

Responses to Comments on the Draft FY21 Work Plan

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Governing Board Members / Alternates						
WAC Workshop	1.01	Charlie Caspary	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	We're becoming better at monitoring, for example, the TAC's exercise on climate vulnerability analysis. TAC helped inform prioritization for specific actions.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	1.02	Charlie Caspary	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	General (Area of Special Interest: Nutrient Pollution Reduction)	To reduce ocean nutrients, mitigate nutrient loading upland by measures such as tree landscaping.	Comment noted. Action #16 includes support of activities to reduce or eliminate pollution from storm water and point and non-point sources. SMBRC assists this action in part by recommending awards and overseeing implementation of State bond funding (e.g., Prop. 50 and 84) for stormwater pollution reduction projects (next step 1). The specific mechanisms for pollution reduction, such as tree landscaping, are considered on a project-by-project basis during SMBRC's review of project proposals. Also, nutrient pollution reduction was incorporated into Action #20 (next step 1 Objectives) and Action #40 (next step 2 Objectives).
WAC Workshop	1.03	Charlie Caspary	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Action #30	Engage the public via workshops, have it in the MOU and FY21 Work Plan, so that the Governing Board can facilitate the process regularly, such as on a quarterly basis. Provide opportunity for engagement for the public with the Governing Board and do deep dives, for instance at WAC meetings.	Opportunities for public engagement via information exchange and in-depth discussion on issues of concern in Santa Monica Bay were not identified or linked to specific Actions in the FY21 Work Plan because the topics discussed could be related to any Action or could be an issue not in the FY21 Work Plan. Also, many individual next steps and projects in the FY21 Work Plan have extensive opportunities for stakeholder involvement. Section II of the FY21 Work Plan was revised to clarify that while efforts will be made to provide these opportunities, they are not linked to specific Actions (see Section III of the FY21 Work Plan).
WAC Workshop	2.01	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	General (Area of Special Interest: Nutrient Pollution Reduction)	Should reduce solids discharge by catch basin cleaning via vacuuming and diversion along creeks.	Comment noted. See response to comment 1.02.
WAC Workshop	2.02	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #2	More rocky reefs are needed. Rindge Dam should be looked as a source of rocks for restoration of rocky reefs instead of materials going to landfill. Convince CDFW to allow construction material for this purpose.	Preliminary investigation has shown that a fair amount of material behind Rindge Dam could be used for nearshore reef restoration. Action #2, next step 3 includes developing "recommendations for the deposition of materials from Rindge Dam or other suitable sources to augment sediment supply" and includes CDFW as a partner. However, this next step is not part of FY21 Work Plan because it is not currently funded. That does not preclude this next step from being part of partner activities or as part of future Work Plans.
Written	2.03	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #9	Add a PROJECT ACTIVITY into this item promoting the use of clean concrete debris from the city and county road departments to enhance existing artificial reefs. It seems almost criminal to dump this material in landfills when it could be put to better use. Additionally, effort on this activity would pave the way for progress on the Rindge Dam activity. This suggestion is similar to a reef project off Huntington Beach which improved marine habitat.	Comment incorporated in Action #5, next step 3 "Objectives". Also, see response to comment 2.02.

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Written	2.04	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	<p>(Received 2/18/20) Work Plans for FY 17, 18, and 19 contained language about "sustainable fisheries". The restoration of fish in SM Bay supports sustainable fisheries. The FY21 Plan should be amended to include language that supports the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and the Ocean Research Enhancement Hatchery Program (OREHP) effort to sustain our Bay. The California Fish and Game Commission adopted the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) on June 20, 2018. The Act directs the Dept of Fish and Wildlife to implement a master plan. The plan specifically calls for stock, sustainability and ecosystems objectives be met. It also calls for MPAs to be integrated into fisheries management. The MLPA also calls for stakeholder and partner collaboration. This proposed addition to the FY21 Work Plan should address Fishery Management Plans (FMP) covered by the MLMA. The Marina Del Rey Anglers, a stakeholder, participated in the formulation of the (FMP) for white seabass and have actively worked (partnered) with the Fish and Game Dept on halibut stock assessments. We need the SMBRC to get behind the need for a sustainable fishery in Santa Monica Bay. Including our proposed addition would be a step in the right direction. Assembly Bill 1414 called for FMPs on both white seabass and halibut. It was extended indefinitely by SB58-Alpert (Ch89,stats. 2001) The ultimate goal of this legislation is to enhance populations of marine fish species through the Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program. OREPH Provides management and scientific support and manages distribution of license stamp fees to the Hatchery at Carlsbad (HSWRI). The MDR Anglers have worked closely with HSWRI for over 20 years successfully releasing over 100,000 fish. The Anglers have provided (HSWRI) halibut brood stock and funding for halibut grow out tanks. HSWRI recently released 2000 hatchery halibut into Mission Bay. SM Bay could be next. Aquaculture has been successful in other areas and we are confident it will work to restock SM Bay if given a chance.</p>	Comment noted. See response to comment 2.05.
Written	2.05	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	<p>This activity is very similar to Plan item #3 RESTORE ABALONE. PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE DRAFT WORK PLAN In 2001 the Calif State Senate passed SB58-Alpert the goal was to enhance populations of marine fin fish important to sport and commercial fishing The Ocean Resource Enhancement Hatchery Program (OREHP) was charged with the responsibility to implement Fishery Management Plans (FMP).for white seabass and halibut. The white seabass FMP was published and a privately funded hatchery (HSWRI) was established. Hatchery operations are privately funded also. In 1995 the Marina Del Rey Anglers (MDRA) raised funds and with the cooperation of the LA Beaches and Harbors Dept. built and installed a rearing pen at Chace Park which has been operated by volunteers for 23 years. In 2017 the CA DF&W published a draft FMP covering halibut. More catch data is needed to finish the FMP. The MDR Anglers has been working with OREHP to move the halibut FMP toward completion with the expectation that we can shift from white seabass production to halibut. Over the years MDRA has provided brood stock and equipment to HSWRI to support research leading to successful rearing of halibut. Halibut are being successfully raised in captivity in a number of hatcheries around the world so we know it can be done. Historically Santa Monica Bay has been a rich halibut habitat and it will be again after the sea water cooling intakes are shut down and restocking takes place. The MDR Anglers are prepared to support halibut restoration in SM Bay but we need SMBRC s support to help motivate CA DF&W/OREHP to complete the FMP. This activity is similar to the task 2.4c restoration of Abalone. We request that 2.5 be added as follows: 2.5 Restore Sustainable fin fishery; 2.5a Halibut; 2.5b White seabass; Entities MDRA; Lead Partners: CA DF&W, OREHP, HSWRI, LADB&H; KEY ACTIONS: Finish Halibut FMP, refine/improve spawning, rearing and release protocols</p>	<p>For request to add "Restore Sustainable fin fishery" to the FY21 Work Plan, the FY21 Work Plan includes actions to improve local fisheries by restoring habitats (e.g. Action #2), reintroducing endangered species (see Action #3), assessing and implementing artificial reefs (see Action #5), monitoring and outreach for MPAs and FMPs (see Action #39), and reducing pollutant loads to Santa Monica Bay (e.g. Actions #16 and 22). Therefore, the proposed activity was not added to the FY21 Work Plan, but "promotion of sustainable fisheries" was incorporated in Action #39 (see response to comment 2.06). For comment regarding promotion of fish hatcheries, see response to comment 2.07.</p>

