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## Written comments for March 3 OPC meeting - Climate and Diversity being stripped from local work plan

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**To** CNRA COPC Public <COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov>

Dear OPC staff,

Please share these written comments with Council members in advance of next Monday's meeting.

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) is a state agency whose statutory mission is to oversee implementation of the Bay Restoration Plan (now referred to as the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan or CCMP). The current CCMP includes seven high level goals, including Goal 6, which is to "Mitigate impacts and increase resilience to climate change". The CCMP also includes an action "to promote environmental equity and justice for the underserved, including disadvantaged communities, persons with disabilities, tribes, and others." This language has been stripped from the draft workplan for fiscal year 2026 to align with executive orders from the Trump administration, and the final workplan will be voted on at the SMBRC's April meeting.

The ramifications of these changes would be profound if finalized. It would set a precedent right here in California that core elements of an agency's mission will be tossed overboard to preserve funding. It is imperative that the California Natural Resources Agency get out in front of this and provide guidance and resources to California agencies and nonprofits to help preserve or augment funding without compromising core values or core elements of an agency/entity's mission.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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