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Agenda Item: 2.e.i

To: Executive Committee, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director
Re: **Consideration of Election of Santa Monica Bay Restoration
Commission Governing Board Chair**

Action Requested of the Executive Committee

Schedule “Election of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board Chair” for the December 8, 2020 Governing Board meeting and approve the proposed nomination procedure.

Background

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission stipulates that the voting Governing Board members shall elect a Chairperson from among the voting Governing Board members who will preside over all Governing Board meetings, work closely with Commission staff to convene Governing Board meetings and prepare Governing Board agendas and reports, and also serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. The Governing Board Chair serves two-year terms and may serve consecutive terms upon re-election.

The last election for the Governing Board Chair was held at the December 12, 2019 Governing Board meeting to serve a one-year term as prescribed under the MOU adopted in 2014. Resolution 20-02 adopted by the Governing Board on June 18, 2020 stipulates that all Governing Board and Executive Committee members and all Technical Advisory Committee members elected or appointed prior to the effective date of the MOU Amendment continue to serve until the expiration of their terms as specified at the time of their election and appointment. To ensure continuity of Governing Board chairmanship, staff recommend that the election of the Governing Board Chair be scheduled for the December 8, 2020 Governing Board meeting. Staff also recommend that the nomination period for Chairperson be opened immediately following the November 19, 2020 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, November 20, 2020 and close on Friday, December 4, 2020.

As with past elections, self-nominations and floor nominations are permitted on the day of the Governing Board meeting. At the Governing Board meeting when the election takes place, if more than one Governing Board member is nominated for Chairperson,



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those nominated will be given a few minutes to state their interest in the position. Thereafter, an election will take place by vote of voting Governing Board members. The newly-elected Chairperson will assume the position as Chair immediately after the election, and conduct authorized activities after that time.