Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

Meeting #2
December 20, 2018
1:30PM-4:30PM

Blessing, Welcome, and Introductions
Agenda
1. Blessing, Welcome, and Introductions
2. Post-Fire Recovery and Local Updates
3. 2019 Committee Scheduling
4. Committee Assessment Findings and Recommendations
5. Committee Charter Discussion
6. Technical Subcommittee Proposal
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn

2019 Proposed Committee Meeting Dates

- March 6
- June 5
- Sep 26
- Dec 11
Committee Assessment: Background

- 12 assessment interviews conducted in November and December
- Questions included member background, potential challenges, decision making protocols, and communication preferences
- All interviews aggregated into general findings and recommendations
Committee Assessment: Findings

- Health of Clear Lake and strength of Lake County economy linked
- Past processes: sustained funding and local champions subject to staff changes and budget fluctuations
- Widespread support for Middle Creek Restoration Project
- Ensuring adequate representation from affected community interests
- Coordinated research resulting in actionable recommendations

Committee Assessment: Findings (Cont.)

- General agreement on environmental concerns
- Multi-generational poverty results in unique challenges for Lake County economy
- Aging infrastructure (roads, sewer, water systems)
- “Consensus with accountability” decision making structure
- Need for prioritized list of near and longer-term actions
- Local outreach and education
Committee Assessment: Recommendations

- Findings support key conditions for collaborative success:
  - Transparency
  - Diverse interests
  - Local ownership
  - Strong public outreach *beyond* Committee members
  - Robust science
  - Partnerships with federal, state, and local interests

Committee Assessment: Recommendations (Cont.)

- Committee membership
- Subcommittees
- Coordinating research
- Charter (including roles and responsibilities)
- Public outreach: social media presence, local radio, news outlets, targeted outreach
Committee Charter: Purpose

- Develop reasonable, actionable recommendations to restore the environment and economy of Clear Lake and surrounding communities of Lake County.

- Provide a transparent venue, subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act, to openly discuss challenges and solutions to pressing issues facing Clear Lake and surrounding communities.
Committee Charter: Organization and Membership

- Membership dictated by AB 707:
  - The Resources Secretary or designee
  - A representative from the University of California, Davis
  - One member of the Board of Supervisors from the County of Lake or their designee
  - Representatives from the tribes in communities impacted by conditions in Clear Lake
  - A representative from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board)
  - An expert in each of the following areas, appointed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors:
    - Local economic development
    - Agriculture
    - Environment
    - A public water supplier drawing its drinking water supply from Clear Lake

Committee Charter: Committee Member Responsibilities

- Faithfully represent the interests of each organization
- Transmit Committee activities to member organizations and their constituents to receive feedback
- Develop and reach consensus on recommendations to improve environmental and economic conditions
Committee Charter: Supporting Roles

- Resources Agency: serves as Committee chair, liaison to Governor and Legislature, facilitates development of annual report required by AB 707, updates Committee on legislative and budget priorities

- Consultant staff: designs and implements a collaborative process, provides neutral facilitation of all meetings, faithfully records all meetings, assists with preparation of annual reports

Committee Charter: Decision Making Structure

- “Consensus with accountability”
- Proposed decision-making structure:
  - Initial recommendation
  - Straw poll
  - Draft and final decisions
- For all decisions and recommendations, members show level of support:
  - Do not support
  - Conditionally support
  - Support
  - Abstain
Committee Charter: Consensus and Quorum

- Facilitated process designed to support agreement wherever possible
- Determination to move forward with lack of consensus through discussion with Committee and support from Resources Secretary
- Quorum required for all decisions
- Quorum = 50% plus one member

Committee Charter: Logistics

- Communication protocols:
  - All meetings and decisions open to the public
  - Members encouraged to check in with constituency and report concerns back to the full body
  - When speaking to the media, members speak only for themselves/their organizations unless approved by full Committee
- Meeting summaries produced immediately after each Committee meeting
- All meetings noticed in accordance with Bagley-Keene requirements or earlier as appropriate
Technical Subcommittee Proposal

- Co-chairs
- Membership
- Structure
- Reporting and recommendations
- Establishing additional subcommittees
QUESTIONS?

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