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RE: The Ocean Protection Council DRAFT Strategic Action Plan (2012-2017)

Dear Ms. Engeman;

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Ocean Protection Council DRAFT Strategic Action Plan (2012-2017). CalRecycle appreciates the many needs and efforts for maintaining California's Ocean and Coastal Resources identified in the Five Year Action Plan (Climate Change, Sustainable Fisheries and Marine Ecosystems, Interaction between Land and Sea, Industrial Uses and Sharing of Scientific Information).

As stated in the Introduction of the DRAFT Action Plan, today's fiscal climate has required California's agencies to manage coast and ocean resources as effectively and efficiently as possible. Given its own fiscal limitations, CalRecycle continues to have an interest in participating with the development of the Action Plan and would like to offer the following comments:

1. Page 27, Action 5.1.3: As the MPA PAW Group moves forward in developing education and outreach materials, CalRecycle would be interested in reviewing the materials and providing its perspective/expertise to ensure that the education approach between the State Agencies and local governments (including haulers) fits the needs and infrastructure of the community.
2. Page 29 Paragraph 2: CalRecycle is the state's leading authority on recycling, waste reduction, and product reuse. Officially known as the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, CalRecycle plays an important role in the stewardship of California's vast resources and promotes innovation in technology to encourage economic and environmental sustainability. CalRecycle suggests that other entities such as CalRecycle continue to be identified or mentioned as a steward for washed management.
3. Page 30, Marine Debris, Paragraph 2: The DRAFT Report mentions the two resolutions, however does not delve into the specifics, which included proposals regarding EPR/Product Stewardship. CalRecycle recommends that a brief introduction for the resolutions be included for clarification.
4. Page 31, Article 7.1.1: CalRecycle is interested in participating with the Steering Committee as resources allow.
5. Page 32, Action 7.3.1: CalRecycle recommends adding in the following phrase to reference "...including but not limited to product stewardship initiatives".

CalRecycle continues to look forward to working with the Ocean Protection Council on ways to reduce the amount of marine debris while increasing the amount of recycling so that together we can provide an even better environment for future generations. The Ocean Protection DRAFT Strategic Action Plan (2012-2017) continues to move forward with taking those necessary steps to do so.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Vargas