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Written	2.06	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	(Received 3/5/2020) Here is our new improved wording for Action #39, as discussed at the WAC. CCMP Action: Monitor and inform effective management of Marine Protected Areas, Fishery Management Plans, and local fisheries for recreational and commercially important species; CCMP Next Step(s) / Project Activity Name: Obtain from CDFW a Status of Progress at each SMBRC Board Mtg / CA Halibut FMP; Lead: CDFW; Partner(s): OREHP HSWRI MDRA CCA; Objective(s): Healthy Sustainable CA Halibut Fishery; Description / Milestone Summary: Produce a CA Halibut FMP; Outputs/ Deliverables: Provide Status of FMP Progress at each SMBRC Board Mtg; Long-Term Environmental Result(s) / Outcome(s): Long-term adaptive management of MPAs, Assist with fishery related public health advisories, Healthy Sustainable CA Fisheries.	Comment regarding adding "sustainable fisheries" was incorporated in the "Objective(s)" for next step 2 (to support MDRA in the completion of a halibut FMP). Comment regarding obtaining status of FMP progress at each SMBRC Board meeting was not incorporated because members of the SMBRC Governing Board may request updates from the lead entity, CDFW, independently or with support from staff.
WAC Workshop	2.07	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	Needs to be changed because we need to restore fish and see fish population grow through promotion of hatchery of fish for restocking, MPAs, and restoration of kelp. Priority fish species are halibut and white sea bass for release in Santa Monica Bay. Currently only fisheries management for sea bass. No stock assessment for CA halibut, although it was completed but never released.	For comment regarding promotion of fish hatcheries, see response to comment 2.05 for some FY21 Work Plan actions that benefit local fisheries by restoring fish populations. For comment regarding restoration of kelp, see Action #2. Staff consider the inclusion of the introduction of hatchery fish to restore fish populations require informing many uncertainties regarding the genetic diversity, extant population structure, and habitat condition necessary for these efforts to reach their intended benefits. These uncertainties remain unresolved and contribute to legitimate questions regarding the relative success of current efforts to rebuild populations of fish via hatchery related production and cultivation. Other habitat based approaches will continue as a mechanism to increase the extent and condition of fish habitat to support the restoration of fish stocks while these issues are addressed.
WAC Workshop	2.08	Bob Godfrey	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	Obtain CA halibut fisheries management plan. OHREP program CCA's objective is to produce fisheries management plan in order to protect sustainable fisheries for the long term. Priorities for them are commercial fishing, sports fishing, long term efforts with no enforcement actions necessary as long as we have healthy fisheries that are also sustainable.	Action #39 includes supporting MDRA in the completion of a halibut FMP (next step 2).
WAC Workshop	3.01	Kenny Kao	SBCCOG/City of Palos Verdes Estates	General	Partnerships are in the works, which are comprehensive and involve Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, school districts, and USC, and would like to see the entity engage with SMBRC's FY21 Work Plan.	Comment noted. SMBNEP encourages this partnership's involvement in implementing the FY21 Work Plan and developing future Work Plans. Currently, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a partner on coastal bluff restoration projects (Action #8), three Environmental Charter Schools are involved in the Table to Farm Composting project (Action #22), and USC is involved in restoring urban streams (Action #11), understanding deep water habitats (Action #37), and developing a comprehensive regional sediment management plan (Action #44).

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WAC Workshop	4.01	Matthew Teclé	Councilmember Bonin, Los Angeles City Council District 11	General (Area of Special Interest: Nutrient Pollution Reduction)	There is not an established partnership for water quality between control of wastewater discharge and pollution from upstream.	Action #16, next step 2 involves participating in the greater LA County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) effort, which is a partnership for water resource and quality management on watershed basis. Action #43 involves participating in the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP), whose passage also created a comprehensive regional plan to address the supply, quality, and access to water in Los Angeles County. SMBRC and other members of the Governing Board participate on the IRWMP Leadership Committee and SCWP advisory committees to support and facilitate these partnerships for control of wastewater discharge and upstream pollution. Action #16 next step 2 was revised to include "coordinate" and Action #43, next step 2 (Objectives) was revised to include "coordination of efforts across the County" to highlight desired outcome of developing partnerships.
Written	5.01	Martha Tremblay and Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #33	Step 2: The activity and objective is the same. Is the objective really to publish? How about "To characterize microplastics in the Bay" or "To inform the public regarding microplastics in the Bay".	Comment incorporated. Additional language was added to Action #33, next step 2.
Written	5.02	Martha Tremblay and Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #34	Long-Term Environmental Result(s) / Outcome(s): What are the known impacts of CEC's, and in which habitats?	Comment noted. Action #34 focuses on improving understanding of emerging contaminants to "reduce impacts of emerging contaminants on key habitats in the Bay and its watersheds" as the long-term environment result/outcome.
Written	5.03	Martha Tremblay and Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #35	Step 2, Objective: Should "environmental factors" be "climate change"?	Comment was incorporated as Objectives for Action #35, next steps 1 and 2.
Written	6.01	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	General	Refer to TBF's or SMBRC's websites, are there project details on SMBRC website? You could also include the hyperlinks to specific projects are included where available.	SMBRC's website contains links to the 2018 CCMP Action Plan, SMBNEP Annual Work Plans, semi-annual reports, and annual reports that provide additional background on projects as well as links to partner agencies who may have more information on individual projects. However, details for many individual projects can be found on TBF's website (www.santamonicaabay.org). The FY21 Work Plan includes hyperlinks for specific projects where available and was revised to refer to SMBRC's website for access to finalized SMBNEP Annual Work Plans, semi-annual reports, and annual reports.
Written	6.02	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Planned Activities	Page 15: Question marks on the sentence, "Additional information can be found on TBF or SMBRC's websites, the 2018 CCMP Action Plan, and as part of individual products for each project."	Comment noted. There are no question marks or quotation marks on that sentence.
Written	6.03	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Program Accomplishments	SMBNEP Program Accomplishments from Previous Year (2019): re Eelgrass Ocean Acidification Buffer project: Can you include their prelim finding here?	Comment noted. This type of information is included in SMBNEP semi-annual reporting and through other reporting mechanisms, e.g. Baywire, final and interim progress reports to agencies, permittees, and grantors.
Written	6.04	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Program Accomplishments	SMBNEP Program Accomplishments from Previous Year (2019): re Our Communities: What about including passage of Measure W or did you do that last year?	Passage of Measure W (Action #43, next step 1) was completed in FY19. Participation in advisory boards and support in implementation of projects for the Safe Clean Water Program is ongoing (see Action #43, next step 2).

