

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION - DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
OCTOBER 2, 2007**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLEAN BEACHES TASK FORCE MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

DISCUSSION

In November 2006, voters approved the *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, including \$35 million for grants to assist local public agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS contained in the California Ocean Plan.

Proposition 84 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (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 Propositions 40 and 50 Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Programs. Additional members with expertise in ASBS need to be added to the CBTF to assist with the administration of Proposition 84 funds for ASBS.

Division of Financial Assistance (Division) staff conducted initial outreach regarding the Task Force and initiation of the Grant Program during ASBS stakeholder meetings in July 2007. The Division requested Task Force nominees from Division of Water Quality Ocean Unit staff, the Ocean Protection Council staff, the coastal Regional Water Quality Control Boards, coastal County Health Departments, and the current members of the CBTF. It is anticipated that additional Task Force members may be identified as the Program develops. To accommodate this need, additional task force members may be appointed by the Deputy Director of the Division.

In State Water Board [Resolution No. 2006-0072](#), the term of service of the CBTF ends June 30, 2010. Since Proposition 84 also authorizes Clean Beaches Initiative grant funds, the period of service of the CBTF is extended until June 30, 2012. The period of service of the proposed additions to the CBTF will begin upon appointment and end June 20, 2012. Proposed additions to the CBTF are listed in Attachment A.

FISCAL IMPACT

The CBTF members are not paid a salary for their services. The CBTF meets approximately four to six times per year. Travel expenses for members of the CBTF are fully covered by current budget allotments.

POLICY ISSUE

1. Should the State Water Board appoint the additional nominated candidates to the Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF)?
2. Should additional CBTF members be appointed by the Deputy Director of the Division, as needed?
3. Should the State Water Board extend the term of service of the CBTF until June 30, 2012?

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD IMPACT

Yes, coastal Regions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the State Water Board appoint the additional nominated candidates to the CBTF.
2. That additional CBTF members be appointed by the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance, as needed.
3. That the State Water Board extend the term of service of the CBTF until June 30, 2012.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2007 -

APPOINTMENT OF CLEAN BEACHES TASK FORCE MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

WHEREAS:

1. Proposition 84 authorizes \$35 million for grants to assist agencies to comply with the discharge prohibition into ASBS.
2. Proposition 84 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to appoint a Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF) to recommend projects to the State Water Board for funding;
3. The State Water Board, in [Resolution 2006-0072](#), appointed members to the CBTF to assist with administration of the Propositions 40 and 50 Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program. Additional members with expertise in ASBS need to be added to the CBTF to assist with administration of Proposition 84 ASBS funds.
4. Nominations for the CBTF were requested from Division of Water Quality Ocean Unit staff, the Ocean Protection Council staff, the coastal Regional Water Quality Control Boards, coastal County Health Departments, and existing members of the CBTF; and
5. These additional members of the CBTF will review Proposition 84 grant funded projects for the ASBS Grant Program and recommend projects to the State Water Board for funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board appoints the additional individuals listed in Attachment A to the CBTF.
2. The term of service shall begin upon appointment and end June 30, 2012. The term of service of the CBTF shall also be extended to June 30, 2012.
3. Additional CBTF members may be appointed by the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance, as needed.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Acting 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 2, 2007.

Jeanine Townsend
Acting Clerk to the Board

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Additions to the Clean Beaches Task Force

1. Sarah Allen, Point Reyes National Seashore
2. Eugene Bromley, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
3. Mark Carr, University of California, Santa Cruz
4. Chris Crompton, County of Orange, Watershed and Coastal Resources Division
5. Angela Haren, California Coastkeeper Alliance
6. Steve Leiker, Former Public Works Director, City of Pacific Grove
7. Amber Mace, California Ocean Science Trust
8. Michele Mehta, Natural Resources Defense Council
9. Peter Raimondi, University of California, Santa Cruz
10. George Robertson, Orange County Sanitation District