Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Amendment to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding

Governing Board Meeting

June 20, 2019

Items #3d and 3e

Previous Steps

Late 2017:
Initiated BRP (CCMP) Revision

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June 2018:
Initiated facilitator-led review process

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December 2018:
EPA presented on NEP Structures

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Dec. 2018 – Jan. 2019: **GB, EC, and WAC Workshops**

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February 2019:
Conducted eSurvey

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April 2019:
Presented survey summary at GB meeting

MOU History and Significant Amendments

2003

- Developed and signed MOU

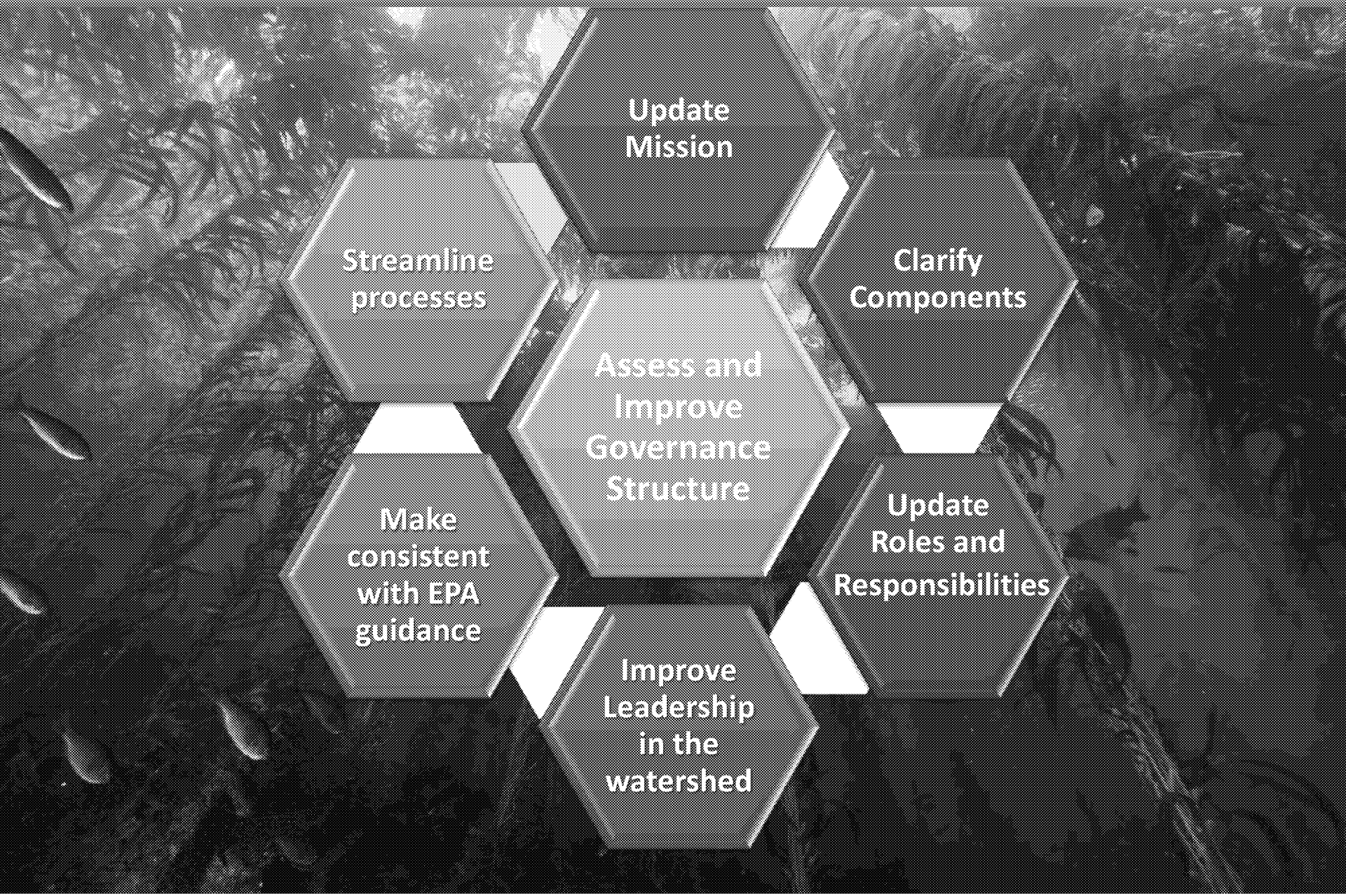
Amended 2011

- Increased the number of Governing Board (GB) voting members
- Expanded local watershed membership on GB and authorized the GB to elect additional members of the public
- Expanded role of local Councils of Governments on the Governing Board
- Established the Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) and specified manner of annual WAC meetings

Amended 2014

- Removed requirement for amending MOU to add WAC members

Why Amend the MOU?



Summary of Comments to Date

- Strong support of the activities and operation of the current SMBNEP Management Conference and desire to remain active and involved.
- Current structure is effective overall for a resource-limited program, mostly attributed to the collaboration and partnerships among participating stakeholders.
- Need to assess and modify governance components to improve their contributions to the Management Conference and reduce administrative inefficiencies.
- Need to improve efforts to raise funds, make policy, educate stakeholders, and communicate decision-making.

Proposed Process and Schedule for Updating the MOU

Milestone	2019 Date
Scoping at the Governing Board Meeting	June 20
Staff prepares a draft markup of the MOU and releases it for GB/public comment	~July 29
Staff workshop to discuss draft language	August 15
Written Comments Due	August 22
Staff incorporate comments and release revised draft with Response to Comments	October 14
Governing Board consideration of approval*	**October 24**

*The Governing Board may direct staff to make additional revisions during this meeting or conduct another public comment period.

Goals

- Update and clarify the composition, roles, responsibilities, policy, and practices of Commission groups
