



bay restoration commission

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Agenda Item: 2.b.i

To: SMBRC Executive Committee

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Update on Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant

Action Requested of the Executive Committee:

- None.

Background

The resolution (18-01) adopted by the SMBRC Governing Board at its April 18 meeting determines project eligibility for Proposition 12 Santa Monica Bay grant funds based on whether a project advances one or more of the goals and objectives of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan and directs staff to work with State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) staff on a coordinated process to award Prop 12 grant funds. The resolution also directs staff to present progress updates at meetings of the Executive Committee and Governing Board of the SMBRC.

Update

In accordance with the Governing Board resolution 18-01, a project solicitation notice and application guideline were jointly announced by the SMBRC and the SCC on May 11, 2018. Since the announcement, four applications have been received as of this writing. Below is a brief summary of these applications and their evaluation status.

1. City of Calabasas – Retrofit portions of 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 native trees along the roadways and the replacement of existing surfaces with a permeable surface.

Funds Requested - \$550,000 - Total Project Cost \$1,100,000

Status: Application was lacking sufficient detail to review. Applicant gave incomplete answers to multiple questions. Applicant was advised of deficiencies and asked to amend and reapply.

2. County of Los Angeles - The proposed Project consists of constructing an infiltration system and 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

Status: Under review, staff to arrange site visit

3. State Parks - The 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. It will complete a design alternative and CEQA to be ready for implementation.

Funds Requested - \$672,851 – Total Project Cost - \$1,046,124

Status: Under review

4. TATTN Tribal Consulting – Multiple projects in Marina del Rey and Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve (BWEP).

Funds Requested - \$6,800,000 – Total Project Cost - \$9,000,000

Status: No project summary was supplied. During the initial review, staff realized that multiple projects/tasks were being requested under a single application. There was insufficient detail to evaluate any one project. Additionally, multiple questions were only partially answered, and several were not answered at all. Staff contacted the applicant and requested that TATTN submit one application for each project and answer all questions. Additionally, staff notified applicant that any projects proposed in BWEP and/or Marina del Rey would entail written land owner permission for the specific project(s).

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