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OPC Meeting Agenda

Revised

Tuesday, January 24, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters Auditorium
715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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1. Welcome, Introductions and Council Member Announcements

Secretary Crowfoot, Council Chair

2. Update from Executive Director

Jenn Eckerle, Acting Executive Director

3. Update from the Science Advisor

Liz Whiteman, Ph.D., Executive Director, Ocean Science Trust

4. Informational Item: Annual State of the Coast and Ocean Report

Justine Kimball, Ph.D., Senior Program Manager

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Equity Across Ocean and Coastal Policies and Actions; Objective 2.1: Enhance Engagement with Tribes

5. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of OPC's Tribal Engagement Strategy and Disbursement of Funds to Establish a Tribal Small Grants Program

Mike Esgro, Senior Program Manager

Advancing Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 3: Goal 1: Safeguard Coastal and Marine Ecosystems and Communities in the Face of Climate Change; Objective 1.1: Build Resiliency to Sea-Level Rise, Coastal Storms, Erosion and Flooding; Objective 1.3: Improve Understanding of Climate Impacts on California's Coast and Ocean, Objective 1.4: Understand the Role of California's Marine Protected Areas in Conferring Climate

Resilience. Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; Objective 3.1: Protect and Restore Coastal and Marine Ecosystems; Objective 3.3: Support Sustainable Marine Fisheries and Thriving Fish and Wildlife Populations

6. Action Items: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Proposition 68 Funds for Projects that Increase Understanding of Climate Change Impacts and Build Coastal Resilience

6a. Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Proposition 68 Chapter 10 Funds for Projects Advancing Coastal Resilience to Sea Level Rise

Megan Williams, Climate Change Sea Grant Fellow

- 6a.1 Impact of sea level rise on intertidal communities: assessment to inform resilience-based management and conservation priorities
- 6a.2 Characterizing geomorphological and ecological features of sandy beaches and dunes to prepare for shifting coastlines
- 6a.3 Characterizing Contaminated Sites in the San Francisco Bay Region and Their Exposure to Future Sea Level Rise and Groundwater Flooding
- 6a.4 Informing policy and management around climate vulnerability of California's natural surfing capital
- 6a.5 Bayshore Bikeway Resiliency Project: Phase 1, Final Engineering Design
- 6a.6 Big Canyon Coastal Wetland Restoration and Adaptation Project, Phase 3

6b. Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Proposition 68 Chapter 9 Funds for Projects that Improve Understanding of Marine Protected Areas and Climate Resiliency

Elyse Goin, Biodiversity Sea Grant Fellow

- 6b.1 Climate resilience and California's MPA Network: Management options and opportunities
- 6b.2 Identifying the vulnerability of fishing communities and targeted species to climate change to optimize the role of MPAs in enhancing socio-ecological resilience
- 6b.3 Identifying pathways to distributive equity in MAP Management in a changing climate
- 6b.4 Projecting habitat and indicator species distributions for beach and surf zone ecosystems in current and future conditions within CA's MPA Network

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; Objective 3.4: Improve Coastal and Ocean Water Quality

7. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Address Plastic Pollution; Implementation of California’s Microplastics Strategy and Ocean Litter Strategy

Kaitlyn Kalua, J.D., Program Manager

7a. Competitive Call for Microplastics Research Program

7b. Supporting the Development of a Statewide Plastics Monitoring Network

7.b.1 Microplastics Sample Collection Method Evaluation and Standardization

7.b.2 Development of Statewide Plastic and Microplastic Monitoring Plan

7c. Technical Support and Implementation of Los Angeles County Single Use Plastics Ordinance

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; Objective 3.1: Protect and Restore Coastal and Marine Ecosystems

8. Action Items: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Support Estuarine Marine Protected Area Monitoring

Lindsay Bonito, Program Manager

9. Consent Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to the California Fishermen’s Resiliency Association

Justine Kimball, Ph.D., Senior Program Manager

10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

11. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

Monday, April 24, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: CNRA Auditorium and Zoom participation available.

Notes: Agenda items may be re-ordered at the discretion of the Council Chair.

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