Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Memorandum of Understanding

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Commission) was established by an act of the California Legislature in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate, and advise the activities of state programs and oversee funding that affects the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds.

The Commission is a non-regulatory, locally based state entity whose functions, governance and membership are set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Commission shall independently execute its duties and that the Commission's membership shall include federal, state and local public agency officials and employees and representatives of other stakeholder interests.

Background

In 1988, the State of California and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) established the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (SMBRP) as a National Estuary Program (NEP) under the provisions of Section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act. The NEP is designed to promote collaborative watershed-based partnerships in order to develop and implement a comprehensive conservation and management plan that addresses the range of environmental problems facing the estuary, while recognizing and balancing the needs of the local community.

The SMBRP was the NEP for Santa Monica Bay and was one of 28 such programs that were established nationwide.

A comprehensive Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (Restoration Plan) was finalized and approved by the State of California and the USEPA in 1995. Following that, the SMBRP oversaw implementation of the Restoration Plan as carried out by the various partner agencies and sought and secured funding for many important initiatives that have furthered the goal of Bay restoration. Implementation of the Restoration Plan is a primary mission of the Commission.

One of the most significant actions achieved by the SMBRP was to conduct a landmark epidemiological study to answer questions regarding human health risks associated with swimming at urban-runoff contaminated beaches. The Santa Monica Bay "epidemiological study" ultimately led to new laws and regulatory standards that have improved water quality monitoring and reduced potential health risks at beaches throughout California and the United States., and laid the groundwork for the recent "Clean Beaches Initiative".

Legislative History

Senate Bill 57 (Hayden), Statutes 2000, Chapter 983, signed by Governor Davis on September 29, 2000, created within the State Water Resources Control Board the Santa Monica Bay

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Restoration Project. SB 57 required that the Secretary for Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the SMBRP, make recommendations for measures to coordinate state policies to restore Santa Monica Bay. Enactment of legislation and development of a non-regulatory, locally based state entity to facilitate coordination of state programs on behalf of Santa Monica Bay was recommended.

SB 1381 (Kuehl), Statutes 2002, Chapter 598, followed upon SB 57 and the recommendations of the report to the Legislature, and renamed the SMBRP as the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (codified at Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 30988-30988.3). Although SB 1381 requires the State Water Resources Control Board to provide administrative services to the Commission, the Commission possesses independent authority to execute the duties required by SB 1381. SB 1381 calls for development of a Memorandum of Understanding that ensures the coordination of state programs affecting Santa Monica Bay and that delineates the authority of the Commission and its governance structure with respect to the implementation of those state programs and prescribes the Commission's membership.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to set forth the agreement among the Secretary for Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and the Chairperson of the former Bay Watershed Council, pursuant to the provisions of California Public Resources Code section 30988.2(b)(1).

II. MISSION, OBJECTIVES, AUTHORITIES AND PURPOSES

Mission Statement
The Commission's mission is 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.

Goal
The goal of the Commission is to accelerate the pace, extent, and effectiveness of Santa Monica Bay restoration through implementation and financing of actions that improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the health of the Bay's recreational users.

Objectives
The Commission will achieve its goal by prioritizing in its educational, monitoring, and bond proceeds expenditure decisions, proposals, or projects designed to achieve Bay restoration objectives that include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) The reduction or elimination of pollution from storm water (including urban runoff) and point and nonpoint (including on-site wastewater disposal) sources.
2) The reduction or prevention of the threat of oil and sewage spills and leaks.
3) The reduction and prevention of beach erosion.
4) The reduction and prevention of threats to public health from pollution.
5) The prevention of and protection against loss of wetlands, coastal and riparian habitats, and Santa Monica Bay's natural and living resources, and restoration of these resources where they have already been degraded.
6) Effective enforcement of applicable environmental laws.
7) Public education and warnings of any dangers related to consuming contaminated seafood.
8) Increased public education concerning the Santa Monica Bay in collaboration with universities and grades K-12 schools.

