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Agenda Item: 3.b

To: Governing Board, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: **Election of Coastal Tourism Representative to the Governing Board**

Action Requested of the Governing Board

Recommend election of a coastal tourism industry representative to the Governing Board.

Background

The existing Memorandum of Understanding (amended in 2014) of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (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 representatives, two environmental/public interest representatives, and two business community/economic interest representatives (one of which participates in the coastal tourism industry). The last election for six of the seven positions was held at the December 12, 2019 Governing Board meeting. The last election for the member representing business in the coastal tourism industry was held at the June 21, 2018 Governing Board meeting. A new election for the coastal tourism industry position is scheduled to take place at the June 18, 2020 Governing Board meeting when the two-year term of the current member occupying this position expires. To streamline the election process of the elected Governing Board members, the term of the newly elected coastal tourism industry member will expire in December 2021, in sync with the other six elected Governing Board members.

The nomination period for the coastal tourism industry position opened on May 28, 2020 and will close on Tuesday, June 16, two days prior to the Governing Board meeting when elections will take place (June 18, 2020). Floor nominations will also be opened at the June 18, 2020 Governing Board meeting before the elections take place.



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At this time, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism is the only member of the WAC eligible for the coastal tourism industry position. At the June 18, 2020 meeting, the Governing Board may accept nominations for additional eligible WAC members, and leave the position open and reschedule the election at a future meeting with additional nominations.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Governing Board accept the nomination(s) and elect a coastal tourism industry representative to the Governing Board.