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Agenda Item: 3d

To: Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Consideration of Approval of Proposition 12 Project Recommendations

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

Adopt Resolution 18-04 Recommending that the State Coastal Conservancy Fund Ten (10) Proposition 12 Projects

Background

On March 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 12 (Prop 12) – the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. This bond measure provided \$2.1 billion for parks and natural resource protection programs throughout the state. Within Prop 12, over \$220 million was allocated to the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), with \$25 million of SCC’s allocation specifically designated for restoration of Santa Monica Bay (SMB).

Prop 12 provides for SCC to use the SMB funds for “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.” (Public Resources Code § 5096.352(b). The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) determines project eligibility and establishes grant priorities for SCC’s grants of these Prop 12 SMB funds.

To date, SCC has awarded over \$17 million of Prop 12 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. Remaining Prop 12 funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2020 and projects must be completed by March 2022.

To meet the funding deadlines, a project solicitation notice and application guidelines were jointly announced by the SMBRC and the SCC on May 11,

2018. Seventeen applications have been received as of December 1, 2018. One application was withdrawn at the applicant's request, and one application was deemed ineligible. The fifteen (15) eligible project applications represented a total of \$13,111,702 in funding requests, and total project costs of \$33,689,246.

SMBRC and SCC staff have evaluated all proposals received to date. When appropriate, applicants were given the opportunity to answer additional questions, clarify application answers, and supply additional supporting documents. SMBRC and SCC staff also conducted site visits and met in person with several applicants to gain additional understanding of proposed projects.

Projects were evaluated based on multiple criteria, including;

- The extent to which the project achieves one or more objectives of the BRP
- The extent to which the project provides multiple benefits
- Whether the project satisfies Conservancy Criteria
- Whether the project is consistent with best available science, technology, and practices
- The extent to which the project will deliver sustainable outcomes in the long term and the applicant demonstrates a clear and reasonable method for measuring and reporting the effectiveness of the project
- The extent to which the applicant demonstrates experience successfully implementing similar projects or demonstrates appropriate and necessary partnerships to complete the project
- The extent to which the application includes a complete, reasonable and well thought out proposed scope of work, budget and schedule
- Whether the project is located in, or benefits a disadvantaged community
- Availability of matching funds

Using the criteria listed above, staff has developed a list of ten (10) recommended projects (Attachment 1) for consideration by the Governing Board. A total of up to \$8,201,331 in funding has been requested. The list and brief summary of all eligible projects are provided in Attachment 2.

As indicated above, the recommended funding for each project represents an amount "up to" the full funding request for that project. Staff is recommending this method for funding recommendations because two National Park Service (NPS) projects (Paramount Ranch and California Red-legged Frog Reintroduction) were impacted by the recent Woolsey Fire. Staff has reached out to NPS and they have indicated that they are still interested in implementing these projects. Staff is working with NPS to determine if the two projects are still viable, and that they can be completed By March, 2022. By recommending "up to" funding amounts, Coastal Conservancy will have the flexibility to reallocate funds to more fully fund other projects on the Recommended Project List that may receive partial funding, should one or both NPS projects be reduced in scale or not be able to be implemented. However, the total amount of funding for all projects will not exceed the remaining \$6.9 million

available for this program.

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 18-04 (Attachment 3) directing staff to submit the Recommended Project List to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding approval.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Recommended Project List

Attachment 2 - Summary of all eligible Proposition 12 Grant Applications

Attachment 3 – Draft Resolution 18-04

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Attachment 1

Proposition 12 Recommended Project List

Applicant: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Project Name: Monteith Park & View Park Green Alley Stormwater Capture Project

Total Project Cost: \$3,711,505

Funds Requested: \$1,500,000

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$1,500,000

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will construct a stormwater infiltration system at Monteith Park which will divert flows from Project 680 (a 33-inch diameter storm drain system) and Project 679 (a 30-inch diameter storm drain system), and a system at the View Park Green Alley which will divert flows from Project 670 (a 45-inch diameter storm drain system) to the infiltration system. Each diversion will consist of a drop inlet along the existing storm drain invert that redirects the flow towards pretreatment system before it enters the infiltration system. The pretreatment system will consist of a baffle box with a trash capture screen to ensure long term effectiveness of the infiltration system and minimize maintenance activities to prevent the system from clogging prematurely. Treated flow will enter the infiltration system where captured stormwater runoff will be allowed to percolate into the ground.