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Written	6.05	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Program Accomplishments	SMBNEP Program Accomplishments from Previous Year (2019): re Internship and Research Assistant Program: Consider rewording to emphasize the CMP. For example: "TBF or CRI (or is it LMU) coordinate volunteers, students, and postgraduates in research, habitat restoration, and scientific data collection efforts across many projects to implement the Comp. Monitoring Program." Also, is any of this online, e.g. the projects, presentations, results, etc.?	Comment incorporated. Information from the students is incorporated into many projects. One example is student research included in the Living Shoreline projects and reports such as the Santa Monica Beach Restoration Pilot Project. Another example is student and faculty research, though CRI is also directly informing the sandy beach chapter of the Comprehensive Monitoring Program and the next State of the Bay Report. Many of their efforts are incorporated into online documents.
Written	6.06	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #2	Where is funding coming from for this now? Will this be done in near PV?	Funding for this action has been principally provided through the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. Yes, over 50 acres of kelp forest have been restored off the Palos Verdes Peninsula.
Written	6.07	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #6	Step 2, Description/Milestone Summary: What is subcontractor's role?	Comment incorporated through text clarification in Action #6, next step 2. Los Angeles Conservation Corps will assist with project implementation for the Malibu Living Shoreline Project through invasive plant removal and native planting/seeding.
Written	6.08	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #6	Step 3, CCMP Next Step(s) /Project Activity Name: Is this referring to Manhattan Beach dune restoration?	Comment incorporated through text clarification in Action #6, next step 3. There are two beach dune restoration projects next step 3 incorporates: Los Angeles Living Shoreline Project and Manhattan Beach Dune Restoration Project.
Written	6.09	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #7	Step 4, Description/Milestone Summary: This is adjacent to the 40 acres you are already restoring and part of the overall 300 acre site?	Yes, this 'central dunes' area is the 52-acre area directly to the south of the 'northern dune' 48-acre restoration area.
Written	6.10	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #14	Step 1, Objective(s): Can you point to a description (e.g. hyperlink) of what phase 2 is?	Comment incorporated. Phase 2 consists of securing funding for and completing a final 100% design for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing project. Action #14, next step 1 incorporates this clarification. More information is available at https://savelacougars.org/ .
Written	6.11	Erica Yelensky	US EPA Region 9	Action #36	Step 2, Description/Milestone Summary: And State of the Bay report in FY 2021?	Comment incorporated into FY21 Work Plan narrative and Action #36, next step 3.
Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) / Public Members						
WAC Workshop	7.01	Breakout Group #1 (Charlie Caspary, Bob Godfrey, Matthew Teclé, Kenny Kao, Walter Lamb)	N/A	General (Area of Special Interest: Nutrient Pollution Reduction)	There should be some language about nutrient reduction in our Work Plan and CCMP, even though its not a major issue in our watershed.	Nutrient pollution reduction was incorporated into Action #20 (next step 1, Objectives) and Action #40 (next step 2, Objectives). However, the drafting of the 2018 CCMP Action Plan went through an iterative year-long public process that included numerous public stakeholder meetings and workshops. At this time, SMBNEP is not further revising the CCMP Action Plan.
WAC Workshop	8.01	Craig Cadwalder	Surfrider Foundation	General	Overall the FY21 Work Plan covers issues well.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	8.02	Craig Cadwalder	Surfrider Foundation	Action #19	Main concern is desalination. Many actions on the FY21 Work Plan may have other groups not partnered or members of the SMBRC addressing those issues. How do we connect existing groups with each other and the public so they can participate?	The FY21 Work Plan includes Action #19 which supports minimization of biological impacts of water intake and discharge from coastal power generation and desalination facilities and includes public engagement and education. Staff will make an effort to explore mechanisms to connect stakeholders in addressing the desalination issue.

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WAC Workshop	8.03	Craig Cadwallder	Surfrider Foundation	Action #19 and Action #21	Recommend SMBNEP to support recycled potable water and oppose desalination plans due to concerns with recycled waste water and current desalination plans at West Basin. Would like to see support for direct potable reuse because it's expensive to throw away water and, if West Basin was recycling water at full capacity and using it for potable drinking water, desalination plants would not be needed. West Basin is not following suit of other agencies to recycle water. Also, legislation needs to be in place to allow delivery of reclaimed drinking water. Right now it is on a case-by-case basis.	The Governing Board's membership is diverse and represents a range of views on any particular issue. The FY21 Work Plan includes several actions identified by Governing Board members and the public to address water supply issues, including Action #19, which supports minimization of biological impacts of water intake and discharge from coastal power generation and desalination facilities and includes public engagement and education. Action #21 involves promoting reuse, recycling, and advanced wastewater treatment, including for non-potable and potable use, to reduce reliance on imported water sources.
WAC Workshop	8.04	Craig Cadwallder	Surfrider Foundation	Action #32	Recommend Surfrider be added as a partner in the Work Plan for its involvement in passing legislation (i.e. LA City plastics) to reduce plastics.	Comment noted. Surfrider Foundation is listed as partner for this Action.
WAC Workshop	8.05	Craig Cadwallder	Surfrider Foundation	Action #33	The focus should be on keeping plastic out of the water and off the beach. Glad to see microplastics included in the CCMP and Work Plan.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	8.06	Craig Cadwallder	Surfrider Foundation	Action #33	Osmosis can remove many of the microplastics and chemicals in the water supply. Facilities need to be running at capacity	Comment noted
WAC Workshop	9.01	Miriam Fagnos	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	General	There is educational value for local and non-local students to experience the shore and the environment. Should embrace opportunities and volunteer efforts associated with Park to Playa.	Comment noted. Outreach, education, and hands-on activities are an integral component of TBF's work and projects. Thousands of volunteer hours are contributed every year to projects, and TBF works with its partners to bring student groups to restoration sites, to encourage educational activities, and to take a direct role in mentoring students and youth. TBF also has a Community Engagement department.
WAC Workshop	9.02	Miriam Fagnos	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	Should address the issues of infrastructure, e.g. LAX, in climate resilience.	Comment noted. Action #44, next step 2 involves protecting public and private infrastructure and ecosystem services by increasing the Los Angeles County coastline's resilience to sea level rise and coastal flooding as a result of climate change.
WAC Workshop	9.03	Miriam Fagnos	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	Action #13	Next step 3: Issues that aren't being addressed in the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project's Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) are counter to addressing climate resilience. It seems counterintuitive to bring in ocean while trying to address climate change.	Comment noted. The lead agencies on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project addressed issues raised and responded to all comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report in the Final EIR. There is a significant amount of material in the Final EIR regarding understanding and responding to climate change impacts, such as sea level rise. A final determination on project has not been made by CDFW at this time.
WAC Workshop	9.04	Miriam Fagnos	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	Action #32	Suggest involvement with grocery stores in reusable efforts.	Comment noted. The ReThink Disposables program can be applied to food production services within grocery stores. Current efforts have insufficient funding to include this in the FY21 Work Plan.
WAC Workshop	10.01	Rich Ford	USB R.B.	General	Heavily contaminated rivers on the East Coast use oysters to clean up the river. Suggest to look into the use of mussels locally.	Comment noted. Ongoing research through CRI is informing the adaptability of mussels to predicted climate change. These results would help inform approaches to include active management of mussels in response to contamination and rocky intertidal habitat.
WAC Workshop	10.02	Rich Ford	USB R.B.	General	Would like to see water quality testing in Marina Del Rey to show the difference 20 years after taking out boats and putting in apartments.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	11.01	Dave Ingram	USB R.B.	Action #39	Looking for support of the white sea bass grow out facility. SeaLab closed and no longer have a place to continue the program. They have 39 dedicated volunteers that ran the program but not a lot of experience to get funding and political support for their projects.	Comment noted. See response to comment 2.05.

