



Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

Informational Presentation to LCEDC Board

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Team Introductions

Team Member	Role
Eric Sklar	Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee and President of the California Fish and Game Commission
Dave Ceppos	Managing Senior Mediator, Sacramento State University
Sam Magill	Senior Facilitator and Project Manager, Sacramento State University
Sophie Carrillo-Mandel	Associate Facilitator and Socioeconomic Subcommittee Coordinator, Sacramento State University
Cristina Murrillo-Barrick	Associate Facilitator and Project Support, Sacramento State University

Committee Background and Purpose

- ▶ Established by AB 707 (Aguiar Curry) in 2017:
 - ▶ Forms the Committee and specifies membership
 - ▶ Finds that water quality and environmental conditions in Clear Lake negatively impact the public health, environmental, and socioeconomic welfare of Lake County
 - ▶ Requires the Committee to develop detailed recommendations to clean up the Lake for environmental gains that will also increase its regional prominence for recreation and economic development
 - ▶ Annual report to the Legislature and Governor required on or before January 1 each year
- ▶ Committee formally launched in late 2018
- ▶ First annual report delivered to the Governor and Legislature on January 1, 2020

Committee Membership

- ▶ 7 federally recognized tribes in the area immediately impacted by Clear Lake conditions
- ▶ One member of the Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Lake County appointed experts with expertise in the following areas:
 - ▶ Local economic development
 - ▶ Agriculture
 - ▶ Environment
 - ▶ Public Water Supplier
- ▶ UC Davis
- ▶ Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

UCD Researchers are funded and managed through CDFW. Research is parallel to, but separate from, the Blue Ribbon Committee effort. Our hope is to share information with UCD researchers and, as appropriate, integrate UCD research into recommendations developed at the subcommittee level.

Our hope is for two-way information sharing between UCD and applicable subcommittees, but Committee staff understand that UCD is contractually obligated to create its own work products separate from Committee recommendations.



Parent agency of the Committee. Approves and distributes Committee recommendations to state officials. Works with Legislature and Governor on funding/implementation.



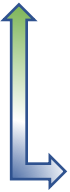
Official program established by AB 707. Reviews and approves all subcommittee and member recommendations. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, may expend funds and award grants to conduct research. Every year, the Committee is required to develop an annual report to the Legislature and Governor outlining its work and describing recommendations.



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Subcommittees develop recommendations and serve as information gathering venues for projects or activities associated with environmental health, socioeconomic improvement, and cultural/TEK resources in the Clear Lake basin. All subcommittee recommendations must be formally approved by the Blue Ribbon Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting. Subcommittees are encouraged to reach out to other organizations or individuals on an "ad hoc" basis to bring in key expertise wherever needed. Additionally, the subcommittees are expected to "screen" recommendations from the other groups (e.g., the technical group could look at socioeconomic recommendations to make sure there is no adverse impact on environmental conditions).



Committee Annual Activities

June Meeting

- Critical status update/ project check-ins
- Recs introduced

Sept Meeting

- Review recs and refine the Annual Report

Dec Meeting

- Final review and approval of Annual Report

March Meeting

- Updates on Report submittal & funding

Subcommittee Annual Activities

June-Sept

- **Review recs developed by other subcommittees** to ensure those recs do not adversely impact socioeconomics
- **Review technical recs at a greater level of detail** than possible during Committee meetings
- Continue to develop new recs introduced at June Committee meeting

Sept-Dec

- Review recommendation revisions from the Committee

March-June

- **Develop recommendations** specific to socioeconomics *to alleviate the conditions identified in AB 707*
- Recommendations may come from the previous year's deferred recommendations

Subcommittee As-Needed Activities

Provide a venue for academics, local business leaders, and stakeholders with socioeconomic expertise to hold **in-depth discussions** on issues affecting Clear Lake

Coordinate with existing research efforts throughout the Basin to minimize study overlap

Answer specific questions at the direction of the Committee and develop action-oriented recs for consideration by the full Committee

2019 Recommendations & Funding Request

- ▶ ***Initial*** recommendations focus on information gathering to determine where and why water quality issues occur in the Lake
- ▶ Committee requested \$5.5 million in the 2020 budget for five recommendations:
 - ▶ **Distributed hydrologic model of the upper watershed**
 - ▶ **Comprehensive monitoring plan for upper watershed**
 - ▶ **Bathymetric survey**
 - ▶ **Review implementation and efficacy of existing programs/regulations/Best Management Practices (BMPs)**
 - ▶ **Assessment of public attitudes and behaviors impacting water quality**
- ▶ ***Future*** recommendations are intended to utilize this science and create specific projects or management activities to improve environmental conditions in the Lake

COVID-19 Implications for Recommendation Implementation and Next Steps

- ▶ Governor Newsom's 2020 budget focused on COVID-19 and wildfire response
- ▶ Committee's 2019 recommendations not funded through the budget at this time. Priority for 2020 will be to refine and seek funding for the 2019 recommendations
- ▶ We continue to explore additional options, including grants and potential federal funding
- ▶ Committee continues to meet to develop implementation plans for all recommendations when funding becomes available

QUESTIONS?

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