The infiltration system at the park will consist of twelve (12), 66-feet deep, 36-inch diameter infiltration wells that will be installed within the open space of the Park. The Park portion of the Project will also include recreation and aesthetic amenities such walking trails, native drought tolerant landscaping, bio-swales, and shade structures. The infiltration system at the View Park Green Alley will consist of four (4), 66-feet deep, 36-inch diameter infiltration wells that will be installed within the open space of the alley. The Green Alley portion of the Project will also include additional amenities such as LID, porous concrete, native drought tolerant landscaping, permeable pavers, and planter pockets.

Applicant: The Bay Foundation

Project Name: Ballona Wetlands Community Restoration and Stewardship

Total Project Cost: \$223,743

Funds Requested: \$90,000

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$90,000

The Bay Foundation (TBF) and Friends of Ballona Wetlands, with support from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), propose to conduct restoration activities at two adjacent habitats within the Ballona Wetlands Reserve with focus on managing non-native vegetation through community restoration events and conducting supplemental revegetation informed by scientific monitoring, to help native plants establish. This two-year effort will allow both partners to work with youth and community participants to remove iceplant and other invasive, non-native plants from targeted areas, restoring two acres of unique wetland and dune/upland habitat within the Reserve. The restoration events will not only enhance the ecological conditions of the sites, but also create educational and stewardship opportunities and increase public involvement at the Reserve. Specific project components include:

- A minimum of 12 TBF and FBW staff-led community restoration events focused on non-native vegetation management will be held each year for two consecutive years (A total of 24 events). Additionally, TBF and FBW staff will conduct supplemental native revegetation efforts.
- Outreach and Community Engagement –, targeted outreach and educational opportunities to school children and other youth groups associated with the public restoration events, educational workshops with Q&A at restoration events, and newsletters and continual webpage updates.
- Permitting and Pre-Restoration Monitoring – the restoration area is already permitted by the CA Coastal Commission through CDP No.'s 5-15-1427 and 5-97-144, and CDFW access permits (both TBF and FBW), which will expedite the start of project activities. Pre-restoration monitoring of both sites will inform restoration activities, supplemental revegetation, and provide a baseline to measure impacts of restoration efforts.
- Post-Restoration Monitoring and Maintenance – scientific monitoring (also supported by matching funds). This project component may also include supplemental revegetation efforts, if needed.

Applicant: Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Project Name: Abalone Cove Habitat Restoration

Total Project Cost: \$484,800

Funds Requested: \$201,280

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$201,280

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy will implement an existing habitat restoration plan on 13-acres at Abalone Cove Reserve. The restoration includes the removal of invasive trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants; the propagation of native plant species and desired quantities; irrigation and planting specifications; maintenance schedule; and monitoring and reporting protocols. Tasks include;