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9) Assuring that ocean resources are accessible to all Californians regardless of socioeconomic status, and are preserved and enhanced for future generations.

The Commission may, from time to time, establish additional objectives and priorities for expenditure decisions, proposals or projects. These objectives shall be consistent with the goals of the Restoration Plan.

Authorities of the Commission
The Commission is authorized in statute to:

- Request and receive federal, state, local, and private funds from any source and to expend those moneys for the restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.
- Award and administer grants for the benefit and enhancement of the Bay and its watershed.
- Enter into contracts and joint powers authority agreements, as necessary, to carry out the purposes of the Commission.
- To monitor, assess, and coordinate activities among federal, state, and local agencies, and where appropriate, private firms, to restore and enhance Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.

Functions of the Commission
The Commission shall carry out any or all of the following functions in order to achieve its mission and goals:

1. Promote participation by local governments, specials district, and community groups who are essential to implementation of watershed protection efforts.

2. Promote collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders.

3. Provide technical and financial support for the implementation of Bay restoration projects

4. Provide an open and neutral forum for inter-agency/inter-organizational discussion and consensus building.

5. Promote sound science that advances the implementation of Bay restoration policies.

6. Serve as an information clearinghouse for Santa Monica Bay issues.

7. Negotiate and oversee contracts.

8. Draft watershed policies in order to build consensus on Santa Monica Bay issues.

9. Facilitate inter-agency/inter-organizational efforts to improve the Bay's water quality and restoration of its natural (especially wetland) and living resources.

10. Provide information to policy-makers and the general public on issues involving Santa Monica Bay through public outreach and involvement programs.

11. Assist member organizations individually and collectively by providing coordination, public education, and leadership in the management and protection of the Bay and its resources.

12. Use and promote an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to Bay management.

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13. Coordinate and host periodic conferences on and relating to the state of the Bay and topics related to Bay management.

III. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

The Commission was established by an act of the California Legislature in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate and advise the activities of state programs and oversee funding that affects the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds.

The Commission is a non-regulatory, locally-based state organization whose functions and governance are prescribed in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the California Resources Agency and the Chairperson of the former Bay Watershed Council.

The Commission is composed of the Governing Board, the Watershed Advisory Council, and a Technical Advisory Committee.

The Commission membership includes federal, state, and local public agency officials, staff, and representatives of other stakeholder interests.

A. Governing Board

The Governing Board is the key decision-making authority of the Commission. The Governing Board is responsible for establishing policies and priorities for the Commission regarding the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds, and conducting any necessary planning activities in accordance with the Commission's purposes.

The Governing Board consists of thirty-five (35) members. The Governing Board consists of twenty-seven (27) voting members and eight (8) non-voting members. (ATTACHMENT A.) Each Governing Board member may designate up to two (2) alternates to serve in his or her absence.

Chairperson and Other Officers of the Governing Board. The members of the Governing Board shall elect a Chairperson from among the board members, who will preside over all Commission Board meetings and work closely with the staff of the Commission to convene Board meetings and prepare Board agendas and reports.

The Governing Board shall also elect vice-chairpersons and other officers, as determined to be necessary, from among the board members. The terms of all officers shall be one (1) year. Officers may serve consecutive terms.

Term of Voting Members. The term of each voting member shall be two (2) years. Any vacancy shall be filled within ninety (90) days of its occurrence by the appointing body. No person shall continue as a member of the board if he or she ceases to hold the office or ceases to be employed by the organization that qualifies that person to be appointed as a member of the board. Voting members may serve consecutive terms.

Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Governing Board. Any action of the Governing Board shall be taken by a majority vote of the voting members present.

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Meetings. Meetings of the Governing Board, consisting of at least a majority of the voting members, shall be held at least four times each year, and shall be held in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act (commencing with Government Code Section 11120).