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Written	12.01	Kathy Knight	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	Action #13	How can we apply to be a partner on the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program 2021? That is one of my biggest concerns because there are several groups that have been doing outstanding work to save and protect the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve (BWER) for over 30 years and I would want to see them as partners in this public process. These groups are the Sierra Club Airport Marina Group, Grassroots Coalition, the Ballona Ecosystem Education Project, and the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust. We have been coming to public meetings of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) for many years and have spoken out about our concerns regarding the Ballona wetlands. First we were told that the Ballona Wetlands were not a purview of the SMBRC. Now we see that Ballona has been added to the SMBNEP 2021 but without any input asked from us. Please make us part of the Partners for the Ballona Wetlands. What is the process?	Comment noted. Action #13 and its next steps are included in FY21 Work Plan because they were identified as part of the iterative year-long public process for the 2018 CCMP Action Plan. At this time, SMBNEP is not further revising the CCMP Action Plan. The partners listed in the Work Plan are specific to the implementation of the next steps; it is not an exhaustive list of interested stakeholders in the Ballona Wetlands.
WAC Workshop	12.02	Kathy Knight	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	Action #13	Concerned about historical freshwater area and impacts of Ballona Creek channelization. Concerned about illegal dumping in creek that goes into ocean. Would like to work cleaning up water along Ballona Creek so that it can be brought back into the wetlands to restore the freshwater habitat. Recommend talking to people further up the watershed in Baldwin Hills to prevent more pollution. Also, need to clean up Marina Del Rey, especially by Tangent.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	12.03	Kathy Knight	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group	Action #13	Wants access to Ballona Wetlands so they can participate in cleaning up the creek area.	Comment noted. Access to Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve is granted through the land managers, CDFW.
WAC Workshop	13.01	Mitchell Lachman	Coastal Coalition	General	More time is needed for discussions at these meetings.	Comment noted. SMBRC strives for constructive dialogue with and meaningful participation from stakeholders. Section II of the FY21 Work Plan was revised to discuss efforts to provide opportunities for public information exchange and in-depth discussion on issues important to the SMBNEP and of interest to stakeholders.
WAC Workshop	13.02	Mitchell Lachman	Coastal Coalition	Action #2	Kelp restoration project should be implemented at Santa Monica Pier to improve health of ecosystem. There is stakeholder support for this project from a city councilmember, scuba diver, and a reef conservationist. Kelp restoration at Santa Monica Pier would enhance ecosystem services, including economic benefits such as increased tourism and enhanced local fisheries.	Comment noted. See response to comment 15.01 and 18.01.
Written	14.01	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Governance Structure: The FY 2021 work Plan reinforces our belief that SMBRC is no closer to addressing its governance structure than it was three or four years ago. The Work Plan gives us little reason to think that the next draft of the proposed revisions to SMBRC's governing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will address the serious legal issues in SMBRC's current structure, which was altered by the Bay Foundation, with little to no input from SMBRC, over the last five or six years. The Work Plan states that the Commission and Foundation "work together to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for SMBNEP" but it does not explain how the two entities work together and there is little evidence in the record to support the assertion, beyond staff-level interaction. SMBRC's two state employed staff members seem limited to largely administrative roles with all executive decisions being made by TBF. The Work Plan continues to use misleading language regarding the Section 320 funds, clearly implying that SMBRC has no say in who receives the funds or how those funds are spent. We have asked before, and ask again now, that this language be clarified by citing the relevant federal regulations which give SMBRC full control, within the parameters of those regulations, over the disbursement and expenditure of these funds.	Comment noted. The purpose of Work Plan is to identify program objectives, tasks, and timelines of the work to be performed during FY21 and, therefore, only contains a brief description of partnership that supports SMBNEP. Additional information regarding what the NEP can be found at USEPA's NEP website (https://www.epa.gov/nep). Section I of the FY21 Work Plan was revised to provide a link to USEPA's NEP website. Information specifically regarding the SMBNEP can be found on SMBRC's website (https://www.smbrc.ca.gov), which is also provided in Section I of the FY21 Work Plan.
Written	14.02	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	We also ask that more information be provided regarding the relationship between the Bay Foundation and Loyola Marymount University, including the Coastal research Institute and Foundation employees in faculty positions. LMU has often taken controversial positions on issues relating to the Ballona Wetlands and we are concerned that LMU wields more influence over the NEP than does SMBRC.	Comment noted.

