation no later than 2018. Although several projects have since been funded, many projects are still in the planning phase, or are not yet ready to proceed to implementation.

The current remaining balance of approximately \$6.8 million available to the SMBRC for Proposition 12 grant funding recommendations must be encumbered by FY 2020 and spent by FY 2022 when the funds will liquidate. Due to the extremely tight timeframe, and in order to provide potential grantees the maximum amount of time possible to successful project implementation, staff is proposing the following steps to expedite project selection, approval, and execution.

Staff Recommendations:

Prepare and submit a resolution for adoption by the Governing Board at its April 19 Board meeting that

1. Affirming and further clarifying that any projects funded by this grant program must advance one or more goals and objectives of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (the Plan).
2. Direct staff to work with SCC staff on a coordinated process to award Prop 12 grant funds and carry out the following:
 - Post project solicitation notice and application guideline on SMBRC and SCC websites, and notify potential applicants via mailing lists and list server
 - Accept applications on a rolling basis until all funds are encumbered.
 - Evaluate proposed projects based on the following criteria:
 - The project will advance the goals and objectives of the Bay Restoration Plan in effect at the time the proposal is received;
 - The project is consistent with the SCC Strategic Plan;
 - The applicant is ready and able to implement the project and complete work by the funding deadline.
 - Evaluate proposals as they are received, and make formal funding recommendations directly to the Governing Board of the SCC.
 - Present progress updates at meetings of Executive Committee and Governing Board of the SMBRC.

Attachment

Draft Resolution regarding Proposition 12 Grand Award Process

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



SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

April 19, 2018

Resolution No. 18-XX

Resolution to Establish the Eligibility Criteria, Priority, and Process for Awarding the Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Funds

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) provided \$25 million for restoration of Santa Monica Bay in accordance with the goals and priorities of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Fund is administered by the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC); and

WHEREAS, to date, the SMBRC has recommended approximately \$18 million in Proposition 12 funding to SCC to implement 49 projects; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of \$6.8 million available for SMBRC funding recommendations must be encumbered by FY 2020 and spent by FY 2022 when the funds will liquidate.; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 provided that the Bay Watershed Council of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project, which is now the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission shall determine project eligibility and establishes grant priorities; and

WHEREAS, all projects must be consistent with the State Coastal Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to qualify for funding administered by the SCC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission establishes the goals and objectives of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (the Plan) as grant priorities for the remaining Prop 12 \$6.8 million, and prioritizes funding to projects that meet one or more of the goals and objectives of the Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission has determined that projects that meet one or more of the goals and objectives of the Plan are eligible for funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission acknowledges that projects that meet one or more of the goals and objectives of the Plan, must also be consistent with the State Coastal Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the staff of the SMBRC is directed to work with SCC staff to implement a coordinated process to award Prop. 12 grant funds by posting project solicitation notices and applications on SMBRC and SCC websites, notifying potential applicants via mailing lists and list servers, and any other appropriate means of communication; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that grant applications will be evaluated by SMBRC and SCC staff on the applicant's ability to advance the goals and objectives of the Bay Restoration Plan in effect at the time the proposal is received, are consistent with the State Coastal Conservancy's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, and the applicant's ability to implement the project and complete work by the funding deadline; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and SMBRC and SCC staff will make formal funding recommendations directly to the Governing Board of the SCC until all grant funds are expended; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SMBRC staff will present progress updates at meetings of Executive Committee and Governing Board of the SMBRC.