- Improve the ability to implement the newly adopted Action Plan
- Enhance the SMBNEP partnership to serve effectively as the Management Conference of the SMBNEP
- Streamline processes and improve program efficacy

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1) Update the Commission's mission, objectives, authorities, and purpose statements to reflect new priorities identified in the newly-adopted CCMP

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2) Assess the Governing Board membership. Options may include:

- Add entities to the GB
- Reduce the number of GB members
- Keep the current composition

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3) Clearly define and enhance the partnership between the Commission and the NEP host entity (TBF).

- Consider adding to the MOU the Commission's authority to select and enter an agreement with a host entity to ensure effective implementation of the CCMP

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4) Assess and further define the leadership role of the Executive Committee

- Consider adding to the MOU the membership, roles, responsibilities, and meeting schedule of the Executive Committee

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5) Reform the mechanism for conducting outreach to, and receiving input from, the broader stakeholder community. Options may include:

- Replace the WAC with a new Public Advisory Committee
- Dissolve the WAC and replace the WAC meetings with time allotted during regular GB meetings
- Dissolve the WAC and replace the WAC meetings with annual or bi-annual public workshops

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6) Identify opportunities to streamline processes and improve program efficacy (i.e., evaluate meeting frequency and duration).

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7) Assess need for special committees to address targeted issues.

- Consider adding to the MOU the Commission's authority and procedure to form special committees to address issues such as fund-raising, habitat-specific restoration planning, and outreach

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8) Non-substantive changes

- Consider fixing typographical errors and outdated provisions regarding number of GB members and voting eligibility, etc.

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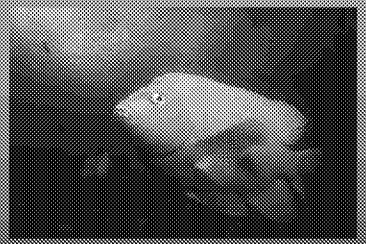
9) Are there other items for staff to consider when drafting the proposed MOU amendment?

Next Steps*



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