SMBRC Watershed Advisory Council (1/24/2019)

Summary of Comments and Staff Responses on SMBNEP FY20 Work Plan

Commenter	Comment(s)	Response to Comments
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Get the DFW onto the Executive Committee	Comment noted. Structural issue to be addressed seperately from the FY20 Work Plan process.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action#3 Should include a very similar project ie; restoring the white seabass	Comment noted. SMBNEP will reach out to Marina Del Rey Anglers during FY20 to advance this concept and receive more information.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action # 17 Should be pushed to find out how much the Pho fire retardant effects water quality in the Bay	Comment noted. Emerging contaminants including fire retardant are addressed under Action #34 of the Action Plan, Improve Understanding of Emerging Contaminants. Will also bring to the TAC to consider as part of a CMP metric.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action # 19 is very important to the near shore wild life	Comment noted.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action #28 Should include MDR Anglers Youth Fishing Program. We need volunteers to supplement our members on the fishing trips	Comment noted. Action #28, Support Disadvantaged Communities, is focused on resilience planning, fairly and equitably incorporating disadvantaged communities. Action #39, Monitor and Inform MPAs, FMPs, and Local Fisheries, relates to local fisheries, including the work of the Marina Del Rey Anglers and their youth fishing program. TBF will continue to support MDR again this year in assisting their need for volunteers to go fishing with the youth served by the program.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action # 29 People should not be eating the oysters that grow on the jetties	Comment noted. More information from Health Department or scientific data are needed.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action #32 LAB&H Dept needs to be more pro-active policing the trash bins on the docks	Comment noted. SMBNEP continues to support stronger trash reduction efforts by local agencies to accomplish Action #32, Reduce Marine Debris.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action # 34/35 are very important to marine life in the Bay	Comment noted.
Bob Godfrey (via e-mail)	Action # 39 Needs to get DFW more actively involved. The Marine Life Management Act was formally adopted last June. It is California's primary fisheries management law and it directs the DFW to develop a Master Plan which includes all our goals in #39	Comment noted. SMBNEP continues to facilitate CDFW efforts to accomplish Action #39, Monitor and Inform MPAs, FMPs, and Local Fisheries.
Shelly Walther	Support continuing OAH work; continue to deploy / partner on sensor package - good data, important	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #36, Monitor Climate Change Impacts and Ocean Acidification

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Shelly Walther	Regional board meeting on Feb 14 - special studies out for public comment to take the next steps for addt'l studies	Will incorporate discussion into CMP revision process - possible metric
Shelly Walther	Benthic response index (Susan Kidwell at U of Chicago) - pollution tolerance over time data - 70's to now from soft bottom data	Will incorporate discussion into CMP revision process - possible metric
Shelly Walther	Catalina Sea Ranch - oyster restoration project - could be informative	Comment noted. Will follow up to find more information about the project.
Shelly Walther	CA Ocean Plastic Prevention Strategy - OPC/NOAA	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #32, Reduce Marine Debris
Shelly Walther	Partner and continue conversations re: microplastics (SB 1263)	Incorporated into FY20 WP; Action #33, Microplastics and Other Marine Debris
Kathy Knight	Who is involved in Ballona? I want to be involved.	Comment noted. Participation in the community events is encouraged and event information can be found on TBF's website. See also Action #13, Restore Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve
Kathy Knight	Need a careful restoration of Ballona.	Comment noted. See also Action #13, Restore Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve
Kathy Knight	Encourage people to go on the Audubon walks.	Comment noted.
Bob Godfrey	Oysters in the marina could be a good indicator	Will incorporate discussion into CMP revision process - possible metric
Bob Godfrey	White seabass is still missing from this document	Comment noted. SMBNEP will reach out to Marina Del Rey Anglers during FY20 to advance this concept and receive more information.
Craig Cadwallader	Surfrider focusing on plastic pollution issues - 5 different city ordinances and helping statewide ordinance as well [Sacramento, but also local cities - Culver City, HB, MB, El Seg, Torrance (newest)]	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #32, Reduce Marine Debris
Craig Cadwallader	Expand food service ordinances - Manhattan Beach strongest in world (one of right now) - looking to match surrounding cities to Manhattan Beach.	Comment noted. Will reach out to Surfrider and Manhattan Beach for more information and promotional opportunities as part of effort to accomplish Actions #22, Implement Composting and Landfill Diversion Projects, and #32, Reduce Marine Debris.
Craig Cadwallader	Reduce plastic pollution at the source - anything to help - Surfrider is comparing ordinances to local municipal codes	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #32, Reduce Marine Debris
Craig Cadwallader	Plastic Pollution Coalition - educational materials / toolkit	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #32, Reduce Marine Debris

