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Agenda Item: 3.c

To: Governing Board, SMBRC
From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director
Re: **Reappointment of Technical Advisory Committee Members**

Background

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) functions as an unbiased scientific panel that provides technical recommendations on research and project implementation priorities to the Governing Board, reports to the Governing Board on technical issues as requested by the Governing Board, and fulfills other responsibilities specified in the SMBRC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The qualifications for TAC membership are also specified in the MOU. Members should be experts in coastal and watershed science who are able to provide scientific opinions on a broad range of subject areas. They should also have a working knowledge of their scientific field and be able to work collaboratively to present technical issues to the Governing Board. TAC members can be drawn from a variety of sectors, but they function as impartial scientific experts, not as representatives of their sectors. In addition, when taken as a whole, the TAC preferably should include a range of scientific specialties, for example intertidal ecology, fisheries, physical oceanography, plankton, sea birds, sediment, wetlands, etc.

Membership on the TAC is for a two-year term and there are no term limits for the membership. The current TAC consists of eight members. Seven of them were appointed in February 2018 and their term ends at the end of February 2020. One member, Phyllis Grifman, was appointed in August 2017 and her term ended at the end of August 2019. Steve Bay, one of the seven members and the current Chair of the TAC has informed staff that he will retire from the TAC by the end of his current term. All other members have expressed their willingness to continue serving on the TAC for another 2-year term.

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was held on February 5, 2020 to confirm the willingness of existing members to continue serving on the TAC and discuss the need and potential candidates for new TAC members.



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The TAC identified four scientific specialties that require additional member representation to best accomplish its duties: environmental toxicology, oceanography and coastal processes, environmental engineering, and climate change. The TAC will solicit candidates with these scientific specialties and discuss at the next TAC meeting for consideration of new member appointment for approval by the Governing Board.

The TAC members recommended for reappointment by the Governing Board are listed below.

Name	Affiliation	Expertise	Member Since
Dr. Richard Ambrose	UCLA, Environmental Health Sciences	Environmental biology, ecology of coastal areas, resource management	2003
Dr. John Dorsey	Loyola Marymount University	Wetland ecology, microbial contamination	2003
Dr. Mas Dojiri	City of LA Environmental Monitoring Division	Environmental monitoring, marine biology	2008
Phyllis Grifman	USC Sea Grant	Coastal socioeconomics, marine spatial planning	2017
Dr. Karen Martin	Pepperdine University	Beach ecology, fish biology	2008
Dr. Dan Pondella	Occidental College, Vantuna Research Group	Fish ecology, evolution, life history	2003
Dr. Eric Stein	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Freshwater and wetland biology, watershed assessment	2013