

September 14, 2017

RE: Reviewing the Draft *California Ocean Litter Prevention Strategy: Addressing Marine Debris from Source to Sea*

Dear Reviewer,

Thank you for taking the time to review the draft *California Ocean Litter Prevention Strategy: Addressing Marine Debris from Source to Sea (Strategy)*. The draft Strategy was developed based on a wide range of stakeholder input and identifies objectives, strategies, and a list of action items for stakeholders to collaboratively implement to prevent and reduce ocean litter.

Please note that the Strategy is still in draft form and a final version of this document will be made available **after the second workshop that is taking place on November 15-16, 2017 in La Jolla, CA**. You will notice that there is some text in red and sections of the tables that are blank. These were intentionally left red or blank and will be discussed and further fleshed out during the second workshop.

In particular, we are soliciting feedback on the following:

1. Please identify any action items that you (and your organization) may be interested in taking a lead or partnership role in implementing or feel strongly that you may want to be involved in. Identifying your name (and your organization) next to an action item means that you and your organization will give your best efforts to implement the action item, given organizational and funding availability. Your input will help us develop breakout groups during the second workshop and further fill out the tables.
2. Do you think five years is the appropriate time scale for this document? Do you think it would be better if the time frame was longer or shorter?
3. What are your thoughts on the three ocean litter priority strategies?
 - a) Do they reflect your understanding of what the state's ocean litter priorities are/should be?
 - b) If not, what do you think the top priorities should be?
 - c) What ocean-based litter strategies do you think should be included as a priority strategy?
4. Are there any actions that were not included in the draft Strategy that you would like to see incorporated?

Please see Appendix B of the draft Strategy for a complete list of action items that came out of workshop #1. Action items that were identified during workshop #1 were compiled and condensed and those that were mentioned the most by workshop #1 participants, as well as those that the planning team identified as particularly important (and

feasible), were included in this draft. Your comments on this draft, as well as discussion during the second workshop, will help identify and address any gaps in the draft Strategy's action items and/or priority strategies, and ultimately finalize the Strategy.

Please send general comments, edits, and questions regarding the draft Strategy to oceanlitterstrategy@resources.ca.gov by Monday, October 16, 2017. When sending your comments, please include your thoughts on the above four questions. We anticipate circulating an updated version of the Strategy before the second workshop.

A formal invite with additional information regarding workshop #2 is forthcoming.
Thanks again and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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