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Craig Cadwallader	West Basin desal project - hoping to delay and expand wastewater recycling instead - concerned with desal	Incorporated into FY20 Work Plan, Action #19, Minimize Biological Impacts from Water Intake Facilities
Craig Cadwallader	Hyperion still dumping too much into Bay	Comment noted.
Craig Cadwallader	Support wastewater recycling initiatives and ordinances - statewide interest	Comment noted. SMBNEP continues to support wastewater recycling efforts to accomplish Action #21, Support Policies to Reduce Reliance on Imported Water
Craig Cadwallader	Lucy Han - Water Wheel - need to see if feasible - reviewed Baltimore info	Comment noted. Will reach out to Surfrider to find out more about this project.
Unidentified	Prioritize community engagement actions: specifically noted #17, 30	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #17, Implement and Study Runoff Capture Projects and #30, Engage Community in Water Conservation and Reuse
Unidentified	Remove army corps of engineers as a partner for Ballona	Comment noted.
Unidentified	Prioritize volunteer based restoration efforts in Ballona	Incorporated into FY20 WP, Action #13, Restore Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, which includes a Next Step for continued community engagement.
Unidentified	Prioritize CCMP actions that hit all goals or provide multi-benefit	Incorporated into FY20 WP, throughout. The new structure of the Work Plan corresponds to the Action Plan of the CCMP to enable that understanding and assist prioritization.
Unidentified	Prioritize 'fundable' actions, you'll do more of your plan if you have more $	Comment noted. CCMP Finance Plan is in development and will be presented to the SMBNEP Management Committee in 2019.
Unidentified	Integrate agencies/cities better into plan, both can and are willing to help if approached with specific actions	Incorporated into FY20 WP. Numerous Next Steps identify partnerships with municipalities and agencies.
Unidentified	Prioritize natural water flow systems, down streams and into wetlands (not diverted) (#23)	Comment noted. SMBNEP continues to support wastewater recycling efforts and projects to naturalize urban streams through Actions #23, Develop and Adopt Stream Protection Policies, and #11, Restore Urban Streams, respectively. FY20 WP does not have a current Next Step for Action #23 or #11, but it will be included in future Work Plans.
Unidentified	Create a balanced plan, ensure at least one priority in work plan from each CCMP Action Category and several from 'direct management actions" 2,4,5,11,12,13 should also be prioritized. Go through governance and policy actions and pick one that is a priority, any action that talks about developing funding should be prioritized.	Incorporated throughout FY20 WP

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Unidentified	Prioritize wildlife crossings (#14) and include a wildlife crossing for Ballona under Lincoln. One already exists but was unsuccessful so should be reconfigured as needed. Richard Bloom may be a source of funding/ partner.	Comment noted. Will approach Richard Bloom's office regarding wildlife crossings in Ballona.
Unidentified	Rolling Hills- do they have input into the Bay Restoration or input into the Health of the Bay, how can they help mitigate problems and improve the health of the bay, what actions should they take and what are they doing wrong, how can they help. Outreach to cities as part of collaboration. Map showing them where their streams are emptying out into. (other cities include: RPV, PVE, RHE)	Comment noted. Will reach out to Rolling Hills and other muncipalities with similar questions and concerns to explore new mechanisms for information sharing and their engagement in Action Plan implementation.
Unidentified	Getting information out to interested parties (non-profits and press), transparency, accountability (visually in pie chart form), keep in touch with press as things progress. Concerned about using bulldozers on restoration projects. Army corps, once they get involved in restoration (they have unaudited unlimited amounts of money, kills habitats and wildlife), remove Army corps of engineers as a partner. Who brought in Army corps of engineers? Have volunteer groups go in to be involved in restoration. By using volunteers it would save tax payer $ and decrease pollution from machines coming in	Comment noted.
Unidentified	Restore native plants is not always the most important. Non-native plants also provide habitats. Ballona wetlands is working and needs tweaking not restoring.	Comment noted.
Unidentified	Allow runoff to go through natural systems down streams and into wetlands, not diverted to Hyperion (treatment)	Comment noted. SMBNEP continues to support wastewater recycling efforts and projects to naturalize urban streams through Actions #23, Develop and Adopt Stream Protection Policies, and #11, Restore Urban Streams, respectively. FY20 WP does not have a current Next Step for Action #23 or #11, but it will be included in future Work Plans.
Unidentified	Partnership identification database potentially something for the Waterboards	Comment noted.

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Unidentified	#34 has started, as well as Waterboards stormwater program, and an emerging contaminant expert panel is being established and will make recommendations	Comment noted. Coordination between SMBNEP and Waterboards staff needs to be conducted to incorporate this comment into the next version of the FY20 WP; this item is still in development.
Walter Lamb	BRP 13.3 - objective lost: increased public access point open additional public access. Milestone 13.3a: where did it go and what can we do, have we lost track of the community's interest in public access to the Ballona Wetlands?	Comment noted. Public access is being evaluated as a component of the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project, which is currently undergoing restoration planning. See also Action #13, Restore Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.
Walter Lamb	Loves the color coding	Comment noted.
Walter Lamb	WAC not structured as we need	Comment noted. Structural issue to be addressed seperately from the FY20 Work Plan process.
Walter Lamb	Why did the MRCA program stop? (Ballona)	Comment noted. MRCA was funded for work at Ballona for several years.

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