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Subject: Important Message from The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Dear Governing Board Members and Alternates,

Please read this message from Dr. Guangyu Wang, regarding the transition of responsibilities in the management and coordination of the Commission's functions and activities, from the former Executive Director to him:

Dear Governing Board Members,

As you are aware, effective June 29, 2017, Tom Ford will no longer serve as Executive Director of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), and as the Chief Administrative Director of the SMBRC assigned by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), I will take on the responsibility in management and coordination of the Commission's functions and activities.

Specifically, as the Chief Administrative Director my primary duties and responsibilities will include:

- **Coordinate and execute the meetings of the Governing Board (GB), the Executive Committee (EC), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC).**

- **Manage membership of the GB, TAC, and WAC. Coordinate and run annual election of the GB and TAC leadership positions.**

- **Oversee grant management assistance to the SWRCB for SMBRC-recommended bond-funded projects.**

- **Coordinate with LA County and support the administrative functions of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA).**

- **Collaborate and support the efforts of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP). In coordination with TBF and other SMBNEP partners, oversee, monitor, and report the progress in carrying out SMBNEP's annual work plan tasks.**

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Tom and I have been working closely with the State legal counsel to ensure that the transition is carried out with minimum disruption to the functions and activities of the Commission. More importantly, we are making every effort to ensure that the collaborative relationship among the SMBNEP partners, mainly between the Commission and the Bay Foundation (TBF) is not only maintained, but will further be strengthened in the long-term.

I have spent most of my professional career with the SMBNEP and worked for the Commission since its establishment in 2002. I look forward to serving the SMBRC in these new duties and responsibilities of this new position not merely because of my background; rather it is because that I have enjoyed working with all of you, a great Board filled with highly dedicated, engaged, and supportive members.

I want to thank you for the encouragement offered by many Board members and to Tom, Enrique, Jon, and David for their leadership and guidance during this time. I look forward to working with all of you; for greater achievement in restoring the health of Santa Monica Bay.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you need anything or have any questions.

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