

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 September 26, 2019 quarterly meeting.

Proposal

The two separate subcommittees under discussion include a socioeconomic group and a standalone cultural/natural resources group. They are primarily intended to identify impacts to socioeconomic or cultural values that could arise from recommendations developed in the Technical Subcommittee and the full Committee, but are expected to develop additional recommendations as needed. Each subcommittee 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 subcommittees 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.

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.

- Subcommittees are expected to review technical recommendations at a greater level of detail than may be possible during formal quarterly Committee meetings.
- Coordinate existing research efforts throughout the Basin to minimize study overlap.
- 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.

Subcommittee 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, Angela DePalma-Dow

In the event that the two discussion groups have new proposal recommendations, these should be shared so that the Technical subcommittee can request an evaluation of the proposals before they move to the full Committee. Each discussion group can also request to evaluate new proposals of the other discussion group.

Membership in each subcommittee 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 subcommittee leads. All meetings will be publicly noticed in accordance with standard noticing requirements as outlined in the Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act.