Roles and Functions. The Governing Board shall carry out the objectives of the Commission as stated in this Memorandum and any subsequent amendments, and direct the Commission staff and advisory committees to assist in implementing these objectives. The Governing Board may delegate the day-to-day functions of the Commission to an Executive Director, who, with appropriate guidance from the Governing Board, may further delegate other functions of the Commission.

The Governing Board shall have the authority to carry out the Commission's statutory mission and implement this Memorandum of Understanding, and specifically has the authority, without limitation:

1) To approve budgets and expenditures of the Commission;
2) To authorize entering into legal agreements on behalf of the Commission, as necessary to fulfill the mission of the Commission;
3) To approve Commission work products, Restoration Plan amendments, and any other plans, products, or resolutions of the Commission;
4) To set priorities and provide final approval for educational, monitoring, and bond proceeds expenditure decisions, proposals, or projects designed to achieve Bay restoration; and
5) To adopt a Conflict of Interest Code.

Membership on the Governing Board will not diminish the regulatory responsibilities or authority of any participating agency or organization.

Three (3) representatives of municipalities in the watershed shall be appointed by the appropriate local Councils of Government, as cited in Attachment A.

The Ex-Officio and Appointed members of the Governing Board shall elect seven (7) additional entities from the Watershed Advisory Council to serve on the Governing Board as follows:

- Two (2) representatives of environmental/public interest organizations that operate entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed that is in good standing pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c)(3);

- Two representatives of the business community/economic interests in the watershed, one of which participates in the coastal tourism industry that operate entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed; and

- Three (3) at-large representatives from the Watershed Advisory Council who meet one of the following criteria:
    - A federal, state, or local agency active in the Santa Monica Bay watershed
    - An incorporated city entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
    - A county entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
    - A for-profit business that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed

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- A nonprofit organization that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed that is in good standing pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c)(3)

Entities eligible for one of the seven positions described above may be nominated by existing Governing Board members in good standing during a nomination period that will be established prior to the date of election. No entity may serve in more than one position.

B. Watershed Advisory Council

The Watershed Advisory Council is the broad stakeholder body of the Commission. The membership of the Watershed Advisory Council shall include all entities that meet the eligibility criteria below, as listed on Attachment B. All Governing Board members shall have the opportunity to participate in Watershed Advisory Council meetings and activities.

Additional entities that would like to become a member of the Watershed Advisory Council and that meet the eligibility criteria shall forward a letter of interest to the Governing Board with a resolution from the interested entity's governing body (board of directors, etc.) authorizing the entity to seek membership and designating the entity's representative to the Watershed Advisory Council. The Governing Board may, by majority vote at its next regularly-scheduled meeting, consider election of the requesting entity to the Watershed Advisory Council.

Each Watershed Advisory Council member may designate up to two (2) alternates to serve in his or her absence.

The primary responsibility of the Watershed Advisory Council is to advise the Governing Board on Bay restoration priorities for funding, planning, project implementation, monitoring and further research. The Watershed Advisory Council is responsible for working with the Technical Advisory Committee to ensure that priorities are based on the best available science and are agreed upon, to the extent feasible, by the scientific, resource management, and water quality agencies.

The Chair of the Governing Board shall be the Chair of the Watershed Advisory Council.

Meetings & Participation. The Watershed Advisory Council shall meet at least once each year in a workshop format in order to advise the Governing Board regarding the implementation progress of the Bay Restoration Plan as it is updated, and on the program priorities of the Commission. In addition, Watershed Advisory Council members shall be provided the opportunity to participate in other workshops organized by the Commission in order to further carry out the provisions of the Bay Restoration Plan.

Additional Roles and Functions. The Watershed Advisory Council will support the functions of the Commission. Additional purposes shall be to:

1) Promote participation by local governments, special districts, and community groups who are essential to implementation of watershed protection efforts.
2) Promote collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders.
3) Provide an open and neutral forum for inter-agency/inter-organizational and public discussion and consensus building.

