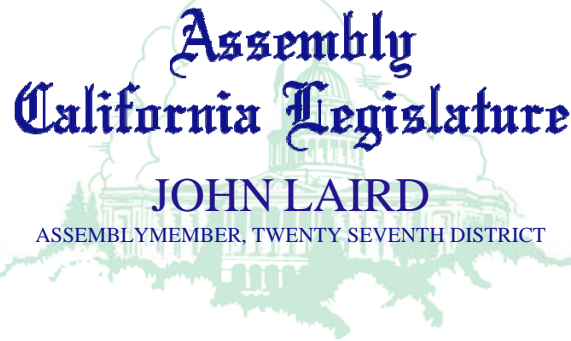


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August 15, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
Attn: Abe Doherty  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

I am writing to convey my support for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) and Stanford University's research proposal to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California, and to strongly encourage approval of the applicants' grant request.

I believe the applicants' bellwether approach, which includes a comprehensive pilot study of two coastal communities and a policy gap analysis for climate change adaptation, will inform sound regulatory and policy options to help ensure California's coastal planners and communities can prepare for climate changed-induced sea level rise.

As you may be aware, last year I introduced AB 1066, which would have required local governments to consider the impacts from sea level rise when amending their general plans. The bill would have also established a state agency working group to assess sea level rise impacts and plan for adaptation and mitigation. Senate Appropriations held the bill, because it felt the State could not afford implementation.

In the absence of adequate State action on this issue, MBARI and Stanford are filling a vacuum by undertaking research that will result in more definitive information about the threats of climate changed-induced sea level rise and scientifically grounded options to mitigate these risks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Laird". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**JOHN LAIRD**, Assemblymember  
27th District

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September 2, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
Attn: Abe Doherty  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) and Stanford University's research proposal to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California.

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of representing the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, which covers nearly a third of the California coastline. I know first hand that many rural North Coast communities are concerned about coastal climate change impacts, but have very limited resources for planning. Although this is a pilot project for only two coastal counties, I believe the lessons learned from its completion will provide policy guidance to all California coastal communities.

I urge the Ocean Protection Council to fund this worthy proposal. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Berg".

**PATTY BERG**  
Assemblywoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District





Making San Francisco Bay Better

August 18, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
Attn: Abe Doherty  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

I urge that the Ocean Protection Council provide financial support for the proposal by Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California. This project has the promise of being an important tool in our efforts to advance sustainable development, protect natural resources and address the impacts of climate change along the California coastline.

This proposal would be most beneficial to the work of our Commission if an area within the San Francisco Bay region is selected as a pilot project to develop, test and refine the proposal. We are willing to provide our full support and assistance to carry out such a pilot effort, and we have detailed datasets and projections available which would be useful in development of the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form the name 'WILL TRAVIS'.

WILL TRAVIS  
Executive Director

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August 26, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman, Chair  
California Ocean Protection Council  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

As climate changes increase, communities located near California's coastline will most certainly experience major impacts. As a county with approximately 150 miles of coast line, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors strongly supports Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute's Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool proposal for Coastal California.

We believe this pilot study is an important tool with the potential to aid coastal planners in making policy choices and capital improvement/infrastructure plans in anticipation of future climate change impacts. The Board strongly supports this proposal and respectfully requests funding for this project in an effort to assist all coastal communities in avoiding the damage and destruction that may adversely affect their quality of life.

Sincerely,

Jill Geist, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Attn: Meg Caldwell, Interim Director  
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September 4, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Abe Doherty

**RE: Support for the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California**

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

We are writing to express the support of the staff of the California Coastal Commission for the proposal for developing a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California, by Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. This project has the promise of being an important tool in California's efforts to advance responsible sustainable development, protect natural resources, and address the impacts of climate change in California's coastal areas and communities.

This proposal has great promise as a tool for coastal and resource management agencies, local governments and others to assist in evaluating climate change impacts and response options. We believe that this tool can provide significant benefit in the development of both statewide and local climate change adaptation strategies.

We would like to work with the Ocean Protection Council, the staff of the OPC, and the project proponents to identify an area along California's coast to serve as a pilot implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool. We are also willing to share available information and datasets to support the successful development of this tool.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Susan Hansch in black ink.

SUSAN HANSCH  
Chief Deputy Director

Handwritten signature of Alfred Wanger in black ink.