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Written	14.03	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Consistency with US EPA Goals: While the NEP is a federally administered program, it is founded on the principle of federal/state partnership and local autonomy. The conflicts between the State of California and current federal administration have been well publicized. It is concerning that the US EPA document cited in the Work Plan makes no reference to climate change or sea-level rise. Local stakeholders of Santa Monica Bay and its watershed may view the goal of "refocusing the USEPA back to its core mission" as code for rolling back important environmental safeguards established during the previous administration. We respectfully request that this section of the Work Plan address head on the potential conflict between state and federal vision for environmental resources and priorities and explain how the NEP navigates those conflicts.	Comment noted. The FY21 Work Plan and the CCMP are well-connected to, and serve USEPA's core mission, and includes activities that will contribute to the FY18-22 USEPA Strategic Plan goals.
Written	14.04	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Missing Sections: The draft Work Plan acknowledges that a section on the NEP budget is not included. Previous Work Plans have also included a section on NEP staffing, which also appears to be missing from this draft. These two sections provide information that is important to our organization, and it is unclear why we are consistently unable to review and comment on those sections. We respectfully request that the budget and staffing sections be published prior to the Executive Committee meeting for review and discussion. We also request that the staffing section make clear that all NEP staff report to, and are accountable to, the NEP Management Conference (i.e. SMBRC).	Staff identified that both the budget section and staffing section of the FY21 Work Plan were currently being drafted and would be available in the final draft of the Work Plan. They were not available for review in the first draft. This is similar to the process of previous years.
WAC Workshop	14.05	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Report on some issues is needed quite fast. Some things happen fast, we can't wait for semi or yearly reporting on them.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	14.06	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	We need more public engagement by public agencies. Spoke about 408 permit as example, and said nobody would say what the funding is, when it is kicking off, or give info about impact access, for instance.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	14.07	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Work Plan development should provide opportunity to review priorities.	Comment noted. Priorities of SMBNEP were most recently evaluated through the extensive public process associated with the revision of the CCMP (2018).
WAC Workshop	14.08	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Need to understand the progress and use the right metrics to get good results and not use a metric such as "how many people".	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	14.09	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Improve communication. Find a way for constructive dialogue with stakeholders, and facilitate constructive dialogue.	Comment noted. SMBRC strives for constructive dialogue with and meaningful participation from stakeholders. Section II of the FY21 Work Plan was revised to discuss efforts to provide opportunities for public information exchange and in-depth discussion on issues important to the SMBNEP and of interest to stakeholders.
WAC Workshop	14.1	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Work on funding and report how money is spent.	Comment noted. SMBNEP semi-annual progress reports are available online at https://www.smbrc.ca.gov/reports_workplans/#semi_annual .
WAC Workshop	14.11	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Need clarification on what the National Estuary Program is and SMBRC's role within the program. Clarification is needed about when TBF is acting as the NEP, when is TBF hosting the NEP, and the limits of the role of TBF in regards to the NEP.	The purpose of the FY21 Work Plan is to identify program objectives, tasks, and timelines of the work to be performed during FY21 and, therefore, contains only a brief description of TBF's and SMBRC's roles in regards to the NEP (see Section I). Also, see response to comment 14.01 regarding governance structure.
WAC Workshop	14.12	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	Agreement on workshops and on following up on process to deal with issues as NEP. FY21 Work Plan does not minimize issues. Board could be split on issues. When and should the Commission take positions, and what's the impact on the Work Plan and CCMP?	The purpose of the FY21 Work Plan is to identify program objectives, tasks, and timelines of the work to be performed during FY21. Topics such as if and when SMBRC should take positions and, if so, the impact on the Work Plans and CCMP are out of scope of the FY21 Work Plan.
WAC Workshop	14.13	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	Should seek funding for projects that can facilitate climate resilience.	Comment noted. TBF is pursuing projects that prioritize and facilitate climate resilience.

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WAC Workshop	14.14	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	To mitigate sediment decrease, raise the levels of the wetlands overtime and seed gradually slightly higher every time. More info is needed about this, suggested a workshop and studies.	Comment noted. This experimental restoration effort has been conducted and is being evaluated as part of the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge Thin Layer Salt Marsh Sediment Augmentation Project funded in part by the Coastal Conservancy and CDFW. Additional scientific webinars and conference presentations have been held for this restoration method.
WAC Workshop	14.15	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	Develop policy about measuring impact. How do we allocate funds to objectively measure projects (e.g. living shoreline, impacts on snowy plover, or gauging ending groom vs not grooming)? What impacts are there (e.g. Santa Monica compared to Dockweiler, grooming vs non-grooming)? Allocate resources based on science. Ask whether we're meeting climate objectives with a way of measuring.	Comment noted. The Annual Report for the Santa Monica Beach Restoration Pilot compares the site results to a 'control' site, which is an adjacent groomed beach location. Additional details can be found in the Annual Report produced for this project. The Los Angeles Living Shoreline Project will have additional scientific data and results associated with that project (located at Dockweiler Beach). Additional beach data are collected in conjunction with other beach restoration projects as well as through LMU's CRI. Annual Reports for projects are publicly available on TBF's website: www.santamonibabay.org .
WAC Workshop	14.16	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	Idea of a model or template that cities or projects can use to evaluate or grade how well the efforts are meeting the objectives.	Comment noted.
Written	14.17	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Program Accomplishments	Community-Based Restoration at Ballona Wetlands - We are concerned that the description of accomplishments for this project in Section II of the Work Plan is highly misleading due to the omission of material facts. The project accomplishments description cites a Year 3 Annual Report to suggest that the project has successfully reduced cover of invasive vegetation and increased cover of native vegetation. However, the Year 3 report states that native vegetation cover was dominated by annual Canadian horseweed, a detrimental species that TBF subsequently cleared from the project site soon after issuing the Year 3 report. Additionally, it seems clear from the assessment of non-native cover that TBF conducts its surveys of the project site immediately after it is cleared of invasive vegetation, which would skew the results. The largest section of the project site is currently overrun with invasive vegetation such as Euphorbia terracina, wild radish and others. To be blunt, TBF's reporting practices for this project appear to be purposely deceptive and impede not just the ability of the public to monitor project results, but also the ability of the scientific community to learn from this project. A more objective, detailed and current update for this project is warranted, including a discussion of future funding sources, revegetation plans and other strategies. Due to the lack of communication on this project, the Land Trust may have no choice but to include our concerns in a potential lawsuit against CDFW and its partners alleging general mismanagement of the ecological reserve (to include issues of access, parking lots, CEQA delays, transparency, etc.). We always prefer collaborative resolution of concerns, and hope that SMBRC will suggest an approach for addressing concerns about this project, to which SMBRC has contributed substantial funding.	Comment noted. The FY21 Work Plan summary of accomplishments is intended to capture efforts during the previous year. The primary product for this project is the Annual Report, and its overarching results were summarized briefly in this Work Plan. Many additional details of the project, including detailed results, project history, and efforts can be found in the Annual Reports. The next one will be out in summer 2020. Reports are publicly available on TBF's website: www.santamonibabay.org .
Written	14.18	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Program Accomplishments	Stone Creek Canyon Restoration: This project has been described in various reports going back to 2009 (the project apparently commenced in 2007) and it is hard to track the progress of the project over that time period. It would be helpful to see hard numbers, such as the number of acres that have been restored, percent of native vs. non-native cover, etc.	Comment noted. TBF is working with UCLA on restoration planning at the site. However, that level of detail is outside the scope of the FY21 Work Plan.