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4) Assist member organizations individually and collectively by providing coordination, public education, and leadership in the management and protection of the Bay and its resources.
5) Organize Work Groups to focus on priority issues of concern, and to achieve the objectives listed below.

Work Groups may be organized as necessary and will serve as the primary means for members of the Watershed Advisory Council to collaborate on issues of importance. Work Groups will be designed to:

- Provide a structured forum for the exchange, coordination, and implementation of information, ideas, and projects.
- Encourage a cooperative approach in addressing issues of regional/watershed significance.
- Develop recommendations for policies/action plans for adoption by the Governing Board (e.g. updates to the Restoration Plan).

Individual Work Groups shall be chaired by a Watershed Advisory Council member or their designee. A staff member or consultant may also be identified/ to support the activities of the Work Group.

Watershed Advisory Council Eligibility Criteria. Existing and potential Watershed Advisory Council members shall be deemed "eligible to serve on the Watershed Advisory Council" if they meet one of the following criteria:

- A federal, state, or local agency active within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- An incorporated city entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A county entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A for-profit business that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed
- A nonprofit organization that operates entirely or partially within the Santa Monica Bay watershed that is in good standing pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c)(3)

C. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Roles and Responsibilities. The role of the TAC is to function as an unbiased scientific panel. Rather than voting on each item, the TAC may provide brief reports with recommendations to the Governing Board along with justifications and any varying opinions within the TAC.

The responsibilities of the TAC are to develop and adopt a State of the Bay report every five years, and guide staff in coordinating the State of the Bay conference; recommend research and project implementation priorities to the Governing Board to achieve the SMBRC's goals and mission; report to the Governing Board on technical issues as requested by Governing Board members and develop white papers where appropriate; convene *ad hoc* committees, with members drawn from both within and outside the TAC, to provide guidance on specific issues; provide review and recommendations to the Governing Board on select project proposals that are technical in nature or have a strong technical component; and provide review and recommendations to the GB on select policies that are technical in nature or have a strong technical component and are being proposed for adoption by the Governing Board.

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TAC Membership. The TAC consists of experts in coastal and watershed science who are able to provide scientific opinions on a broad range of subject areas. TAC members contribute the latest technical input on issues, i.e. they have a working knowledge of the current scientific literature in their field and preferably are actively publishing. TAC members represent a range of scientific specialties, for example intertidal ecology, fisheries, physical oceanography, plankton, sea birds, sediments, wetlands, etc. They are drawn from a variety of sectors, e.g. academia, nonprofits or government agencies, but they function as disinterested scientific experts, not as representatives of their sectors. Finally TAC members are able to work collaboratively to reach consensus on technical issues to present to the Governing Board.

Membership on the TAC is for a two-year term. The number of terms served by an individual are not limited but must be renewed. Once the TAC is established the TAC members will work with staff to nominate new (or existing) members, for approval by the Governing Board. The members of the TAC will appoint a Chair, for a two-year term, who has a broad understanding of scientific issues in the Bay and can provide strong leadership and direction to the group.

IV. OPERATION

Pursuant to Public Resources Code 30988.2, the Commission is established within the State Water Resources Control Board (which provides administrative services/personnel support to the Commission) and the Commission independently executes its duties and authorities as authorized.

Within the State Treasury, a Santa Monica Bay Restoration Account is created and monies in the account may be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support the activities of the Commission.

At such time that funds are deposited in this account, semi-annual financial reports will be presented to the Governing Board and to the Watershed Advisory Council.

V. PROGRESS REPORTS

To ensure accountability and to allow for periodic evaluation of progress, the Commission will prepare Annual Reports that summarize the accomplishments of the Commission and its Governing Board, Watershed Advisory Council, and Technical Advisory Committee in meeting its objectives and implementing the Restoration Plan. These reports will be made public and given widespread distribution.