- **Site Preparation:** Removal of invasive Acacia trees, iceplant, fennel, mustard, non-native annual grasses, tumbleweed, and scotch broom.
- **Irrigation:** Temporary, drip system irrigation will be installed after the site is cleared of non-native plants during the summer/fall season prior to native plant installation.
- **Revegetation:** Native plant species will be selected for site appropriateness and to achieve the goals of providing critical habitat for the California gnatcatcher, cactus wren, El Segundo blue butterfly, and Palos Verdes blue butterfly as well as to facilitate the range expansion of the listed rare plant species. Plants will be propagated in the Conservancy's native plant nursery, and grown from seeds sourced in the vicinity of the project.
- **Maintenance:** Removal of invasive plants after native plant installation and replacement planting to fill in areas of low native plant coverage will take place for three years after planting.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Conservancy staff will perform annual monitoring of each project area beginning one year after native plants are installed. Reports will be submitted after monitoring each year.
- **Trail Enhancements and Signage:** Trail improvements will include low-impact fencing to keep visitors out of the restoration areas and guide foot traffic onto the California Coastal Trail and other approved trails. Additionally, improvements will include posting Coastal Trail decals and trail markers to enhance wayfinding from the parking area to the beach.

Applicant: National Park Service

Project Name: Reestablishment of California red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*) to the Santa Monica Mountains

Total Project Cost: \$422,300

Funds Requested: \$202,100

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$202,100

The National Park Service (NPS) propose to reintroduce and reestablish population of California red-legged frogs to the Santa Monica Mountains. The NPS has established protocols to reintroduce California Red-Legged Frogs (CRLF) to the Santa Monica Mountains where they are native and were once abundant. NPS translocates partial egg masses from a "source" population to suitable stream sites within the Santa Monica Mountains. Eggs and tadpoles are kept in predator-proof pens located on site in the translocation streams. The pens are monitored twice weekly and tadpoles are fed organic lettuce, algae, and protein pellets. Once the tadpoles are large enough to have a better chance of avoiding predation, they are released into the stream. NPS conducts year-round monitoring of the translocation streams for CRLF at all life stages. NPS proposes to continue this protocol, and add pit-tagging and night surveys to improve estimates for

establishment. Project tasks include;

- Translocating CRLF partial egg masses to four historically occupied stream sites. This process includes multiple weekly visits to the translocation pens for feeding. After tadpole release, all sites will be monitored for growth of CRLFs.
- Monitoring sites for CRLF at all life stages with weekly visual surveys and PIT tagging of individual frogs periodically. NPS will also monitor for the presence of other native and non-native species.

Applicant: The Trust for Public Land

Project Name: Carbon Canyon Acquisition Project

Total Project Cost: \$2,200,000

Funds Requested: \$350,000

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$350,000

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) proposes the acquisition in fee of 91 acres of undeveloped land in Carbon Canyon, outside of Malibu. TPL will complete due diligence for the property (title, appraisal, and environmental review). TPL expects to acquire the land in fee by December 2019, for immediate conveyance to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Association (MRCA). MRCA will then own and operate the land in perpetuity. The project will permanently protect 91 acres of open space and habitat in the Santa Monica Mountains, preserving habitat and wildlife corridors, preventing development, preserving the scenic viewshed, and increasing public access to recreation.

Applicant: Southern California Marine Institute

Project Name: Palos Verdes Restoration Reef

Total Project Cost: \$6,500,000

Funds Requested: \$1,176,470

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$1,176,470

The Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI) proposes to restore 69-acres of rocky reef/kelp habitat near Bunker Point off the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Approximately 70,000 tons of quarry rock from Catalina Island will be used to construct a restoration reef, designed as set of eight “blocks”. Each block will contain three modules in differing configurations. Blocks will be placed proximate to natural reef habitat and will be oriented to restore the lost features of the reef. This replicated design will allow SCMI to analyze different reef configurations and the overall contribution of the restoration habitat to the nearshore ecosystem. The project will help restore the nearshore ecological rocky-reef

community, support approximately 6 tons of reef fishes and a proportional amount of invertebrates, and increase the abundance of commercial and recreational species, offsetting historical losses to ecosystem services.

