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To: SMBRC Governing Board

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Update on Proposition 50 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- None.

In 2002, California voters approved Proposition 50 – “Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002”. The bond measure provided over \$3 billion for water supply and water quality protection programs throughout the state.

Section 79543 of the Water Code allocated one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to finance projects to restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near-shore waters, and groundwater. Of that \$100,000,000, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) was allocated to implement priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan. The actual amount for grand award is approximately \$18,300,000 after deduction of 5% (\$1,000,000) allocated to the SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance administration costs and 3.5% (\$700,000) for bond costs.

Section 79148.8 of the Water Code stipulates that grants can be awarded for any of the following projects:

- (1) Projects designed to improve water quality at public beaches and to make improvements for the purpose of ensuring that coastal waters adjacent to public beaches meet bacteriological standards.
- (2) Projects to provide comprehensive capability for monitoring, collecting, and analyzing ambient water quality, including monitoring technology that can be entered into a statewide information base with standardized protocols and sampling, collection, storage and retrieval procedures.
- (3) Projects to make improvements to existing sewer collection systems and septic systems for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.
- (4) Projects designed to implement storm water and runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs for the restoration and protection of coastal water

quality.

(5) Projects that are consistent with the state's nonpoint source control program.

Any public entity or non-profit organizations established pursuant to the laws of the State of California is eligible to apply for grant funding under this program.

In 2004, the SMBRC developed, and with Governing Board approval recommended a Competitive Project List (CPL) to the SWRCB for final approval and grant development. Specifically, the CPL development process included a call for nominations, staff review of applications to ensure compliance with guidelines, project evaluation by a review panel consisting of SMBRC staff and selected reviewers from outside organizations, requests of additional information from applicant when necessary, and comment compilation and application ranking by staff.

The CPL recommended by the Governing Board and approved by the SWRCB included 19 top ranked project proposals and 11 other candidate proposals should additional funding become available. To date, 15 projects from the CPL list were completed, with the rest of the projects on the list either funded by other sources of funding or terminated for various reasons (See attached list of completed projects).

The SMBRC currently has \$3,227,769 remaining for project recommendations. As of this writing, the State Water Board Department of Financial Assistance has requested the remaining Prop. 50 funds be re-appropriated for the 2019/20 fiscal year, which would extend the fund for an additional 2-3 years.

Staff have provided similar update to the Executive Committee (EC) at its meeting on May 17, 2018 and plan to develop a preliminary proposal on the funding priority, award process, and timeline for input and discussion at the July 19 EC meeting.

Attachment – Completed Proposition 50 Grant Projects

| Grantee | Project Title | Description |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains | Go Wild! Nativescaping at Schools | Installation of native habitat gardens at four school sites in the Ballona and Malibu creek watersheds. |
| California State Coastal Conservancy | Malibu Lagoon Restoration | endangered species such as Steelhead trout and Tidewater goby at a variety of water levels, removal non-native plants and restoring native |
| Los Angeles County Flood Control District | Low Flow Diversion at Boone Olive Pump Station | Olive Pump Station near Marina del Rey. Flows will be diverted to L.A. City's Hyperion treatment plant. |
| Los Angeles County Flood Control District | Low Flow Diversion at 28th Street | projection of 28th Street. Dry weather flows will be diverted to L.A. City's Hyperion treatment plant. |
| City of Los Angeles | Grand Avenue Tree Wells | devices along the existing transportation corridors in the Venice area of Los Angeles. |
| City of Los Angeles | Baldwin Hills to Ballona Creek | dry weather flow and first flush stormwater from the Baldwin Hills area to Ballona Creek. |
| City of Manhattan Beach | Permeable Beach Parking Lots | The proposal is to infiltrate all flows from several city-owned parking lots and traffic lanes through the use of pervious pavement technology. |
| City of Santa Monica | Bicknell Green St. Urban Runoff Treatment BMP Demo. Project | replacing original pavement with pervious pavers on each side of the street and two 12-foot wide biofilter swales with mulch and plantings. |
| City of Redondo Beach | Sapphire Storm Drain Low Flow Diversion | Low flow diversion system that will include a pump station, gross pollutant removal system, and percolation system. |
| Los Angeles County Flood Control District | Santa Monica Bay Watershed Catch Basin Trash Excluders | Design and installation of approximately 500 catch basin trash excluders along storm drains that discharge into Santa Monica Bay. |
| City of Culver City | Culver City's City-Wide Best Management Practices (BMP) Treatment train | A multi-tiered, city-wide BMP program, including catch basin inserts, trash and recycling receptacles, irrigation improvements, biofiltration swales, to reduce trash and other pollutants entering the Bay. |
| City of Malibu | Chili Cook-Off Purchase | Purchase vacant land in the Civic Center area for construction of storm water / treated wastewater retention systems and habitat restoration. |
| MRCA | Corral Canyon Purchase and Restoration | Purchase vacant land in the Malibu area for pollution control/prevention and habitat restoration. |
| SMBRF | Phase 1 Arroyo Sequit Fish Barrier Removal - Planning and Design | and replacement with bridges on Arroyo Sequit Creek and the removal of a small check dam. |
| California Department of Parks and Recreation | Phase 2 Arroyo Sequit Fish Barrier Removal - Implementation | Implement Phase 1 plans for the removal of two at-grade crossings and replacement with bridges on Arroyo Sequit Creek and the removal of a small check dam. |

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