

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION - DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CLEAN BEACHES SANTA MONICA BAY (CBSMB) TASK FORCE UNDER THE CLEAN BEACHES PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

In November 2006, voters approved the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) authorizing the issuance of bonds to fund a variety of water quality improvement projects. \$90 million is allocated to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for coastal water quality improvement projects pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program (Pub. Resources Code, §30915). Of this amount, \$18 million is available to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) for protection of beaches, and coastal waters in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, and for projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands.

Proposition 84 requires the State Water Board to appoint a Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) to recommend projects to the State Water Board for funding. The State Water Board, in [Resolution No. 2006-0072](#), appointed a CBTF to assist with the administration of the Proposition 40 and 50 Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Programs. Additional members with expertise in Santa Monica Bay water quality issues need to be added to the CBTF to assist with the administration of Proposition 84 funds for the SMBRC.

The SMBRC appointed a panel of experts to assist in project reviews at their Governing Board Meeting on December 13, 2007. This Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was selected from local agencies, environmental advocacy groups, academia, government, and scientific research organizations. The TAC members will be added to the CBTF, as the CBSMB Task Force, to review and recommend projects to the State Water Board for Proposition 84 SMBRC funding. If necessary, members of the CBSMB Task Force may designate an alternate to fulfill their CBSMB Task Force responsibilities. In the event additional CBSMB Task Force members are needed, the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance may appoint additional CBSMB Task Force members.

For the period beginning September 2, 2008, and ending June 30, 2011, the CBSMB Task Force members are:

1. Richard Ambrose, Ph.D. - Dept. Environmental Science & Engineering, UCLA
2. Steve Bay, M.S. - Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
3. Dave Caron, Ph.D. - Caron Laboratory, University of Southern California
4. Mike Conner, Ph.D. - San Francisco Estuary Institute

5. Mas Dojiri, Ph.D. - Bureau of Sanitation, Environmental Monitoring Division,
City of Los Angeles
6. Jenny Jay, Ph.D. - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UCLA
7. Burton Jones, Ph.D. – Department of Biological Sciences, USC
8. Karen Martin, Ph.D.- Natural Science Division, Pepperdine University
9. Dan Pondella, Ph.D. - Moore Laboratory of Zoology, Occidental College

FISCAL IMPACT

The CBSMB Task Force members are not paid a salary for their service. The CBSMB Task Force meets approximately four times per year. Travel expenses for members of the CBSMB Task Force are reimbursed by the SMBRC.

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD IMPACT

Yes, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board:

1. Appoint the nominated members to the CBSMB Task Force?
2. Allow members of the CBSMB Task Force to designate an alternate to fulfill their CBSMB Task Force responsibilities?
3. Give the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authority, as needed to appoint additional CBSMB Task Force members?

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The State Water Board should:

1. Appoint the nominated members to the CBSMB Task Force;
2. Allow members of the CBSMB Task Force to designate an alternate to fulfill their CBSMB Task Force responsibilities; and
3. Give the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance authority, as needed to appoint additional CBSMB Task Force members.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

APPOINTING THE CLEAN BEACHES SANTA MONICA BAY (CBSMB) TASK FORCE UNDER THE CLEAN BEACHES PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

1. Proposition 84 authorizes \$90 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for grants to protect beaches and coastal waters pursuant to the Clean Beaches Program (Pub. Resources Code §30915). Of this amount, \$18 million is allocated to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC);
2. Proposition 84 requires the State Water Board to appoint a Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) to recommend projects to the for funding;
3. The State Water Board, in [Resolution 2006-0072](#), appointed members to the CBTF to assist with administration of the Proposition 40 and 50 Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program. Additional members with expertise in water quality issues in Santa Monica Bay need to be added to the CBTF to assist with administration of Proposition 84 SMBRC funds.
4. The SMBRC appointed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) from local agencies, environmental advocacy groups, academia, government, and scientific research organizations to assist in project reviews.
5. The TAC members will be added to the CBTF and will be called the CBSMB Task Force. The CBSMB Task Force will review and recommend projects to the State Water Board for Proposition 84 SMBRC funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Appoints the following individuals to the CBSMB Task Force. The term of service begins on September 2, 2008, and ends June 30, 2011.

Richard Ambrose, Ph.D. - Dept. Environmental Science & Engineering, UCLA

Steve Bay, M.S. - Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

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2. Members of the CBSMB Task Force may designate an alternate to fulfill their responsibilities if necessary, and
3. The Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance, as needed may appoint additional CBSMB Task Force members.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on September 2, 2008.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board