



bay restoration commission

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Agenda Item: 2.d.i

To: Executive Committee
From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director
Re: 2019 SMBRC Governing Board Member Election

The existing Memorandum of Understanding of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission establishes that every two years, the Governing Board members nominate and elect 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. The last election of these open positions was held at the December 14, 2017 Governing Board meeting. A new election needs to take place this year at the next regular-scheduled SMBRC Governing Board meeting on December 12, 2019.

Attached below is a draft fact sheet explaining the nomination and election procedures. Announcement on the opening of the nomination along with the fact sheet will be distributed to the Governing Board and WAC the day after the November 21 Executive Committee meeting.

**GOVERNING BOARD NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCEDURES
FACT SHEET
(November 2019 Draft)**

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 is open NOW (effective November 22, 2019). It will close on Tuesday, December 10, two days prior to the Governing Board meeting when elections will take place (December 12). 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 Power
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

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





Who is eligible for the Environmental/Public Interest Positions?

The following members of the WAC are listed as environmental/public interest members of the WAC 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 Society

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, 62th 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
(To be provided)**