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Advancing Strategic Plan **Goal 1: Build Resilience to Climate Change**

5. Action Items Related to Sea Level Rise Adaptation

(Strategic Plan Objective 1.1: Protect communities and ecosystems from the impacts of sea

level rise, coastal storms, erosion, and flooding)

- **5a. Action Item:** Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds for the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program: Track 1 Planning Projects. Megan Williams, Coastal Resilience Program Manager

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- **5b. Action Item:** Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds for the SB 1 Tribal Cultural Resources Funding Program - Ella McDougall, Senior Coastal Resilience Program Manager (Specialist)

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Advancing Strategic Plan **Goal 3:** Safeguard Coastal and Marine Biodiversity

6. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Advance 30x30 in Coastal Waters

(Strategic Plan Objective 3.1: Conserve 30% of California’s coastal waters by 2030)

Michael Esgro, Senior Biodiversity Program Manager (Supervisor)

Staci Lewis, Ph.D., Senior Biodiversity Program Manager (Specialist)

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- 7. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Advance Adaptive Management of the Marine Protected Area Network (Strategic Plan Objective 3.2: Strengthen the performance and durability of California's Marine Protected Area Network) Staci Lewis, Ph.D., Senior Biodiversity Program Manager (Specialist) Kevin Travis, Ocean Science Trust

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At the local level, in rural and tribal communities Grant Fraud is a massive problem that the State must finally address.

Non-profits, consultants, and many middle men like attorneys, are grossly ripping off the tax-payer and in some cases not providing the service they are paid handsomely for.

We must act urgently and make collaboration between local and state governments a reality ASAP. The action happens on the ground at the local level, so the State must actually show up and work ALONGSIDE local communities.

Sincerely,

Alicia Williams
Activist and Community Builder