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Written	14.19	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #13	Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project - Highlighting the oversight disconnect between the NEP Management Conference (i.e. SMBRC) and NEP staff (primarily employees of the Bay Foundation) are the objectives for CCMP Action #13 (Restore Ballona Wetlands) which include supporting the lead agencies in completing permitting and finding funding for a project that the SMBRC Governing Board has never evaluated or voted to support. The Bay Foundation receives a substantial portion of its funding from the Coastal Conservancy, but SMBRC is supposed to act independently from other agencies and to take a lead role in assessing and advising on this type of project. Who decided that assisting in project funding and permitting should be objectives in the NEP Work Plan? We respectfully request that either: 1) these objectives be removed from the Work Plan, or 2) that a discussion and vote be agendaized for the April Governing Board meeting that would allow the Governing Board to hear and weigh arguments in favor of, or in opposition to, this project, such that it can make findings of fact, based on substantial evidence, in support of or in opposition to these objectives.	The Work Plan is reflective of the next steps to be conducted during FY21 that are components of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. The CCMP went through an extensive public process for over a year, including identification of priorities, actions, next steps, partners, etc. The completed Action Plan (2018) was informed by many workshops, meetings, stakeholder engagement, etc., and at this time, the CCMP is not being further revised.
Written	14.2	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #13	Public Access to the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve: Equitable public access to coastal resources is not only a high priority for the Land Trust, but a high priority for the State of California (see for example, the Coastal Conservancy's draft Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion guidelines, the Coastal Commission's Environmental Justice Policy and the Ocean Protection Council's Strategic Plan). SMBRC has a long, well-documented history of supporting interim access at the Ballona Wetlands, including access to Area A via the existing gate on Fiji Way. While the ultimate decision on granting access lies with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, SMBRC was given a substantial advisory role on such issues by the CA Legislature and TBF is currently the only non-profit entity with virtually unrestricted access to the ecological reserve. The FY 2019 Work Plan included both long and near-term objectives and included the encouragement of stewardship and recreation to be a near-term goal for the Ballona Wetlands. For all of these reasons, we respectfully ask that enhanced, ecologically sensitive public access be listed in the FY 2021 Work Plan as a continuing goal of SMBRC/SMBNEP.	Access to the Ballona Reserve is a determination made by CDFW. Staff recognize and appreciate the multitude of opinions and feelings surrounding the complex issues facing the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. Existing public events (prior to COVID-19 restrictions) happen frequently on site and staff encourage participation in those events held by Audubon, Friends of Ballona Wetlands, and TBF.
WAC Workshop	14.21	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #13	Community restoration. The NEP can help secure funding for the lead agencies and it will be good for NEP to take positions. Also, the NEP can have a say whether a project is the right project for TBF to be engaged in so that funding and permits can follow after an NEP position has been taken. Supportive of invasive species removal. However, had questions about the increase in native species. Spoke about Canadian horsetail that was removed within a week at Ballona. Suggested the need of volunteers to work on euphorbia or to pull radish.	Comment noted. For comments regarding position of the NEP, see response to comment 14.12. Many additional details of the project, including detailed results, project history, and efforts can be found in the Annual Reports. The next one will be out in summer 2020. Reports are publicly available on TBF's website: www.santamonicabay.org .
Written	14.22	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #19	Desalination: Action #19 of the Work Plan includes goals, milestones and results relating to minimizing or eliminating impacts from desalination facilities. However, there is a facility being proposed along the Santa Monica Bay coastline that two SMBRC member entities have alleged will result in substantial harm to the Bay. SMBRC was created to take the lead on discussions about protecting the Bay, and the Work Plan should specifically reference the proposed project and how SMBRC can evaluate its impacts and advise decision-making agencies accordingly.	The FY21 Work Plan includes Action #19 which supports minimization of biological impacts of water intake and discharge from coastal power generation and desalination facilities and includes public engagement and education. Staff will make effort and explore opportunities to facilitate discussion among stakeholders in addressing the desalination issue.
WAC Workshop	14.23	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #19	The NEP needs to take a position on issues such as desalination. Two SMBRC member entities, Heal the Bay and LA Waterkeeper, say desalination is a disaster for the Bay. Why has the NEP not taken a position on it? Taking positions is within State guidelines, nobody is saying they can or can't.	Intent of the NEP is to understand and lessen biological and marine related impacts. With regards to desalination, no agreement or consensus is expected at the Commission given the diverse positions. NEP takes the view of whether the action is consistent within the goals of the CCMP.
WAC Workshop	14.24	Walter Lamb	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	Action #35	Nutrient impacts are not very applicable to us. Put nutrients in FY21 Work Plan, but tie it to algae bloom.	Comment noted. Harmful algal blooms are already a component of Action #35.

