



MEETING SUMMARY

October 25, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Wharfinger Building
#1 Marina Way
Eureka, California 95501

Present:

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

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the current status of the Southern California wildfires. He made comments on the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health, and progress of an ocean energy workshop. He expressed his pleasure regarding recently passed legislation, including AB258, AB1056 and AB1280.
2. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Golding) to allow a voting representative for absent council members for this meeting pursuant to the council's operating procedures.
Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0
3. It was moved (Bugsch) and seconded (Tuck) to support the draft action plan regarding the West Coast Governors' Agreement and directed to staff to send a letter with the suggested amendments on behalf of the council.
Approved as amended Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

Mark Wheatley – Arcata City Council – Spoke in support
Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Asked to expand text of action item 1.1 to include state and federal water quality laws
4. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items.
David Hall – Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District – Overview
Susan Schlosser – UC Sea Grant – Discussed Humboldt Bay Ecosystem Project

Peter Douglas – California Coastal Commission – Thanked OPC for work on a number of issues

Peter Nelson – HT Harvey and Associates – Discussed the Coastal Observation And Seabird Survey Team (COASST)

Kenyon Hensel – Individual – Expressed concerns about MLPA process

Jim Martin–Recreational Fishing Alliance – Submitted wave energy documents

Rollin Richmond – President, Humboldt State University – General Information

Mike Zamboni – Commercial Fisherman – Spoke in opposition to the MLPA

Cat Kuhlmon – US Environmental Protection Agency – Gave an overview of current issues at the EPA related to OPC business

Melinda Dorin – California Energy Commission – Symposium announcements

Laura Kasa – Save Our Shores – Thanked Coastal Conservancy for supporting marine debris projects

Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Discussed once-through cooling report

5. Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer, introduced representatives from the Department of Fish and Game who provided information pertaining to anadromous fish and water supply in coastal rivers and streams.

- A. Greg Hurner, Senior Advisor to the Director of the Department of Fish and Game, discussed the status of the four lower Klamath River dam removal negotiations.
- B. Neil Manji, Fisheries Branch Chief of the Department of Fish and Game, discussed salmon issues statewide and existing recovery plans for steelhead trout and chinook and coho salmon.

Regina Chichizola – Klamath Riverkeeper – Spoke in support of removing Klamath River dams

Cat Kuhlmon – US Environmental Protection Agency – Discussed the importance of addressing water quality issues on Klamath River

6. It was moved (Tuck) and seconded (Bugsch) to adopt the OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008 with the changes requested by the council.

Approved as amended Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Expressed that integrated monitoring should be added (SB 1070)

Reed Addis – Environmental Defense – Spoke in opposition

Margaret Spring – The Nature Conservancy – Requested that adoption be deferred

Kate Williams – Representing Assemblymember John Laird – Spoke in opposition

Zeke Grader – Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Association – Requested modification of Funding Priorities

Alfred Wanger – California Coastal Commission – Spoke in support

7. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Golding) to authorize the Secretary to the council to take actions needed to provide up to \$15,000,000 for planning or implementation of the California Seafloor Mapping Program, and approved the expenditure of \$7,500,000 from the fiscal year 2007/08 budget.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

8. It was moved (Bugsch) and seconded (Knatz) to accept that the scientific research projects selected by the California Sea Grant and University of Southern California Sea Grant Programs are consistent with council priorities.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

Dennis Mayo – McKinleyville Open Beaches and Trails – Spoke in support of Sea Grant

9. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Golding) to adopt the selection criteria for the Science Advisory Team of the California Ocean Science Trust.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

10. It was moved (Knatz) and seconded (Bugsch) to adopt the revised delegations of authority from the council to its Secretary.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

11. Drew Bohan presented the report of the Executive Policy Officer which included updates on water quality enforcement, ocean energy workshops and marine debris resolution/draft action plan.

It was moved (Bugsch) and seconded (Knatz) to adopt the resolution approving the OPC's service on the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

12. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the council secretary which included the legislative report and updates on projects, DFG-OPC Joint Workplan, and staff services.

It was moved (Golding) and seconded (Tuck) to approve 2008 OPC meeting dates of February 29, May 15, August 14, and November 20.

Approved Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Bugsch, Golding, Knatz Nays: 0

13. Secretary Chrisman adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.