

Revised Proposal to Address Socioeconomic and Cultural/Natural Resources Impacts Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

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Background

The primary purpose of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake (Committee) according to AB 707 (Aguiar-Curry) is:

... to spearhead activities aimed at cleaning up the lake for environmental gains that will revitalize its regional significance so that it may once again be used for recreational purposes, thus creating jobs and inciting new economic development.

Recent interviews and discussions with Committee members support the formation of discussion venues to address the potential socioeconomic and cultural/natural resource impacts of technical recommendations designed to alleviate environmental challenges affecting Clear Lake.¹

This *draft* proposal was developed by the Sacramento State University College of Continuing Education's Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) for consideration by the Committee after the March 13, 2019 quarterly meeting. The proposal will be discussed by Committee members at the June 5, 2019 quarterly meeting.

Proposal

The discussion groups are primarily intended to react to recommendations developed in the Technical Subcommittee and the full Committee. Discussion groups will serve as a screening mechanism to analyze, identify, and remedy potential socioeconomic and cultural/natural resources impacts before recommendations are submitted to the full Committee for approval at the final quarterly meeting of each year.

In addition to the primary purpose discussed above, these discussion groups will also:

- Provide a venue for academics, local business leaders, and stakeholders with economic, social science, and cultural/traditional usage expertise to hold in depth discussions on socioeconomic and cultural/natural resources issues affecting Clear Lake (Lake). Example issues include (but are not limited to) zoning changes, infrastructure modifications, or traditional tribal resources such as ancient village sites and willow stands.
- Discussion groups are expected to review technical recommendations at a greater level of detail than may be possible during formal quarterly Committee meetings.

¹ "Cultural resources" for the purpose of this document are defined as items showing physical evidence or place of past human activity (i.e., sites, objects, landscapes, structures, or natural feature of significance). In this case, tribal historical sites, as well as natural materials found around Clear Lake and used for traditional ceremonies or other purposes, are assumed to be the primary cultural resources of concern for the Committee. "Natural resource" means materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain. In this case, Clear Lake itself is assumed to be the primary natural resource of concern for the Committee.

- Coordinate existing and emerging efforts throughout the Basin to minimize study overlap and reduce repeating previous research.
- Answer specific, socioeconomic or cultural/natural resource questions as they arise at the direction of Committee members and develop action-oriented recommendations for consideration by the full Committee.

Discussion group meetings will be convened at the discretion of Committee leads for each group based on their initial review of recommendations and Committee discussion during quarterly meetings.

Suggested leads include:

- Socioeconomic issues: Wilda Shock and Terre Logsdon
- Cultural/natural resources issues: Linda Rosas-Bill

Membership in each discussion group will be established on an *ad hoc* basis to ensure appropriate local, regional, and state experts are included in specific discussions. Facilitation and logistical assistance will be provided by CCP at the request of discussion group leads. All discussion group meetings will be publicly noticed in accordance with standard noticing requirements as outlined in the Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act.