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE POLICY

All members of the Governing Board are obliged to avoid any conflict of interest and must disclose to the Board any real or potential conflict of interest in any transaction or project under consideration by the Commission. In addition, members of the Governing Board are subject to the Political Reform Act (commencing with Government Code section 81000). The Governing Board shall maintain a conflict of interest code consistent with the Political Reform Act and designate appropriate positions that shall be subject to economic interest disclosures. Nothing in this section shall reduce the Commission or its members obligations under federal or California law.

A conflict of interest may exist whenever a member of the Board (including a spouse, sibling, parent or child of a Board member) has a personal, material financial interest in a transaction or project under consideration by the Board.

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If the Governing Board determines that a transaction or project involves a conflict of interest, whether real or apparent, by a member of the Board, the Board shall, at a minimum, require the Board member to abstain from voting on any such issue.

The Governing Board may approve of such a project or transaction if the Board makes specific findings that the transaction or project is (1) fair and benefits the objectives of the Commission; and (2) approved with the full knowledge of the economic benefit to the Board member involved in the conflict of interest.

VII. AGREEMENT

1) The signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding will support the goals of the MOU upon signing of this MOU and the election and appointment of at least a quorum of members of the Governing Board.

2) The members of the Governing Board and all other participants of the Commission shall work together in a cooperative and collaborative manner. In cases of disputes over Commission projects, members shall engage in a good faith effort to resolve disagreements. (See ATTACHMENT C)

3) Amendments to the MOU may be proposed to the Chairperson of the Governing Board at any time and shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the voting members of the Governing Board.

4) Upon agreement from the Governing Board, other qualified agencies or organizations that meet the qualifying criteria in Section III.B. may be added to the Watershed Advisory Council without the need to amend this MOU.

This is a true and correct copy of the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission on June 19, 2014, pursuant to Resolution 14-07.

Micheál O'Leary, Chair

July 2, 2014
Date

(Note: Original MOU signed by Mary Nichols, Secretary, California Resources Agency; Winston Hickox, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency; and Jack Weiss, President, Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council. .)

ATTACHMENT A. *Governing Board Members*
ATTACHMENT B. *Watershed Advisory Council Members*
ATTACHMENT C. *Dispute Resolution Procedures*

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ATTACHMENT A.
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Governing Board Members

Governing Board Seat	Status	Appointment/Election
Secretary for Environmental Protection	Voting	Ex-officio
Secretary of the Resources Agency	Voting	Ex-officio
Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 9	Non-voting	Ex-officio
Director, NOAA-NMFS Southwest Division	Non-voting	Ex-officio
Member, California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles	Voting	Appointed by the Los Angeles Regional Board
Member, California Coastal Commission	Voting	Appointed by the Commission
Member, California State Coastal Conservancy	Voting	Appointed by the Conservancy
Supervisor, County of Los Angeles (Districts 3 or 4)	Voting	Appointed by the Board of Supervisors
Mayor or Councilmember, City of Los Angeles (SM Bay watershed district)	Voting	Appointed by the Mayor, with approval of the City Council
Councilmember for District 11, City of Los Angeles	Voting	Ex-officio
Mayor or Councilmember, South Bay cities	Voting	Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Torrance
Mayor or Councilmember, Malibu Creek watershed cities	Voting	Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village
Mayor or Councilmember, Ballona Creek watershed cities	Voting	Appointed by the Appropriate COG from the following eligible members of the Watershed Advisory Council: Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood
Public member, environmental/public interest	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. representing environmental/public interest organizations