Applicant: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Project Name: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project)

Total Project Cost: \$2,534,000

Funds Requested: \$1,155,375

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$1,155,375

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) proposes to construct a 100 gallon per minute advanced water treatment demonstration facility to test the microfiltration, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet light disinfection, and advanced oxidation components of a Pure Water advanced treatment facility. The demonstration facility will occupy an existing vacant building owned by the District. Interpretive signage and educational materials will explain each step of the treatment process, the need for potable reuse, and the environmental benefits associated with the project. Tours will be conducted for local schools, service groups, and the general public. Visitors will be provided the opportunity to taste the treated water and will complete before and after surveys. Operation of the advanced water system will provide the opportunity to evaluate the performance of equipment, optimize operational efficiency, train operators and compile information into a final report to be shared with other entities interested in pursuing potable reuse projects. The results of the Demonstration Project's research will be used for the development of a full-scale project that will provide up to 5,141 acre-feet of locally-sourced water annually.

Applicant: City of Torrance (Lead for Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach)

Project Name: Beach Cities Multi-Benefit Green Streets Project

Total Project Cost: \$5,145,000

Funds Requested: \$2,550,000

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$2,550,000

The proposed project will retrofit existing impervious streets, parkways, and medians within public right-of-ways in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach with various green infrastructure solutions and, where feasible, above ground vegetated elements to intercept and retain stormwater runoff from the urbanized coastal watershed and improve water quality in the Santa Monica Bay.

A full suite of Green Street BMPs (pervious pavement, dry wells, bio-filtration and bio-retention systems, vegetated curb extensions, planters, swales and rain gardens) will be used in design and implementation of unique projects in the four beach cities indicated above. Together, the Green Streets Project will capture, treat, and where possible, infiltrate stormwater runoff from a combined 198-acre area. In addition, full capture trash systems will be installed throughout these watersheds to eliminate trash entering the storm drain system. Each project site will offer a unique set of multi-benefits depending on its location and design.

This Project is the result of the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) process which analyzed multiple BMPs through a GIS-based water quality analysis model to predict target load reductions expected from structural and source control BMPs, including green streets. The proposed project is an outcome of this extensive planning and BMP evaluation process to meet pollutant load reduction targets and support the protection of beneficial uses of Santa Monica Bay.

Applicant: National Park Service

Project Name: Paramount Ranch Stormflow and Sediment Reduction Project

Total Project Cost: \$1,032,689

Funds Requested: \$516,106

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$516,106

The project will conserve water, reduce sediment loading, improve water quality, and restore riparian habitat at Paramount Ranch using the following design elements:

- Capture, store and re-use roof rainwater from the Western Town buildings by installing rain gutters and catchments, and re-aligning drainage into structural BMPs such as underground cisterns to improve landscape watering.
- Re-contour the banks of degraded Coyote Creek (tributary to Medea Creek), add pedestrian crossings, install over 1,100 native riparian plants from the NPS nursery to stabilize the banks and reduce erosion and peak flows into Medea Creek.
- Replace the current instream crossing with a pedestrian/equestrian bridge across Medea Creek.
- Install a vegetated buffer incorporating bioswales/berms along the edge of a 5-acre parking area to redirect drainage, manage stormflows, encourage infiltration, and reduce sediment input along 1,000 feet of Medea Creek. Adjust grading to reduce flood impacts to the parking area.
- Implement institutional BMPs involving public education and visitor outreach to explain the benefits of these methods to reduce sedimentation, vehicle particulate and fluid runoff, and horse manure loading to Medea Creek.

Applicant: Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains
Project Name: Topanga Lagoon Restoration Planning

Total Project Cost: \$913,124

Funds Requested: \$460,000

Funding Recommendation: Up to \$460,000

The proposed project will advance the planning effort for the restoration of Topanga Lagoon. The Topanga State Park General Plan (2012) identified the lagoon and adjacent wetland restoration as a key action item. The goal of this project is to build on the Topanga Creek Watershed and Lagoon Restoration Feasibility Study (2002), Topanga Lagoon Preliminary Soil Investigation (2003), and the Topanga Lagoon Bridge Replacement and Lagoon Restoration study (2004) to produce conceptual restoration alternatives for Topanga Lagoon. The Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, in partnership with California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), will review existing data and conduct technical studies to inform the restoration design; develop ecosystem restoration and public access goals and objectives with input from a technical advisory committee and public stakeholders; and develop three conceptual restoration alternatives designed to improve habitat for the endangered steelhead trout and tidewater goby, be resilient to sea level rise and climate change, and improve visitor experience and enhance recreational opportunities.

