



bay restoration commission

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GOVERNING BOARD NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCEDURES FACT SHEET (December 6, 2019)

Who nominates new Governing Board members?

The existing Memorandum of Understanding of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission stipulates that existing Governing Board members in good standing nominate eligible Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) members to seven open positions: three at-large, two business (one being a business in the tourism industry), and two environmental/public interest positions.

When is the nomination period open?

The nomination period for six of the seven seats opened on November 22, 2019 and will close on Tuesday, December 10, two days prior to the Governing Board meeting when elections will take place (December 12, 2019). Floor nominations will also be opened at the December 12 meeting *before* the elections take place.

Who is eligible for the At-Large Positions?

Any existing member of the WAC is eligible for one of the three at-large positions. See *Attachment A for the current list of WAC members.*

Who is eligible for the Business Positions?

The following members of the WAC are listed as businesses within the watershed eligible for the open business position.

Utilities/Industry/Business

Brash Industries
Chevron Products Company
City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Water and
NRG - El Segundo Operations, Inc.

The following member of the WAC is listed as businesses within the watershed eligible for the open business/tourism position.

Santa Monica Travel and Tourism (Election for this seat will be held at the Governing Board meeting in April 2020 when the term of the current member occupying this seat expires.)





Who is eligible for the Environmental/Public Interest Positions?

The following members of the WAC are listed as environmental/public interest and are eligible for the two open environmental/public interest positions on the Governing Board:

Environmental/Public Interest Organizations

Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve
Ballona Creek Renaissance
Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
Ballona Wetlands Foundation
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Friends of Ballona Wetlands
Heal the Bay
League for Coastal Protection
Los Angeles Rod and Reel
Malibu Surfing Association
Marina Del Rey Anglers
Natural Resources Defense
Council Ocean Conservation
Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter
Surfrider Foundation, South Bay Chapter

How does my organization get nominated for a position on the Governing Board?

A qualified organization on the WAC should contact any existing Governing Board member and request that the organization be nominated to the Governing Board in order to be considered for the December 2019 elections. If your organization requires assistance with contacting an appropriate Governing Board member, contact Guangyu Wang at Guangyu.wang@waterboards.ca.gov or 213-576-6639 and he can connect you with the appropriate member.

Who votes for these positions?

The ex officio and appointed members of the Governing Board are authorized by the Memorandum of Understanding to vote for the open positions. The list of appointed and ex officio Governing Board members can be found on Attachment B to this memo.

When will the elections take place?

The elections will take place at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the SMBRC Governing Board, on December 12, 2019, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. The meeting agenda will be posted on the SMBRC website (www.smbrc.ca.gov) at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

**ATTACHMENT A (as of Nov. 2017)
Watershed Advisory Council Members**

Local Municipalities

City of Agoura Hills
City of Beverly Hills
City of Calabasas
City of Culver City
City of El Segundo
City of Hermosa Beach
City of Inglewood
City of Los Angeles
City of Malibu
City of Manhattan Beach
City of Palos Verdes Estates
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
City of Redondo Beach
City of Rolling Hills
City of Rolling Hills Estates
City of Santa Monica
City of Thousand Oaks
City of Torrance
City of West Hollywood
City of Westlake Village
LA County Supervisor, District 3
LA County Supervisor, District 4

Federal, State and Local Agencies (water quality, resource management, public health)

US EPA Region 9
NOAA-NMFS Southwest Division
US Army Corps of Engineers
National Park Service,
State Water Resources Control Board
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles Region
CA Coastal Commission
CA State Coastal Conservancy
CA Dept. of Fish and Game
CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Resource Conservation District of SM Mtns.
LA County Fire Department - Lifeguard Division
LA County Department of Public Health Services
LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors

Stormwater and Municipal Wastewater Management Agencies

CalTrans, District 7
County Sanitation Districts of LA County
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering
County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Public Works
West Basin Municipal Water District

Utilities/Industry/Business

Brash Industries
Chevron Products Company
City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Water and Power
NRG - El Segundo Operations, Inc.
Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

Environmental Organizations/User Groups

Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve
Ballona Creek Renaissance
Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
Ballona Wetlands Foundation
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Friends of Ballona Wetlands
Heal the Bay
League for Coastal Protection
Los Angeles Rod and Reel
Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Malibu Surfing Association
Marina Del Rey Anglers
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Conservation Society
Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter
Surfrider Foundation, South Bay Chapter

Legislative Representatives

Senior US Senator
Junior US Senator
US Representative, 26th District
US Representative, 33rd District
US Representative, 37th District
State Senator, 27th District
State Senator, 28th District
State Assemblymember, 50th District
State Assemblymember, 62nd District
State Assemblymember, 66th District

Other Members

Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
Chair, Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council

ATTACHMENT B Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board Members

| Governing Board Seat | Status | Appointment/Election |
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| Secretary for Environmental Protection | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Secretary of the Resources Agency | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 9 | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, NOAA-NMFS Southwest Division | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| Member, California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles | Voting | Appointed by the Los Angeles Regional Board |
| Member, California Coastal Commission | Voting | Appointed by the Commission |
| Member, California State Coastal Conservancy | Voting | Appointed by the Conservancy |
| Supervisor, County of Los Angeles (Districts 3 or 4) | Voting | Appointed by the Board of Supervisors |
| Mayor or Councilmember, City of Los Angeles (SM Bay watershed district) | Voting | Appointed by the Mayor, with approval of the City Council |
| Councilmember for District 11, City of Los Angeles | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Mayor or Councilmember, South Bay cities | Voting | Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Torrance |
| Mayor or Councilmember, Malibu Creek watershed cities | Voting | Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village |

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| Mayor or Councilmember, Ballona Creek watershed cities | Voting | Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood |
| Public member, environmental/public interest | Voting | Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. representing environmental/public interest organizations |
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| Public member, business/economic interest | Voting | Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. representing business/economic interests |
| Public member, coastal tourism industry | Voting | Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council representing business/economic interests, pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. Member must participate in coastal tourism industry. |
| Las Virgenes Municipal Water District | Voting | Ex-officio |
| General Manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, Public Works Department, City of LA | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works | Voting | Ex-officio |
| At-large Member | Voting | Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. |
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| Governing Board Seat | Status | Appointment/Election |
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| State Senator, 26th District | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| State Senator, 27th District | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| State Assemblymember, 50th District | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| State Assemblymember, 62nd District | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| State Assemblymember 66th District | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, CA Department of Parks and Recreation | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Director, Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Life Guard Division | Voting | Ex-officio |
| Chair, Technical Advisory Committee | Non- voting | Ex-officio |
| President, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation Board | Non- voting | Ex-officio |