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February 15, 2019 **Agenda Items 3c**

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Re: Review of Draft Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

None

Background
Each year, the SMBRC collaborates with The Bay Foundation (TBF) to prepare and submit a work plan of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) to USEPA that identifies the expected tasks and activities necessary to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP, previously known as the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP)). USEPA uses the annual work plan to track grant expenditures and progress toward achieving the program's objectives, and to compile information on the environmental outcomes of work plan implementation.

The annual work plan for the federal fiscal year 2020 (FY 2020) covers the time period between October 1st, 2019 and September 30, 2020 and it must be submitted to USEPA before the end of April to meet the deadlines for work plan review and approval by USEPA.

The FY 2020Work Plan will build off the new CCMP Action Plan adopted in October 2018 and is focused on a subset of the identified Actions and Next Steps in the Plan. The purpose of Work Plan is to identify program objectives, tasks, and timelines of the work to be performed during the federal fiscal year (FY20), specifically to accomplish the goals and actions of the 2018 Action Plan and various technical, managerial, and administrative activities necessary to continue to advance the mission of SMBNEP.

The structure and format of the FY 2020 Work Plan differ considerably from the FY 2019 Work Plan due to the cross-walking between this document and the new structure of the 2018 CCMP Action Plan. However, many of the priorities and actions remain similar to previous years. This new structure and format of the Work Plan document reflects the goals of SMBNEP to increase clarity, increase reporting efficiency, increase the readability and succinctness of the Work Plan, increase consistency between the CCMP Action Plan and Annual Work Plans, and increase consistency with EPA funding guidance.

A Watershed Advisory Council meeting was held on January 24, 2019 to inform and receive input from members on the development of the FY 2020 Work Plan. The FY 2020 work plan will be finalized after incorporating comments and input received from members at the February 21 Governing Board meeting and completion of the sections on budget and staffing, which are still under development. The approval of the FY 2020 Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for the April 18. 2019 Governing Board meeting.