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Public member, environmental/public interest	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. representing environmental/public interest organizations
Public member, business/economic interest	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B. representing business/economic interests
Public member, coastal tourism industry	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council representing business/economic interests, pursuant to the critieria in Section III. B. Member must participate in coastal tourism industry.
General Manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Voting	Ex-officio
Director, Public Works Department, City of LA	Voting	Ex-officio
Director, County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works	Voting	Ex-officio
At-large Member	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B.
At-large Member	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B.
At-large Member	Voting	Elected by the Governing Board from among members of the Watershed Advisory Council pursuant to the criteria in Section III. B.
State Senator, 26th District	Non-voting	Ex-officio
State Senator, 27th District	Non-voting	Ex-officio
State Assemblymember, 50th District	Non-voting	Ex-officio
State Assemblymember, 62nd District	Non-voting	Ex-officio
State Assemblymember 66th District	Non-voting	Ex-officio
Director, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Voting	Ex-officio
Director, CA Department of Parks and Recreation	Voting	Ex-officio
Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Voting	Ex-officio
Director, Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors	Voting	Ex-officio
Officer, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Voting	Ex-officio

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Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Life Guard Division	Voting	Ex-officio
Chair, Technical Advisory Committee	Non-voting	Ex-officio
President, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation Board	Non-voting	Ex-officio

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Watershed Advisory Council Members
(* also Governing Board Member)

Local Municipalities
City of Agoura Hills
City of Beverly Hills
City of Calabasas
City of Culver City
City of El Segundo
City of Hermosa Beach
City of Inglewood
City of Los Angeles*
City of Malibu*
City of Manhattan Beach
City of Palos Verdes Estates*
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
City of Redondo Beach
City of Rolling Hills
City of Rolling Hills Estates
City of Santa Monica*
City of Thousand Oaks
City of Torrance
City of West Hollywood
City of Westlake Village
LA County Supervisor, District 3*
LA County Supervisor, District 4

Federal, State and Local Agencies (water quality, resource management, public health)
US EPA Region 9*
NOAA-NMFS Southwest Division*
US Army Corps of Engineers
National Park Service,
State Water Resources Control Board*
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles Region*
CA Coastal Commission*
CA State Coastal Conservancy*
CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*
CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation*
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*
Resource Conservation District of SM Mtns.*
LA County Fire Department - Lifeguard Division*
LA County Department of Public Health Services
LA County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors*

Stormwater and Municipal Wastewater Management Agencies
CalTrans, District 7
County Sanitation Districts of LA County*
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District*
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation*
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering
County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Public Works*
West Basin Municipal Water District*

Utilities/Industry/Business
Brash Industries
Chevron Products Company*
City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Water and Power
NRG - El Segundo Operations, Inc.

Environmental Organizations/User Groups
Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve
Ballona Creek Renaissance
Ballona Ecosystem Education Project
Ballona Wetlands Foundation
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Friends of Ballona Wetlands
Heal the Bay*
League for Coastal Protection
Los Angeles Rod and Reel
Los Angeles Waterkeeper*
Malibu Surfing Association
Marina Del Rey Anglers*
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Conservation Society
Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society
Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter
Surfrider Foundation, South Bay Chapter

Legislative Representatives
Senior US Senator
Junior US Senator
US Representative, 30th District*
US Representative, 36th District*
State Senators, 26th & 27th Districts**
State Assemblymembers, 50th, 62nd, 66th Districts***

Other Members
Chair, Technical Advisory Committee*
Chair, Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council

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ATTACHMENT C

Dispute Resolution Procedures

In the event that consensus cannot be reached in the normal course of Commission proceedings, the parties agree to use the following dispute resolution process:

1. Commission staff meets with the dissenting party(ies) and attempts to resolve the issue(s). If a resolution is found, it will be brought before the board for review and possible approval. If no resolution is reached, then Level Two discussions are initiated.
2. Commission staff arrange for mediation. If an agreement is reached, it will be brought before the Governing Board for its consideration and possible approval. If agreement is not achieved, then Level Three is initiated.
3. The Governing Board Chairperson meets with the disputing parties and makes a recommendation for resolving the issues. This recommendation is brought before the Governing Board for approval/disapproval. If agreement is not achieved, then Level Four is initiated.
4. Commission staff, in consultation with the Governing Board, shall arrange for arbitration.

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