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To: California Ocean and Coastal Community

From: John Laird, Secretary for Natural Resources and Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

Date: February 28, 2014

Subject: Highlights from the February 26, 2014 OPC meeting

The Ocean Protection Council's (OPC) February 26, 2014 meeting in Sacramento addressed topics including adaptation to sea-level rise and implementation of the state-wide network of marine protected areas. The following are highlights from the meeting. If you would like to view the webcast for any of these items (or for the entire meeting), I encourage you to visit: <http://www.cal-span.org/cgi-bin/archive.php?owner=COPC&date=2014-02-26>. I look forward to seeing you at the next OPC meeting currently being scheduled for late May 2014.

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| Agenda | State Coastal Leaders Partnership for Sea-Level Rise |
| item 4 | The Council received a briefing from and had a discussion with the leaders of California's coastal zone management programs and the State Lands Commission on how their agencies are adapting to sea-level rise. Presenters included Dr. Charles Lester, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission; Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer, State Lands Commission; Steve Goldbeck, Chief Deputy Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Nadine Peterson, Deputy Executive Officer, State Coastal Conservancy; and Abe Doherty, Project Specialist, OPC. The OPC has formed this strategic alliance of the state coastal leaders in order to leverage each agency's strengths in their ability to help the state adapt to rising sea levels. |
| Agenda | Briefing and discussion on "The California Collaborative Approach: Marine Protected Areas Partnership Plan" |
| item 5 | The Council received a briefing on this plan which is currently under development. The "Partnership Plan" is an overarching guide for state agencies and other partners (including: federal, regional, local and Tribal governments, Tribal communities, NGO's, academic groups, and the private sector) in how to get involved in MPA management |

through a partnership-based approach. Presenters included Cat Kuhlman, Executive Director, OPC; Calla Allison, Director of Community Partnerships, MPA Collaborative Implementation Project; and Marisa Villarreal, Sea Grant fellow, OPC.

Agenda **Request for consideration and authorization to disburse up to \$350,000 to the Monterey**
item 6 **Bay Sanctuary Foundation for marine protected area signage**

The Council unanimously approved the authorization for this grant to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation whereby they will produce large-scale interpretive panels and smaller-scale regulatory signs in support of the coast-wide network of marine protected areas. OPC Deputy Director Amy Vierra presented this item.

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