

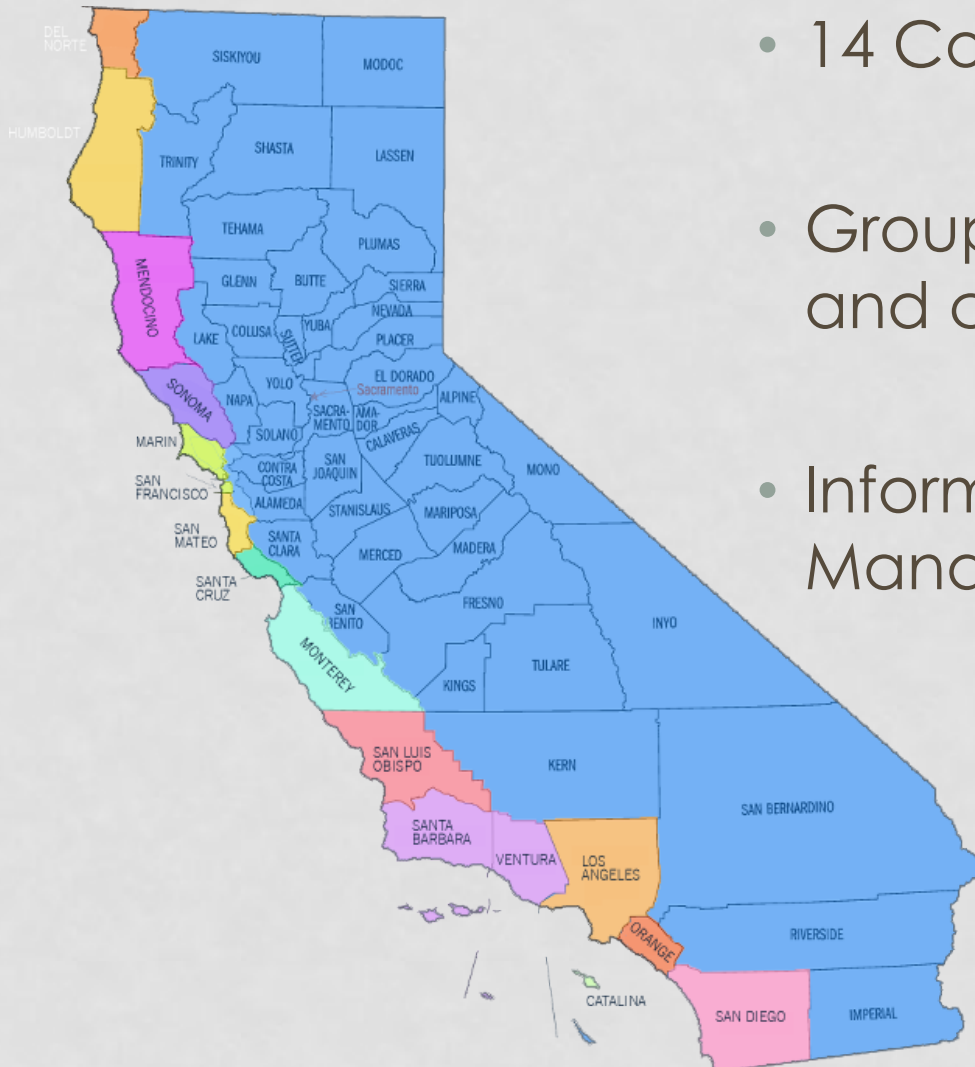
# UPDATE ON COLLABORATIVE NETWORK CHARTER & SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM



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# MPA COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

- 14 Collaboratives
- Groups aggregate local experts and community members
- Inform and support MPA Management Program



# COLLABORATIVE NETWORK GRANT

- October 17, 2016 approved \$299,664
  - To hold statewide Charter Workshop
    - Identify shared goals with state for MPAs
    - Formalize partnership and recognize contributions
  - To support a Collaborative Network small grant program
    - Improve compliance
    - Improve stewardship and understanding
    - Inform adaptive management





COASTAL QUEST

# PROGRESS TO DATE



- Collaborative Workshop held March 26 -27
  - Shared statement drafted *“The partnership seeks to manage California’s MPA Network in accordance with the Marine Life Protection Act by integrating diverse local and statewide perspectives and expertise.”*
  - Currently under review
  - Signatures by early summer
- Small Grants Program
  - Grant Review Committee formed
  - Additional \$70,000 matching funds obtained
  - Release of call for proposals scheduled in June 2017





COLLABORATIVE  
NETWORK



# PARTNERSHIP = SUCCESS



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Following

Sec. Laird addressed #MPA Collaboratives on Tues. commending their contributions to MPAs & encouraged formalizing partnership with CA



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