Attachment 2

Summary of Proposition 12 Grant Funding Applications (Received as of 12/01/2018)

1. County of Los Angeles - The proposed project consists of constructing a stormwater infiltration system and making recreational and aesthetic improvements at Monteith Park and at View Park alley. Stormwater will be diverted into the infiltration system and be allowed to percolate into the ground. The project will prevent potentially polluted runoff from being discharged downstream thus improving the water quality in the Ballona Creek Watershed.

Funds Requested: \$1,500,000 - Total Project Cost \$3,711,505

2. The Bay Foundation -The Bay Foundation and Friends of Ballona Wetlands are partners on a restoration, stewardship, and community engagement project at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. The proposed project will restore two acres of unique wetland and dune/upland habitat at the Reserve, and help ongoing restoration in adjacent areas through community restoration events. Restoration events will concentrate on managing invasive plant species on-site, revegetation as necessary with native plants, and monitoring to inform project success and adaptive management.

Funds Requested: \$90,000 – Total Project Cost: \$223,743

3. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy – The proposed project will restore 13 acres of rare coastal bluff habitat to support threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species, reduce coastal erosion, improve stormwater infiltration and enhance public access along the California Coastal Trail in Abalone Cove Reserve.

Funds Requested: \$201,280 – Total Project Cost: \$484,800

4. National Park Service - Reestablishment of California red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*) to the Santa Monica Mountains. The proposed project builds on an existing reintroduction project to save the rare California Red- Legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*) in a highly impacted Southern California urban landscape.

Funds Requested: \$202,100 – Total Project Cost: \$422,300

5. The Trust for Public Land – Acquisition of 91 acres of undeveloped land in Carbon Canyon, approximately 0.5 miles inland from Carbon Beach in Malibu. The property will ultimately be owned and managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, this acquisition will prevent rural estate development in a fire-prone area and will expand recreational and trail access in the region.

Funds Requested: \$350,000 – Total Project Cost: \$2,200,000

6. Southern California Marine Institute – The proposed project will restore 69 acres of lost rocky reef/kelp bed habitat on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Quarry rock (70,000 tons) from Catalina Island will be used to construct the restoration reef. The reef will be designed in several configurations, which will allow applicant to determine the optimal configuration and the overall contribution of the restored reef to the nearshore ecosystem.

Funds Requested: \$1,176,470 – Total Project Cost: \$6,500,000

7. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District - The proposed project will construct a 100 gallon per minute, indirect potable water reuse demonstration project for reservoir augmentation that will produce up to 6 million gallons of local, drought resistant water supply per day, while improving in-stream habitat. The demonstration facility is needed to test the advanced microfiltration, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet light disinfection, and oxidation components of a Pure Water advanced treatment facility prior to implementation of a full-scale project.

Funds Requested: \$1,155,375 – Total Project Cost: \$2,534,000

8. City of Torrance (Lead for Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach Project) City of Torrance will act as the lead for this project to design and construct Green Street infrastructure to increase stormwater infiltration and help meet water quality objectives set for the Santa Monica Bay Beaches for bacteria, DDT and PCBs, and marine debris Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). The Beach Cities (Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach) will retrofit existing impervious areas within the public parkways and right-of-ways using green infrastructure technologies such as porous pavement, catch basin trash screens, bio-filtration/bio-retention systems and dry wells.