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WAC Workshop	15.01	Marina Lindsay	West Basin Municipal Water District	General	Would like to see a shared database to show people what is happening and where.	Comment noted. Actions in the Research and Monitoring category (#33-42) all contribute to collection and sharing of new data needed for assessment of the Bay's environmental condition and restoration progress. Effort will be made to work with TAC to make the data more available and informative to stakeholders. Both the Comprehensive Monitoring Program (once completed) and the State of the Bay Report (once completed) will be made public.
WAC Workshop	15.02	Marina Lindsay	West Basin Municipal Water District	Action #2 and Action #5	Would like more information on what is the time range for kelp to come back after urchin removal and if there pockets of places where kelp is surviving better. Would like to see a better way to identify areas that are better suited to restore than other areas and look into artificial reefs.	Comment noted. Numerous sources of data are collected and considered to prioritize existing sites for kelp restoration and the development of artificial reefs. Early efforts are underway develop a strategic approach to these issues in Santa Monica Bay, regionally and state wide.
WAC Workshop	15.03	Marina Lindsay	West Basin Municipal Water District	Action #13	Would like to see an extensive literature review on species and cost benefits analysis about their placement and how can we build a database to show which species to plant or introduce where.	Comment noted. Literature reviews on species, restoration methods, and other factors are frequently conducted as part of individual projects and reporting. Efforts to develop and inform site suitability, including this concept, are in development.
WAC Workshop	16.01	Patricia McPherson	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group, Grassroots Coalition	Action #12	Should consider volunteer monitoring for organizations interested in maintaining the restored Lagoon. There are guidelines for volunteer monitoring and university and school students should be recruited and brought opportunities for citizen monitoring. Also, need to address the questions regarding if there are septic systems near site and if Lagoon is breached consistently.	Comment noted. Volunteers, students, and interns have been and will continue to be integral components of TBF's programs and projects. Additionally, groups like Audubon Society and Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains also conduct community science and volunteer monitoring opportunities.
WAC Workshop	16.02	Patricia McPherson	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group, Grassroots Coalition	Action #13	Next step 3: Concerned if people are aware of current funding resources. Would like SMBRC to play a role in addressing issues that the Final EIR does not consider. SMBRC can influence this project with jurisdiction over funding until inaccuracies are corrected and issues are addressed. There are inaccuracies acknowledged by CDFW with water flow down the channel. Concerned about the unpermitted drains that were capped at the direction of Coastal Commission in the Ballona Wetlands area, which may cause backflow of saltwater into freshwater wetlands. Would like to request assistance of LACDPW in addressing recharging of groundwater in the Ballona Wetlands. There are also issues of groundwater contamination, saltwater intrusion, impacts of SoCal Gas infrastructure corrosion, oilfield gas migration, and fill at the Ballona Wetlands. Recommend that SMBRC be a part of Groundwater Sustainability Act as it pertains to Ballona Wetlands, and there should be increase in transparency, accountability, and assistance in where to restore freshwater wetlands. Recommend more access for outreach and education in Ballona Wetlands.	Comment noted. CDFW is one of the lead agencies on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project and the lead on the Final Environmental Impact Report. Staff recognize and appreciate the multitude of opinions and feelings surrounding the complex issues facing the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.
WAC Workshop	16.03	Patricia McPherson	Sierra Club Airport Marina Group, Grassroots Coalition	Action #42	Concerned that digging and bulldozing activities at Ballona Wetlands will release carbon.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	17.01	Sofia Murales	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	There should be more outreach, education, and hands-on activities to encourage involvement for kids and to build over generations care and stewardship for the environment.	Comment noted. Outreach, education, and hands-on activities are an integral component of TBF's work and projects. Thousands of volunteer hours are contributed every year to projects, and TBF works with its partners to bring student groups to restoration sites, to encourage educational activities, and to take a direct role in mentoring students and youth. TBF also has a Community Engagement department.

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WAC Workshop	17.02	Sofia Murales	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	General	There should be citizen science programs that can help to inform data gaps.	Comment noted. TBF hosts several volunteer opportunities to participate in TBF's restoration and stakeholder outreach programs. For example, volunteers can collect scientific information about the Ballona Wetlands and Malibu Lagoon while learning about the ecosystems of coastal wetlands. For more information, visit TBF's Volunteer Opportunities webpage at https://www.santamonicabay.org/get-involved/volunteer/ .
WAC Workshop	18.01	Leslie Purcell	Self	Action #2	Would like to know if Topanga Canyon is a place where kelp restoration could work and what is the range of kelp in Santa Monica Bay.	Comment noted. The range of giant kelp in California extends from the Monterey Bay area to the US Mexican border. Giant kelp and other macroalgae attach to hard structures, e.g. rocks, reefs, tube worm colonies, discharge pipes, breakwalls, artificial reefs, piers, docks, etc. The soft bottom habitat, that comprises most of the nearshore environment of Santa Monica Bay provides few places for giant kelp to anchor. At times giant kelp grows off the beach at Topanga Canyon on cobbles and small boulders.
WAC Workshop	18.02	Leslie Purcell	Self	Action #13	Concerned about groundwater and methane pumps at Playa Vista. Need a better way to manage the parking garage water pumping and methane pumping so not to deplete the groundwater.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	18.03	Leslie Purcell	Self	Action #17	Concerned about dog feces and overwatering late at night at Ladera Park, which seems to be a waste of water due to the runoff. Would like to know if there is a way to educate the neighborhood and who would be the contact.	The contact for addressing pet waste, irrigation, and public education for the Ladera Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project is the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. More project and contact information, visit the project's website at https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/stwq/LaderaPark.aspx .
WAC Workshop	18.04	Leslie Purcell	Self	Action #36	Need to look into the impacts of exhaust from LAX.	Comment noted. Action #40 involves researching and informing best management and pollution reduction practices to address non-point source pollution, which may result from rainfall carrying air pollutants to waterways.
WAC Workshop	19.01	Dave Roberts	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	General	How were the two areas of special interest chosen for discussion when there are so many other issues people seem to think are a priority? If we're to discuss the Work Plan only, the questions are out of place and inappropriate.	USEPA NEP funding guidance identified the two areas of special interest, nutrient pollution reduction and climate resilience, as topics to focus on for the development of NEP Annual Work Plan. Section I of the FY21 Work Plan ("Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and FY21 Work Plan") was revised with this information and to reference Actions of the FY21 Work Plan that involve nutrient pollution reduction and climate resilience.
WAC Workshop	19.02	Dave Roberts	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	General	Work Plan is deficient in incorporating public discussion about specific topics. There is no process or opportunity as to how to provide a forum for those issues, i.e. Ballona Wetlands access issues, fresh and salt water in Ballona Wetlands, desalination, water use. A meeting should be held to agendize priority issues and allow meaningful public dialog.	Opportunities for public information exchange and in-depth discussion on issues important to the SMBNEP and of interest to stakeholders, and process may include workshops or forums. However, these opportunities were not identified or linked to specific Actions in the FY21 Work Plan because the topics discussed could be related to any Action or could be an issue not in the FY21 Work Plan. Section II of the FY21 Work Plan was revised to clarify that while efforts will be made to provide these opportunities, they are not linked to specific Actions in the Section III. Also, stakeholders have opportunities to provide input and identify priority issues at SMBRC's public Governing Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings, TAC meetings, and WAC meetings.

