



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ocean Protection Council

FROM: Drew Bohan, Executive Policy Officer

DATE: May 15, 2008

RE: Amendments to OPC Funding Priorities for FY 2007/2008

ATTACHMENT: [Amended OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007/2008](#)

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the council approve the following resolution:

“The Ocean Protection Council approves the amended ‘OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007/2008’, attached to the staff memorandum.”

**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.

On October 25, 2007, the OPC adopted a document entitled “OPC Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007/2008.” This outlined the OPC’s strategy for the \$28 million appropriation of Proposition 84 funds to the OPC. At the time, the OPC acknowledged that 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.

Staff proposes that several changes be made, as outlined in the attached document. First, section II(4) should be amended to clarify that our focus will be on all effective stormwater projects, not just those that focus on Low Impact Development (LID). Second, section II(5) should be amended to clarify that the intent is to focus on funding projects that address fisheries management, not just Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) as described in California’s Marine Life Management Act.

Staff expects to provide a new set of funding priorities, some of which are identified in the current of priorities, at the September meeting of the Ocean Protection Council.