



# bay restoration commission

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Agenda Item #3 b

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Reappointment

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

- Review and reappoint TAC members

## **Background**

The TAC functions as an unbiased scientific panel that provides reasoned recommendations on research projects and project implementation priorities to the Governing Board, as well as to the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP). The qualifications for TAC membership are specified in the SMBRC MOU (2011). Members should be experts in coastal and watershed science who are able to provide scientific opinions on a broad range of subject areas. They should also have a working knowledge of their scientific field and are able to work collaboratively to reach consensus on technical issues to present to the Governing Board. TAC members can be drawn from a variety of sectors, but they function as impartial scientific experts, not as representatives of their sectors. In addition, when taken as a whole, the TAC preferably should include a range of scientific specialties, for example intertidal ecology, fisheries, physical oceanography, plankton, sea birds, sediment, wetlands, etc.

Membership on the TAC is for a two-year term and there are no term limits for the membership. The current TAC consists of nine members. All of them except for Phyllis Grifman were appointed in February 2016, and their term ends at the end of February 2018. All eight members have expressed their willingness to continue serving on the TAC for another 2-year term.

After renewal of their membership, the TAC members will elect or reelect a Chair for a two-year term. The TAC may work with staff to nominate new members for approval by the Governing Board, with complimentary expertise or other disciplines to enable the TAC to best accomplish its duties.

The affiliation and scientific fields represented by current TAC members are summarized below.

*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*



<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Member Since</b>
Dr. Richard Ambrose	UCLA, Environmental Health Sciences	Environmental biology, ecology of coastal areas, resource management	2003
Steve Bay (Chair)	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Environmental toxicology, tissue contamination, emerging contaminants	2003
Dr. John Dorsey	Loyola Marymount University	Wetland ecology, microbial contamination	2003
Dr. Mas Dojiri (Vice Chair)	City of LA Environmental Monitoring Division	Environmental monitoring, marine biology	2008
Phyllis Grifman*	USC Sea Grant	Coastal socioeconomics, marine spatial planning	2017
Dr. Rainer Hoenicke	Delta Stewardship Council	Systems ecology, watershed processes	2008
Dr. Karen Martin	Pepperdine University	Beach ecology, fish biology	2008
Dr. Dan Pondella	Occidental College, Vantuna Research Group	Fish ecology, evolution, and life- history	2003
Dr. Eric Stein	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Freshwater and wetland biology, watershed assessment	2013

\*Newly appointed since August 2017.