

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION - DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
OCTOBER 25, 2006**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) TASK FORCE (CBTF) MEMBERS

DISCUSSION

Proposition 13 required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to work with the California Coastal Commission to ensure that funded projects were consistent with federal and state requirements. The State Water Board staff, through the Beach Water Quality Workgroup (BWQW), formed a panel of beach water quality experts to assist in project reviews. This blue ribbon panel, known as the Clean Beaches Advisory Group (CBAG) was selected from local agencies, environmental advocacy groups, academia, government, and scientific research organizations.

The CBAG was made official when AB 2534 (Chapter 727, Statutes of 2002) appropriated an additional \$46 million from the *California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 40) to the CBI Grant Program. AB 2534 required the State Water Board to appoint a CBTF that represents the "breadth and diversity" of California's coastal communities to review and recommend projects to the State Water Board for funding from Proposition 40. The CBTF has assisted the State Water Board in reviewing CBI project proposals, as well as evaluating the success of the projects, and identifying critical beach water quality research needs. Most of the members of the CBAG were appointed to the CBTF.

In November 2002, voters approved the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50) authorizing the issuance of bonds to fund a variety of water quality improvement projects. The 2005/06 Budget Act appropriated \$23 million of Proposition 50 funds for CBI projects. Although Proposition 50 did not specifically require the appointment of a CBTF, State Water Board staff recommends continuing the CBTF to assist in the review and recommendation of project proposals and evaluation of project effectiveness.

The Division of Financial Assistance requested nominees for the CBTF from the coastal Regional Water Quality Control Boards, coastal County Health Departments, and the current members of the CBTF. Members of the CBTF may designate an individual to fulfill their CBTF responsibilities. The names of the nominees are listed below.

For the period beginning January 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2010, the CBTF nominees are:

1. John Dorsey, Loyola-Marymount University
2. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay
3. Jack Gregg, California Coastal Commission
4. Patricia Holden, University of California, Santa Barbara
5. Richard Lichtenfels, San Luis Obispo County
6. Peter Mangarella, Geosyntec
7. Monica Mazur, Orange County Health Care Agency
8. Charles McGee, Orange County Sanitary Districts
9. Mark McPherson, San Diego County Environmental Health
10. Dean Peterson, San Mateo County Environmental Health
11. James Rasmus, PBSJ
12. John Ricker, Santa Cruz County Environmental Health
13. Mary Small, California Coastal Conservancy
14. Philip Smith, Marin County Environmental Health
15. Guangyu Wang, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
16. Steve Weisberg, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
17. Kurt Berchtold, Santa Ana Regional Water Board
18. Michael Johnson, University of California, Davis

FISCAL IMPACT

The CBTF members are not paid a salary for their service. The CBTF meets approximately four to six times per year. Travel expenses for members of the CBTF may be reimbursed from the administrative allowance designated for the CBI Program by Proposition 50.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board appoint the nominated candidates to the CBTF?

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD IMPACT

Yes, coastal Regions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board appoint the nominated candidates to the CBTF.

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 -**

APPOINTMENT OF CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) TASK FORCE (CBTF) MEMBERS

WHEREAS:

1. Proposition 50 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to encumber and expend funds for CBI projects from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010;
2. Nominations for the CBTF were requested from coastal Regional Water Quality Control Boards, coastal County Health Departments, and members of the CBTF established in AB 2534; and
3. The CBTF will review Proposition 13 and 50 grant funded projects for the CBI Grant Program and recommended projects to the State Water Board for funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board appoints the following individuals to the CBTF. The term of service shall be for the period beginning January 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2010. Members of the CBTF may designate an individual to fulfill their CBTF responsibilities.

1. John Dorsey, Loyola-Marymount University
2. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay
3. Jack Gregg, California Coastal Commission
4. Patricia Holden, University of California, Santa Barbara
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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 Resources Control Board held on October 25, 2006.

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Clerk to the Board