



OPC Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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 Updates

Secretary Crowfoot, Council Chair

2. Update from Executive Director

Jenn Eckerle, Executive Director

3. Update from the Science Advisor

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

4. Informational Item: 2024 Summer Internship Program

Kaitlyn Kalua, Deputy Director

5. Discussion Item: Council Priorities and Process to Inform OPC's 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan

Jenn Eckerle, Executive Director

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 1: Safeguard Coastal and Marine Ecosystems and Communities in the Face of Climate Change

6. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program

(Strategic Plan Objective 1.1: Build Resiliency to Sea-Level Rise, Coastal Storms, Erosion, and Flooding)

Megan Williams, Coastal Adaptation Program Manager

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Equity Across Ocean and Coastal Policies and Actions

7. Informational Item: Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

(Strategic Plan Objective 2.2: Enhance Engagement with Underserved Communities)

Maria Rodriguez, Climate & Environmental Justice Program Manager

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity

8. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds for the Development of a California Artificial Reef Program Plan

(Strategic Plan Objective 3.1: Protect and Restore Coastal and Marine Ecosystems)

Michael Esgro, Senior Biodiversity Program Manager & Tribal Liaison

9. Informational and Action Items to Advance Recommendations from the Decadal Management Review and to Inform Management of California's Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network

(Strategic Plan Objective 3.1: Protect and Restore Coastal and Marine Ecosystems)

9a. Informational Item: Advancing Human Dimensions Research and Community Science in the Management of California's MPA Network

Conner Smith, Biodiversity Sea Grant Fellow

9b. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Advance Adaptive Management and Monitoring of the MPA Network

Staci Lewis, Ph.D., Marine Protected Areas Program Manager

10. Consent Item: Consideration and Approval to Adopt the Revised 2024 Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines

Maria Rodriguez, Climate & Environmental Justice Program Manager

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

12. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

Monday, December 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CNRA Auditorium and Zoom participation available.

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

Providing Public Comment

Written Comments: Written comments should be sent to COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov by 12:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024. Please include the item number in the email subject line. If you are writing with a general comment, please include a brief title for your comment.

Oral Comments: For each item on the agenda and at the end of the public meeting on non-agenda items, the OPC Chair will ask whether there are any requests for public comment. If you are participating via Zoom and want to provide oral comments on a specific agenda item, you will need to “[Raise your hand](#)” during the Zoom meeting. *** If calling into the meeting from a telephone, you can use “Pound (#) 2” to raise/lower your hand.**

Once your hand is raised and it is your turn to speak, the meeting facilitator will unmute you and will announce your name. You will then be able to make your public comment to the Council.

*** Depending on how you have called in, you may also need to unmute yourself.**

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Questions about the meeting or agenda can be directed to Kaitlyn Kalua, Deputy Director at Kaitlyn.Kalua@resources.ca.gov.

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