

I do will have to miss the meeting because I will be in the Netherlands. Even though I am retired at the end of Jan, they intend to squeeze every drop of blood out of this turnip! However, after that I should have less interference with making meetings. Mike- I appreciate your comments and I wanted to echo your comment about the sea-level rise studies. While this is an issue along the entire coast, my recollection is that the research indicates Southern California to be the area most impacted especially areas like Huntington Beach. I was pleased to see they submitted a proposal. Anyhow, since transferability is part of the selection criteria we should be thinking about how the OPC will capture the good ideas and strategies that are developed within these individual coastal plan updates so they can be easily shared with other jurisdictions. It might also be good to send a letter to those that did not receive a grant letting them know there is a second round.

By the way, one of my last acts as port director was to get a 50 year lease approved for a 35 acre site in the outer harbor of the Port of Los Angeles for marine research with the anchor tenant of Southern California Marine Institute- USC, UCLA, Occidental and the campus of the Cal State system with marine programs. The project is now called Altasea. When I was promoted the project to the philanthropic community, one of my lines was "lets put the scientists studying sea level rise right at sea level!" GK

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