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David McCarthy Named to The Bay Foundation Board of Directors

Los Angeles, CA (December 8, 2017) David McCarthy, a Venice native, ocean enthusiast, and Director of Customer Services for Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) has been named to the Board of the Directors of [The Bay Foundation](#).

In his role for SoCalGas, the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, David is responsible for a field workforce that ensures the safe delivery of gas service from the meter into more than 3 million customer homes and businesses. He has more than 33 years of technical and strategic leadership experience in the gas industry, including acting as chairman of the American Gas Association's (AGA) Utility and Customer Field Services Committee.

Recently he took his talents on the road, where he represented SoCalGas in providing support to the community of Santa Rosa in fire ravaged Northern California. David led a group of over 100 SoCalGas Technicians and Supervisors in the restoration of gas service to 10,000 PG&E customers within a week's time. These customers had been without hot water and heat for well over a week and were extremely grateful for the assistance SoCalGas provided.

In his personal life, David has long been engaged in community issues and programs surrounding homelessness, veterans, youth and now, Santa Monica Bay. Specifically, David and SoCalGas support his interests via: United Way's HomeWalk, and Walk for Warriors, respectively assisting homeless and veteran populations in Los Angeles. David's 15 years of commitment as a coach and leader to the West Los Angeles Youth Club, advanced their efforts to provide college scholarships for participating youths who give back to the community.

"Having grown up in Venice, and spending most of my youth on Venice and Santa Monica beaches, I'm impressed and grateful for The Bay Foundation's tireless efforts to invest in the restoration and enhancement of the Santa Monica Bay area, and am looking forward to being a part of this effort," says David. "The recent partnership with Loyola Marymount University to launch the [Coastal Research Institute](#) is a prime example of the Foundation's dedication to educate and bring awareness to the environmental and social issues that impact the Bay so that changes can be achieved."



Born and raised in Venice, David spent much of his youth cruising the beach on his bicycle between Venice and Santa Monica piers, knee boarding, body surfing and enjoying the sun and fresh air. He has also camped up and down the California coast and still frequents the Sycamore Canyon and Leo Carrillo campgrounds just south of Point Mugu. He graduated from Venice High School and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of La Verne.

"The Board of Directors and the Foundation's Executive Director Tom Ford are honored and excited to welcome David," states Laurie Newman, President, TBF Board of Directors. "David's dedication to community, his passion for the environment, and strong sense of public service makes him an excellent addition to our board. When speaking with David about Santa Monica Bay, you quickly recognize his personal connection and commitment to its preservation."

As science-based advocates for the Bay, which stretches from the LA-Ventura county line in the north to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the south, and inland throughout the Bay's watershed, TBF is involved in impactful projects throughout the region, that:

- **Restore** beaches, kelp forests, dunes, streams and wetlands;
- **Recover** threatened and endangered species including southern steelhead trout, El Segundo blue butterfly, white abalone, black abalone, red-legged frog, least tern, and western snowy plover;
- Provide **landmark programs** to help restaurants and boaters prevent pollution from entering coastal waters; and
- Conduct **research and planning** that address sea level rise, ocean acidification hypoxia and climate change.

About The Bay Foundation

The Bay Foundation (TBF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental group founded in 1990 to restore and enhance the Santa Monica Bay and local coastal waters (from the LA-Ventura county line to the Palos Verdes Peninsula). The Bay Foundation is a partner in the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program along with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and many other organizations. TBF works collaboratively with a broad group of stakeholders, including government agencies, industry, environmental groups, and community members. TBF engages scientists and conducts research while mentoring student interns and volunteers in conjunction with the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering through the Coastal Research Institute at Loyola Marymount University. (TBF: www.santamonica.org, CRI: lmu.edu/cri)