

SMBNEP Governance Workshop
December 13, 2018

Purpose of Workshop

Under EPA NEP Guidance, the Santa Monica Bay NEP Management Conference is obligated to periodically review the structure of governance for the Santa Monica Bay NEP.

In June 2018, the staff of the Bay Foundation and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission presented background on the structure of the SMBNEP and its component elements.

This workshop is intended to be an initial opportunity for the Governing Board/Management Committee of the SMBNEP to provide input on the current governance and any suggestions for changes and modifications to the overall governance structure, or to any of the specific elements of the governance structure, and any policies and practices.

Workshop Agenda

Introduction to Workshop Goals and Objectives- Dr. Guangyu Wang/Tom Ford	5 minutes
Governance of NEPs- US EPA, Region 9, Erica Yelensky	10 minutes
Facilitated discussion- Marc Beyeler, Principal, MBA Consultants	45 minutes

Facilitated Discussion-Issues and Questions to Consider

EPA NEP Cornerstones:

Focus on Watersheds; Integrate Science into Decision-making; Foster collaborative Problem-solving; and Involve the Public

Santa Monica Bay NEP Priority action categories:

Managing Projects; Making Policy; Raising and Expending Funds; Researching and Monitoring the Bay Condition; Educating and Engaging Stakeholders.

Santa Monica Bay NEP Principles for Governance:

Clarity in Roles and Responsibilities; Inclusive; Transparent; Stakeholder-based; Science-led; Results focused; Integrative.

Issues/Questions to consider:

Are there particular issues or topics that are important to you for this review?

How well informed and how familiar are you with the structure and functions of the current governance structure?

(Not at all; A little; More than a Little; A lot; Fully)

How well does the current governance structure meet the NEP Cornerstones and the SMBNEP (CCMP Action Plan) Goals and Objectives?

(Not at all; some; more than some; A lot; Fully meets)

How effective is the current governance structure in meeting CCMP Action Plan priorities?

(Very effective; effective; somewhat effective; not effective; don't know; need more information)

What elements of the current governance structure work best?

(Executive Committee; Governing Board; Watershed Advisory Council; Technical Advisory Committee; SMBRC-TBF partnership; Joint Power Authority)

How well suited is the current governance structure to address Key Management Issues and Challenges looking forward?

Are there elements of the current governance structure that could be modified for improved performance?

(Executive Committee; Governing Board; Watershed Council; Technical Advisory Committee; SMBRC-TBF partnership; Joint Power Authority)

What policies and practices implemented under the current SMBNEP governance structure contribute most to achieving the SMBNEP's goals and objectives?

Are there new policies and practices that could be incorporated into the SMBNEP governance structure and operations that could lead to better achievement of the SMBNEP's goals and objectives?

Other Comments/Questions/Notes:

Optional:

Name: _____

Organization:
