

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
August 9, 2017

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Information Item: Status Update on the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay (*Chiara Clemente*)

PURPOSE: To provide an annual update on the status of implementing the Board's [Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay](#)

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

KEY ISSUES: N/A

PRACTICAL VISION: This information item is directly related to the implementation of the [Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay](#) (Strategy), which the [Board endorsed at its June 2015 meeting](#). Implementation of the Strategy is an important part of Practical Vision Chapter 1 (Strategizing for Healthy Waters) because it is intended to ensure that the Board's work is aligned with the most important goals and highest priorities, in this case related to the Bay, and Chapter 2 (Monitoring and Assessment) because it is intended to implement a water body oriented monitoring framework for the applicable key beneficial use categories. For San Diego Bay, these are contact and non-contact water recreation, fish and shellfish consumption, and habitats and ecosystems.

DISCUSSION:

Staff last updated the Board on Strategy implementation in October 2016. That update was largely focused on the preliminary results of the initial assessment related to two key beneficial use categories in San Diego Bay: contact water recreation and fish and shellfish consumption. Since that time staff has completed those initial assessments and shared the results publically using the attached status sheets (Supporting Document Nos. 1 and 2). Around that same time, the [San Diego Bay Debris Study](#), the [San Diego Bay Bioaccumulation Study](#), and the [San Diego Bay Fish Consumption Study](#) were also completed. Results of analyses and efforts such as these, related to Strategy implementation are gathered and available on the Board's [Healthy San Diego Bay website](#).

For 2017, staff committed to further implementation of the Strategy through the following measures:

- 1) An initial assessment of the conditions related to Non-Contact Water Recreation in San Diego Bay
- 2) Initiation of a unified monitoring framework intended to implement a long-term bay-wide monitoring program to collect information necessary to assess conditions of the key beneficial use categories identified

Staff will be providing an update on progress made in these two areas. Following staff's presentation, there will be an opportunity for interested parties and other members of the public to address the Board on this matter.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Status Sheet for Contact Recreation
2. Status Sheet for Fish and Shellfish Consumption

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was announced electronically through the "Healthy Waters: San Diego Bay" lyris email group on July 6, 2017. Additionally, notice was provided in the agenda for the August 9, 2017 Board Meeting.