



MEETING SUMMARY

June 14, 2007

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Port Commission Hearing Room
San Francisco Ferry Building
Pier 1, San Francisco, California 94111

Present:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Council Chair
Cindy Tuck for Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection
John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor, Chair of the State Lands Commission
Paul Thayer, voting representative
Andrea Graham for Pedro Nava, State Assemblymember
Bill Craven for Darrell Steinberg, State Senator
Geraldine Knatz, Public Member

Absent:

Susan Golding, Public Member

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new voting council members, Geraldine Knatz and Susan Golding, who were recently appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

An announcement was made regarding a scoping hearing to be held by the State Water Quality Control Board on June 26 to amend the California Ocean Plan. For more information, visit <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

2. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Knatz) to allow a voting representative for absent council members for this meeting pursuant to the council's operating procedures.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Garamendi, Knatz Nays: 0

3. Nina Gordon, Senior Policy Coordinator, and Joe von Herrmann, PORTS Program Manager, California State Parks, demonstrated the State Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS) program.

4. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items.
Several people spoke about the Morro Bay/Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant
Bruce Keogh – City of Morro Bay
Melody DeMeritt – Vice Mayor, Morro Bay
Robert Enns – Cayucos Sanitary District

Alexis Strauss – US Environmental Protection Agency
Marla Jo Bruton – Individual
Richard Sadowski – Individual
David Beckman – National Resources Defense Council

Other public comment:

Nell Landford – Individual – State Vehicular Recreation Area at Oceano Beach
Kelly Devaney – Individual – State Vehicular Recreation Area at Oceano Beach
Joey Racano – Individual – Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mark Gold – Heal the Bay – Information on a proposed constitutional amendment
Joe Geever – Surfrider Foundation – Ocean Desalination
Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Question about once-through cooling policy progress
Michael Stocker – Ocean Conservation Research – The effects of noise pollution on marine biota
Dr. Mary Fullwood – Individual – Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Plant

5. It was moved (Chrisman) and seconded (Tuck) to approve the amended staff recommendations regarding the development of an Action Plan for the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health and staff was directed to send the attached letter to Mike Carrier, Oregon Natural Resources Policy Director and Jay Manning, Washington Department of Ecology Director.

Approved as amended Ayes: Chrisman, Garamendi, Knatz, Tuck Nays: 0

Steve Weisberg – Southern California Coastal Water Research Project– spoke in support
Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – spoke in support with comments
Heather Kerkering – CenCOOS – spoke in support with amendments
Warner Chabot – The Ocean Conservancy – spoke in support with amendments
Reed Addis – Environmental Defense – spoke in support
Sarah Abramson – Heal the Bay – spoke in support
Santi Roberts – Oceana – spoke in support with amendments
Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association – spoke in support with amendments
Marla Jo Bruton – Individual – spoke in support

6. Marcia McNutt, Director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), presented an overview of climate change impacts on marine and coastal resources focusing her comments on ocean acidification, sea level rise, and potential compounding affects of climate change in addition to other anthropogenic impacts.

Richard Sadowski – Individual – offered suggestion
Adina Abeles – PISCO – provided information
John Largier – UC Davis – provided information

7. Sam Schuchat, State Coastal Conservancy Executive Officer and Council Secretary,

introduced representatives from several state departments who provided information on how they are addressing climate change issues.

- A. Eileen Tutt, Deputy Secretary for CalEPA, presented an overview of the activities of the California Climate Action Team.

- B. Speakers discussed agency climate change initiatives and hurdles
 - Susan Hansch, Chief Deputy Director, California Coastal Commission*
 - Will Travis, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Development and Conservation Commission (BCDC)*
 - Paul Thayer, Executive Officer, State Lands Commission*
 - John Andrew, Executive Manager for Climate Change, Department of Water Resources*

Jenny Dugan – UC Santa Barbara Marine Sciences Institute – offered information on beach ecology

Reed Addis – Nature Conservancy and Environmental Defense – offered suggestions

Cathie Magowan – UC Office of the President – offered information on UC initiatives.

Marla Jo Bruton – Individual – offered suggestions

Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Association – offered suggestions

- 8. Dr. Tony Haymet, Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, showed a short film about potential sea level rise scenarios along the San Diego coast and discussed of need for research on sea level rise impacts to beaches.

- 9. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Thayer) that the California Shoreline Impacts Assessment project is a high priority project and that the council’s secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$500,000 for the initial phase of the project.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Knatz, Tuck Nays: 0

Cliff Davenport – California Sediment Management Workgroup – spoke in support

Richard Sadowski – Individual – offered information

David Revell – Individual – spoke in support

- 10. Because agenda items were taken out of order, time did not permit Roger Bedard, Electric Power Research Institute, to give his presentation on wave and tidal energy.

- 11. It was moved (Thayer) and seconded (Knatz) that the Environmental Implications of Ocean Energy study is a high priority project and that the council’s secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$50,000 for its completion.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Knatz, Tuck Nays: 0

Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Association – spoke in support

Melina Williams – National Resources Defense Council – spoke in support

12. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Thayer) to adopt the amended resolution on climate change.

Approved as amended Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Tuck Nays: 0

Santi Roberts – Oceana – offered suggested language

Kate Wing – National Resources Defense Council – provided support

13. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Knatz) that the Santa Monica Bay Research and Monitoring Gap Analysis is a high priority project and that the council's secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$210,000 for its completion.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Knatz, Tuck Nays: 0

Mark Gold – Heal the Bay – spoke in support with suggestion

Steve Weisberg – Southern California Coastal Water Research Project – spoke in support

Rudy Murillo – Scripps Institution of Oceanography – spoke in support

14. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Thayer) that the development of a San Francisco Bay Hydrodynamic and Sediment Transport Model is a high priority project and that the council's secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$858,000 for its implementation.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Knatz, Tuck Nays: 0

Bruce Wolfe – San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board – spoke in support

Mendel Stewart – US Fish and Wildlife Service – spoke in support

Becky Smyth – NOAA Coastal Services Center – spoke in support

Beth Hurning – San Francisco Bay Joint Venture – spoke in support

Toby Garfield – San Francisco Bay University – spoke in support

15. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the council secretary.

It was moved (Thayer) and seconded (Tuck) to approve revised OPC funding guidelines.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Thayer, Tuck Nays: 0

Sheila Semans, Ocean Protection Council staff, presented a report on the OPC Mapping Initiative.

Becky Smyth – NOAA Coastal Services Center – spoke in support

16. Eben Schwartz, Chair of the Marine Debris Steering Committee, presented a report on the implementation of the Council's resolution for reducing and preventing marine debris.

17. Secretary Chrisman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.