



## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**April 23, 2009**

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

California Environmental Protection Agency  
Coastal Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Present:**

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Natural Resources, Council Chair

Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, representative for Chrisman  
Cindy Tuck, Undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, representative for Adams

John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor, Chair of the State Lands Commission

Paul Thayer, Executive Director of State Lands Commission, representative for Garamendi  
Geraldine Knatz, Public Member

Bill Craven, Representative for Senator Fran Pavley

**Absent:**

Susan Golding, Public Member

Pedro Nava, State Assemblymember

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave updates about:

- the March 17, 2009 teleconference meeting regarding Dungeness crab fishery task force
- the U.S. Department of the Interior's public forum on offshore energy and California's position against new drilling
- the creation of the California Federal Economic Stimulus Task Force and funds from the NOAA stimulus funding
- the Governor's submission to the Coastal Impact Assistance Program Funding

Secretary Chrisman also announced that Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer, has accepted a new position at the Department of Conservation and thanks him for his hard work for the past three years.

Paul Thayer mentioned that the Lt. Governor and State Lands Commission submitted a resolution to the Department of the Interior in opposition to offshore drilling.

Cindy Tuck welcomed everyone to the California Environmental Protection Agency building, discussed Secretary Adams's visit to Beijing to discuss the China Energy and Carbon Registry, and reminded everyone that the California Air Resources Board would be considering new low carbon fuel standard that day.

Secretary Chrisman had to attend a Senate meeting and asked Ms. Tuck to act as chair in his absence.

2. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Baird) to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 17, 2009 special meeting of the OPC.

**APPROVED** Ayes: Tuck, Baird, Thayer, Knatz      Nays: 0

3. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items:

- Dr. Tony Haymet – Scripps Institution of Oceanography – Requested that the OPC consider supporting the JASON-3 satellite program
- Angela Haren – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Spoke about once-through cooling and desalination facilities
- Joe Geever – Surfrider Foundation – Spoke about once-through cooling and desalination facilities
- John Kaltenstein – Friends of the Earth – Spoke about short-sea shipping and asked that the OPC create a working group on the issue
- Stephen Knight – Save the Bay – Spoke about the OPC's marine debris strategy and its positive impacts, AB 68, an MEA on single-use bags, and encouraged adopting a set of principles regarding fees on single-use bags
- Leslie Tamminen – Seventh Generation Advisors, Heal the Bay, and other groups – Spoke about the Clean Seas Coalition and suggested the OPC endorse pending legislation
- Leila Monroe – Natural Resources Defense Council – Spoke about implementation of the OPC 2009-2010 Program Priorities and OPC's new Web site

4. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the Council Secretary.
5. Jonathan Bishop, State Water Resources Control Board (SWB), presented the SWB's Report to the Ocean Protection Council on Storm Water Management Programs Implementing the Council's Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Public Comment:

- Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Spoke about SWB Report and suggested additions
  - Leila Monroe – Natural Resources Defense Council – Supported Ms. Sheehan's comments
6. Christine Blackburn, Program Manager, gave an update about two staff projects related to climate change adaptation.

Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute gave a presentation about the impacts of sea level rise on the

California coast.

7. Amy Vierra, Ocean and Coastal Policy Analyst, gave an update on the new direction for the Thank You Ocean Campaign, including new funding opportunities and a redesigned Web site.

Tim Jemal, Jemal Public Affairs, and Cara Good, Wundermarx, presented additional information on the campaign and unveiled the new Web site.

8. **BREAK:** The council held a closed session during lunch to confer about OPC personnel issues. The session was closed to the public pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1). After the session, Secretary Chrisman announced that no action was taken.
9. Christina Cairns, Project Manager, discussed the OPC's efforts related to marine debris reduction and then introduced the presenters for a panel discussion on extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs.

- Margo Reid-Brown – California Integrated Waste Management Board – Gave an overview of EPR and the framework of the California Integrated Waste Management Board
- Stephen Bantillo – Department of Conservation – Discussed the successful elements of an EPR program
- Heidi Sanborn – California Product Stewardship Council – Discussed California recycling and EPR programs
- Clarissa Morawski – CM Consulting in Canada – Discussed EPR programs in Canada
- Neil Hastie – Encorp Pacific, Inc. in British Columbia – Discussed experience with EPR in British Columbia
- Juergen Resch – German Environment Aid in Germany – Discussed the effectiveness of Germany's EPR efforts

It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Knatz) to approve a resolution to support the establishment of EPR programs in California, provided the programs: 1) target the reduction of packaging to reduce the environmental impacts of products, 2) reduce the costs to local government of handling packaging waste; the OPC further 3) supports the concept of EPR as provided in the California Integrated Waste Management Board's (CIWMB) document entitled *Overall Framework for an Extended Producer Responsibility System in California* as approved by the CIWMB on September 2007 and further refined in January 2008, and 4) recommends legislation that implements the CIWMB framework.

**APPROVED AS AMENDED** Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Garamendi, Knatz Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Miriam Gordon – Clean Water Action – Spoke in support
- Joachim Quoden – ProEurope – Spoke about other issues with EPR

10. **ACTION:** It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Tuck) to authorize the disbursement of up to \$60,000 to conduct a Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) to assess impacts related to regulation of single-use (plastic and paper) and reusable bags.

**APPROVED** Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Thayer, Knatz      Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Miriam Gordon – Clean Water Action – Spoke in support
- Brian Early – Californians Against Waste – Spoke in support

11. Eben Schwartz, California Coastal Commission, presented a report from the Marine Debris Steering Committee and updated the council on its progress.

12. Christopher Lowe, California State University Long Beach, presented his OPC-funded project about the impact of offshore oil platforms on groundfish habitat and behavior.

13. Amber Mace, Executive Director of the California Ocean Science Trust, gave the report of the Science Advisor to the OPC.

14. Drew Bohan presented the report of the Executive Policy Officer which included an update on the OPC Strategic Action Plan. He also thanked council members for allowing him to serve them.

Public Comment:

- Al Wanger, California Coastal Commission – Spoke about the positive impact of the LID Resolution and the Strategic Action Plan

15. Chair Chrisman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.