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To: Executive Committee, SMBRC
From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director
Re: **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointment/Reappointment Background**

The 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.

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 5, 2020 to discuss and verify the willingness of existing members to continue serving on the TAC, as well as the need and potential candidates for new TAC members. Based on the outcome of the meeting, staff will work with the current Chair of the TAC to finalize member appointment and reappointment recommendations for approval by the Governing Board at its February 20, 2020 meeting.

The affiliation and scientific fields represented by current TAC members are summarized below.



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

Name	Affiliation	Expertise	Member Since
Dr. Richard Ambrose	UCLA, Environmental Health Sciences	Environmental biology, ecology of coastal areas, resource management	2003
Steve Bay (Chair)	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Environmental toxicology, tissue contamination, emerging contaminants	2003
Dr. John Dorsey	Loyola Marymount University	Wetland ecology, microbial contamination	2003
Dr. Mas Dojiri (Vice Chair)	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

*Appointed in August 2017.