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WAC Workshop	19.03	Dave Roberts	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	General	Missing a task in the Work Plan for facilitated workshops regarding specific topics of interest to the community. SMBRC members should be participating in the WAC and other public meetings. TAC is not present at this meeting. Members of public do not have time to interact with TAC or SMBRC members on WAC topics.	Comment noted. See response to comment 19.02.
WAC Workshop	20.01	Steve Santen	Marina Del Rey Anglers	Action #39	Seconded the need for CDFW updates at board meetings on fisheries management plan, which were done but not released and it is not good enough.	Comment noted. See responses to comment 2.05.
WAC Workshop	21.01	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #5	Concern that rocky reef restoration off Palos Verdes Peninsula is a superfund site and education regarding fish contamination should be accompanied as part of remediation project, particularly for anglers while promoting the areas as fishing destination.	Action #29, next step 3 includes "support and facilitate the continuation and enhancement of the existing seafood contamination education and enforcement program" which consists of fish consumption advisories, white croaker commercial fishery closures, and public outreach and enforcement efforts.
WAC Workshop	21.02	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #6	Heal the Bay supports the beach restoration project.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	21.03	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #9	Curious of likelihood of project happening during FY21 timeline.	The timeline for completion of both next steps in Action #9 is identified in the CCMP as 2024 (or later). However, interim progress is part of this Work Plan and will be tracked in semi-annual reports.
WAC Workshop	21.04	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #10	Curious of likelihood of project happening during FY21 timeline due to time needed to identify new projects.	Comment noted. Identification of new projects will be the focus of the FY21 Work Plan for this activity.
WAC Workshop	21.05	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #12	Project 1 – Malibu restoration assessment: is there consideration of continuing monitoring given interest? Should look for funding to continue monitoring every 5 years rather than annual basis.	Action #12, next step 4 involves seeking funding to continue surveys and conduct new surveys to inform the CMP and wetland condition trends for our region (Description / Milestone Summary).
WAC Workshop	21.06	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #13	Heal the Bay is a strong supporter of this project.	Comment noted.
WAC Workshop	21.07	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #16	Should add Measure W as potential source of funding for implementing the EWMPs.	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	21.08	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #19	Next step 1: increase public support. Would be good to include education and public awareness on sources of local water supplies which, if better managed, can meet water supply needs before resorting to desalination.	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	21.09	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #28	There is not enough detail about specific projects to carry out, especially for next step 1. More projects should be incorporated to support disadvantaged communities.	Comment noted. No specific projects are planned for this fiscal year due to the lack of resources. Staff will continue to support prioritization of green infrastructure implementation in disadvantaged communities.
WAC Workshop	21.10	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #29	Should consider adding a new step for river report card for educating public about health risks associated with swimming.	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	21.11	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #32	Should add Reusable LA efforts (new name from LA polystyrene), a coalition of different nonprofits and local municipalities.	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	21.12	Nancy Shrodes	Heal the Bay	Action #43	Should add specific language about supporting nature-based solutions and multi-benefit projects.	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	22.01	Maral Tashjian	County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors	General (Area of Special Interest: Nutrient Pollution Reduction)	Would like to get more background on excess nutrient reduction.	Comment noted. Action #35, 36, 40, and 41 will collect data that inform both background and reduction of nutrient loading to the waterbodies in Santa Monica Bay and its watershed. Effort will be made to work with TAC to better disseminate the information.
WAC Workshop	22.02	Maral Tashjian	County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors	Action #44	Need to connect between sediment management, kelp, soft armoring of the coast, and the need for holistic planning. The goal of this action is to start working with other groups that identify as sediment management. Is there an overall plan for Santa Monica Bay besides those two areas? Consider reintroducing rock beds that kelp lack due to dams upriver. LA County Beaches and Harbors view kelp beds as a soft armor for the fluctuating sand and beaches. A master plan for kelp restoration and sediment management with climate change in mind is important for the whole Bay.	Comment noted. This concept crosses or includes several CCMP Actions. Preliminary efforts are underway to develop an appropriate and strategic approach to this management issue.

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WAC Workshop	23.01	Robert Torres	LA County Department of Public Works	General	Concerns for TAC to contribute more going forward. Recommend to increase role of TAC in FY21 Work Plan to implement the FY21 Actions.	Members of the TAC serve as volunteers and have provided critical scientific and technical expertise for SMBNEP. The FY21 Work Plan highlights the TAC's role in revising the Comprehensive Monitoring Program (CMP) to include climate change, prioritizing monitoring and data collection needs based on the revised CMP, reviewing monitoring plans for Proposition-funded projects, and contributing to the development and deployment of next-gen data collection platforms to assess health of Santa Monica Bay's habitats. Considering the level of TAC's support outlined in the FY21 Work Plan, the TAC was not included in additional Actions. However, nothing precludes the TAC from assisting with additional Actions and priorities of the SMBNEP.
WAC Workshop	24.01	Claire Waggoner	State Water Board	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	This body should focus on climate resiliency and strategies to adapt to it. SMBRC might not have regulatory authority but it has the power to institute projects and the Work Plan should focus on those as well.	Comment noted. SMBNEP's revised 2018 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) Action Plan included understanding and adapting to climate change impacts as a key priority. It is integrated throughout both the CCMP and associated Work Plans (e.g., Actions #4, 6, 24, etc.).
WAC Workshop	25.01	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	General (Area of Special Interest: Climate Resilience)	We have to focus on climate change because we do not want to invest too much money into something that cannot be sustained in the coming years due to warming trends.	Comment noted. Climate change was identified as a priority in the 2018 CCMP Action Plan and integrated throughout Actions and the FY21 Work Plan. Additionally, a Climate Vulnerability Report was completed in 2016 by the TAC and other scientists to inform the CCMP revision process.
WAC Workshop	25.02	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #2	Would like to get data from study of wave mitigation in kelp with sensors, which could be very important and informing.	Comment noted. Those data are still being analyzed and a manuscript is underway for the publication of those data. Staff agrees that those data and any conclusions would be valuable.
WAC Workshop	25.03	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #21	Sanitation District of LA County (LACSD) was listed as a lead but not mentioned in the overarching CCMP. Regional Kelp Monitoring Consortium conduct aerial flyovers and have remote sensing information about kelp that should be utilized. There is also data and photos from a 2003 study with USGS. Suggest the Bay Foundation join the Consortium because the reports will be biannual, but Consortium members get access immediately.	Comment noted. Staff will reach out to consider this opportunity.
WAC Workshop	25.04	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #33	More data is great. Work with microplastics in the sediments is brilliant and partnering with Anna Marie Cook on microplastics would be helpful.	Comment noted. CRI researchers are already in contact with Anna Marie Cook.
WAC Workshop	25.05	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #36	Monitoring ocean acidification is important, but need to clarify whether or not that is from an environmental standpoint or from a public health.	Comment noted. Focus of current effort is on environmental impacts of ocean acidification. This does not preclude additional studies in the future from the public health standpoint.
WAC Workshop	25.06	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #37	Next step 2: Listed as a partner but name is misspelled and should be "LACSD".	Comment incorporated.
WAC Workshop	25.07	Shelley Walther	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Action #37	Would like clarification on LACSD's role as a partner.	Comment noted. The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County already conduct extensive monitoring in, in neighboring habitats, and involving the features associated with Action #37. Defining this partnership would be of interest to the SMBNEP.
WAC Workshop	26.01	Joe Young	Sierra Club	Action #21	The "toilet to tap" slogan is not a good campaign.	Comment noted. That language is not included in the FY21 Work Plan.