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**August 15, 2018**

**Agenda Item: 3c**

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Proposition 12 Grant Award Process

## **Action Requested of Governing Board:**

- Rescind Resolution 18-01 regarding the Proposition 12 grant award process through Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 18-XX

## **Background**

To date, the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) has awarded over \$17 million of Proposition 12 (Prop 12) Santa Monica Bay (SMB) funds for 49 projects in the SMB Watershed. In the Budget Act of 2017, the legislature appropriated the remaining balance of approximately \$6.9 million of Prop 12 funds designated for SMB. The State Coastal Conservancy has notified the Commission that these remaining funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2020 and spent by June 30, 2022. Any funds unencumbered by June 30, 2020 will not be granted. Additionally, all funded projects must be completed by early Spring 2022 and project costs not incurred by early Spring 2022 will not be reimbursed (the early Spring deadline is the minimum time needed to disburse funds by June 30).

To award the Prop 12 funds for SMB, SCC requires the Commission's determination of project eligibility and grant priority (which it will apply along with all other aspects of SCC's grant program, such as consistency with its enabling legislation). At its April 19, 2018 meeting, the Commission, in recognition of the approaching funding deadlines, adopted resolution 18-01 (Attachment 1). The resolution established the goals, objectives, and priorities for projects to be funded with the remaining Prop 12 funds. The resolution also directed staff to evaluate potential projects based on their ability to advance the goals and objectives of the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP), produce multiple benefits, and the applicant's ability to implement and complete the project prior to the funding deadline. Finally, to expedite the approval process and give potential grantees the best opportunity to complete projects by the funding deadline, the resolution delegated to staff the authority to recommend qualified projects directly to the SCC for approval.

Subsequent to approval of resolution 18-01, a project solicitation notice and application guidelines were jointly announced by the SMBRC and the SCC on May 11, 2018. As of August 14, 2018, eight eligible applications have been received, with \$5,456,504 in total funding requested.

After consultation with the Coastal Conservancy and discussion with the Executive Committee at its July 19 meeting, SMBRC staff believe that focused outreach to solicit additional project applications will best address and encourage additional project applications, and that the process outlined in Resolution No. 18-01 is no longer necessary. As a result, SMBRC staff are recommending the rescission of Resolution 18-01.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Given the latest status of the Prop. 12 solicitation process, staff recommends that the Governing Board rescind Resolution 18-01 by adopting Resolution 18-XX.

**Attachments**

Draft Resolution 18-XX Rescinding Resolution 18-01

Resolution 18-01 regarding Proposition 12 Grant Award Process

**SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION**  
**August 16, 2018**

**Resolution No. 18-XX**

**Resolution to Rescind Resolution 18-01 Concerning 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 to the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for restoration of Santa Monica Bay; and

WHEREAS, to date, SCC has awarded approximately \$17 million in Proposition 12 grants to implement 49 projects to restore Santa Monica Bay; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of approximately \$6.9 million available for SMB restoration must be encumbered by June 30, 2020 and spent by June 30, 2022, after which the funds will no longer be available; 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 (SMBRC), shall determine project eligibility and establish grant priorities for SCC's grants of SMB restoration funds; and

WHEREAS, all projects must be consistent with the SCC's enabling legislation and grant program requirements; and

WHEREAS, project applicants must be public agencies or non-profits 501(c)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the SMBRC adopted Resolution No. 18-01 in April 2018 based on the need to expedite Proposition 12 projects to ensure that the remaining Prop. 12 funds were encumbered by June 30, 2020 and spent by June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after additional consideration and consultation with the California Coastal Conservancy subsequent to adoption of Resolution No. 18-01, SMBRC staff have determined that there is no longer a need for the expedited process as outlined in Resolution No. 18-01.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the SMBRC hereby RESCINDS Resolution No. 18-01.

*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. 18-01*

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NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the SMBRC determines 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 SMBRC establishes that multi-benefit projects that advance the goals and objectives of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) are priority projects for grant funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the SMBRC acknowledges that projects that meet one or more of the goals and objectives of the BRP, must also be consistent with the SCC's enabling legislation and grant program requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the staff of the SMBRC is directed to work with SCC staff to implement a coordinated process to award Proposition 12 grant funds by posting the project solicitation notice and application 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 staff on the project's ability to advance the goals and objectives of the BRP in effect at the time the proposal is received, 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 staff will make written funding recommendations to the SCC until SCC has authorized expenditure of all remaining grant funds; and,

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

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission