

## **Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake (Committee)**

### **DRAFT 2022 Mission Statement and Project Criteria**

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Since 2018, the Committee has focused much of its work on the design and implementation of research projects designed to create a better understanding of the drivers of environmental concerns that impact water quality and the environment of Clear Lake. As these activities begin producing results with potential recommendations for addressing concerns, the California Natural Resources Agency (Resources) and Committee Chair requested the development of a clear vision to guide Committee projects and priorities moving forward. The DRAFT vision and project criteria discussed below were developed through conversations with the Committee's Technical and Socioeconomic Subcommittees in July and August, 2022 and are subject to further refinement and approval by the Committee.

After a vision and project criteria are developed, Committee and Subcommittee members will be asked to craft a unified plan for meeting the requirements of AB 707 (Aguiar-Curry, 2017). This legislation established the Committee and sets broad goals for improving the health of Clear Lake thus improving social and economic outcomes in its surrounding communities.

#### **DRAFT Vision Statement**

Through a collaborative process working with impacted stakeholders, the Committee will develop solutions to the challenges facing Clear Lake that will:

- Improve water quality
- Increase native and beneficial species abundance
- Enhance climate resilience
- Restore and enhance the recreational use of Clear Lake
- Recognize and incorporate the critical importance of Tribal heritage and cultural uses of Clear Lake and the surrounding area
- Build local capacity for improving and maintaining the Clear Lake environment
- Build regional pride in California's largest natural fresh water lake

#### **Project Proposal Criteria**

The vision is intended to serve as the "guiding principle" for Committee activities; it provides the "sideboards" for project proposals brought to the Committee for eventual funding and implementation. Only those projects designed to achieve elements of the vision should move forward. To provide further guidance, proposals should:

- Describe how the project directly contributes to improving the physical health of Clear Lake.
- Describe the timeline for project completion, including projected timing for funding approval, contracting, full project design, implementation, and post-construction monitoring.
- Describe the outreach necessary to build community understanding of and support for the project.
- Identify all permitting requirements (including environmental review) required for project implementation as applicable.

- Rely on past and current research outcomes. Describe how the proposal uses existing research in its design.
- Use existing data to the maximum extent feasible *OR* describe specific data gaps expected to be filled through project implementation.

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