Funds Requested: \$2,550,000 – Total Project Cost: \$5,145,000

9. National Park Service - The project proposes to reduce sediment, increase capture and re-use of stormwater, restore riparian habitat, increase natural flood attenuation, and protect historic structures at National Park Service's Paramount Ranch on Medea Creek, a tributary to Malibu Creek. The project includes stormwater capture BMPs, riparian restoration, pedestrian and equestrian bridges, and public education.

Funds Requested: \$516,106 – Total Project Cost: \$1,032,689

10. Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains - The proposed project will create an integrated restoration plan that incorporates fish passage, wetland habitat restoration, visitor services and recreational opportunities at Topanga Lagoon. The goal is to restore a self-sustaining functional lagoon at the only creek in the Santa Monica Mountains with a reproducing steelhead population. Applicant indicates that this project will result in three conceptual design alternatives for the restoration of Topanga Lagoon and wetlands.

Funds Requested: \$460,000 – Total Project Cost: \$913,124

11. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District – The proposed project will implement upgrades to Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to achieve water quality improvements, enhance in-stream habitat and provide critical in-stream flow to support endangered steelhead trout in Malibu Creek. To achieve NPDES permit and TMDL compliance, an additional treatment process (break-point chlorination) will be implemented to reduce total nitrogen prior to discharge to Malibu Creek.

Funds Requested: \$630,000 – Total Project Cost: \$1,260,000

12. City of Calabasas - The proposed project will include the redesign of sections along Malibu Hills Road in Calabasas with green infrastructure through the addition of three

medians with bio-filtration systems that help filter out existing surface flow pollutants through natural systems. The project includes the planting of trees along the roadways and the replacement of existing surfaces with a permeable surface.
Funds Requested: \$550,000 – Total Project Cost: \$1,100,000

13. County of Los Angeles - The proposed project will construct a stormwater filtration system at Viewridge Road and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Stormwater will also be diverted into a cistern to be used for irrigation purposes. The Project will prevent potentially polluted runoff from being discharged downstream, improving the water quality in the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed.
Funds Requested: \$1,650,000 – Total Project Cost: \$7,520,000

14. Loyola Marymount University Coastal Research Institute - The proposed project will construct a greenhouse facility to support native plant propagation and growth for habitat restoration projects in coastal Los Angeles. The project will benefit ongoing restorations, improve climate resilience, improve capacity for seed collection and germination research, and engage the community, through construction of greenhouse facilities and collection and growth of a variety of native plant species to support restoration projects.
Funds Requested: \$1,580,371 – Total Project Cost: \$2,236,981

15. West Basin Municipal Water District - The proposed Project will assist 13 cities and LA County within the Santa Monica Bay (SMB) watershed to become more water efficient and decrease dry-weather runoff and pollutant loading into the SMB through retrofits of street medians and parkways. The Program will provide grant funding, up to \$25,000 per project site, to implement water saving and runoff reduction measures, for 20 street median/parkway locations. Total expected water savings is 8.75 AFY and 100% runoff reduction.

Attachment 3

Draft SMBRC Governing Board Resolution 18-04

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION

December 13, 2018

Resolution No. 18-04

Resolution to Adopt the Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Program
Recommended Project List

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 Santa Monica Bay restoration must be encumbered by June 30, 2020 and spent by June 30, 2022; 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 Santa Monica Bay 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, a project solicitation notice and application guidelines were jointly announced by the SMBRC and the SCC on May 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, fifteen (15) eligible project applications were received as of December 1, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, SMBRC and SCC staff have evaluated all applications received to date using the criteria documented in the application guidelines; and

WHEREAS, SMBRC and SCC staff have developed a list of ten (10) recommended projects that best achieve the goals and objectives of the Bay Restoration Plan, and satisfy SCC funding criteria.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission hereby adopts the attached Recommended Project List; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission recommends that the State Coastal

Conservancy funds the projects listed on the Recommended Project List attached to the December 7, 2018 Staff Report regarding Approval of Proposition 12 Project Recommendations.

BY: _____

Chair, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board