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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ocean Protection Council

FROM: Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer

DATE: October 25, 2007

RE: OPC Funding Priorities for FY 2008

ATTACHMENT: Ocean Protection Council <u>Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008</u>

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends the council approve the following resolution:

"The Ocean Protection Council adopts the attached 'OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008' and directs staff to consider the funding priorities in developing projects for Council approval this year."

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 2006, the OPC adopted the Ocean Protection Council Funding Guidelines that set forth the process by which interested parties can apply for OPC funding. These guidelines were amended in June 2007 to clarify application requirements and to require applicants to evaluate what steps can be taken to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their projects.

This year the legislature appropriated \$28 million of Proposition 84 funds to the OPC. The attached "OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008" outlines how the staff recommends that the OPC prioritize potential expenditures for this year. It also describes how the OPC staff developed these priorities and the amounts allocated to each category.

If a need to alter these priorities occurs during the year, staff will return to the OPC to request that this priorities document be amended accordingly.