ALFRED WANGER  
Deputy Director

CC: Sam Schuchat, California Coastal Conservancy  
Abe Doherty, California Coastal Conservancy  
Meg Caldwell, Center for Ocean Solutions



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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**Coastal Services Center**  
 2234 South Hobson Avenue  
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August 25, 2008

Secretary Mike Chrisman, Resources Agency  
 Chair, Ocean Protection Council  
 c/o Abe Doherty  
 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Chrisman,

I am writing to express support for the proposal that Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) have submitted to the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) for the Climate Change Adaptation Model Pilot Study. The proposed project, which focuses on the needs of two coastal counties and will engage the coastal planners in these counties, is a timely response to the increasingly pressing issues facing California's coasts due to our changing climate.

Several aspects of the proposal are particularly noteworthy. The collaborative approach engaging the end users is critical not only for determining the two pilot counties and assessing their specific needs, but also for establishing a common vision and ensuring buy-in and utility of the final product. The project's scope will allow it to build upon other current State and Ocean Protection Council (OPC) funded climate efforts; not duplicating them, but providing the additional foundational information needed by coastal resource managers and developing a tool that will increase the usefulness of the other projects' outcomes. In addition, the legal and policy gap analysis will provide insight into the potential barriers to implementing needed actions for climate change adaptation.

While the timeline is ambitious, given the urgency for coastal resource managers to begin addressing the impacts of climate change in a proactive manner, the need to move quickly is critical. As you know, the NOAA Coastal Services Center's (CSC) mission is to link people, information and technology around critical coastal issues. CSC is working nationally to understand the needs of the coastal resource management community in addressing climate change and providing the information, either directly or by supporting others, to that community. As such, NOAA CSC looks forward to working with Stanford University and MBARI on this project, where appropriate, to understand California's specific needs for coastal climate change adaptation and to deliver the necessary information.

Overall, the Climate Change Adaptation Model Pilot Study, combined with other OPC funded efforts, will help California remain at the forefront of addressing climate change impacts for the nation.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Smith  
 West Coast Regional Director



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August 14, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
Broadway, Suite 1100 1330  
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Abe Doherty

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments strongly supports the project proposal by Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California. We believe that this project will produce an important and unique tool to aid sustainable coastal region planning by state, regional and local agencies in the context of future climate and socioeconomic change.

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments is particularly supportive of this effort because of the potential for application of this tool to the Monterey Bay region. The region is comprised of the coastal counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz. Our agency has been involved with ocean and coastal issues since it was established in 1968 and is the sole multipurpose regional planning agency in the area. As such, we project future development and socioeconomic conditions for our region and such a project will be mutually beneficial.

We strongly support the Council funding this pilot proposal to begin development of the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California.

Sincerely,



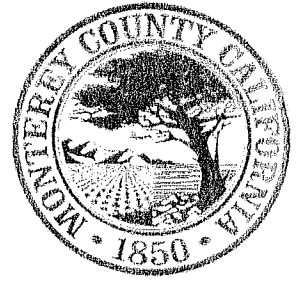
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KATHLEEN LEE  
CHIEF OF STAFF

August 27, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Abe Doherty

Dear Secretary Chrisman,

As Fifth District Supervisor of Monterey County I am fully supportive of the project proposal by Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California. I believe that this project will produce an important and unique tool to aid sustainable coastal region planning by the state and local agencies in the context of future climate change and socioeconomic development.

I am particularly supportive of this project because of California's strong interest in coastal planners addressing climate change, and how a decision tool that is designed for and with local planners would be exceptionally useful in understanding and sorting through climate change adaptation policy options at both local and regional levels. I strongly support the Council funding this pilot proposal to begin development of the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter  
Fifth District Supervisor





August 27, 2008

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The Honorable Mike Chrisman  
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Abe Doherty

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

The City of Monterey is fully supportive of the project proposal by Stanford University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California. We believe that this project will produce an important and unique tool to aid sustainable coastal region planning by state and local agencies in the context of future climate change and socioeconomic development.

We are particularly supportive of this effort because of the potential for application of this tool to the Monterey Bay region, given that there are detailed datasets and projections available which would provide a robust basis for development. We strongly support the Council funding this pilot proposal to begin development of the Climate Change Adaptation Decision Tool for Coastal California.

Sincerely,

Chuck Della Sala  
Mayor

c: City Council