



MEETING SUMMARY

September 17, 2009

9 a.m. – 12 noon

Hyatt Regency San Francisco, Grand Ballroom A
5 Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA

Council Members in Attendance:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Natural Resources, Council Chair
Cindy Tuck for Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection
Mona Pasquil for Lt. Governor John Garamendi
Bill Craven for Senator Steinberg

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting moved straight to the first agenda item.
2. It was moved (Ms. Pasquil) and seconded (Ms. Tuck) to adopt the attached comments to President Obama's Interagency Task Force on Ocean Policy and authorize the OPC Chair to represent the council consistent with these recommendations.
Brian Baird, Acting Executive Policy Officer
APPROVED AS AMENDED Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Pasquil **Nays:** 0

White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley gave an overview of President Obama's Interagency Ocean Task Force and discussed the afternoon meeting of task force. She also announced the release of the Task Force's Interim Report. Ms. Sutley asked for those who wished to submit comments on the report to please visit the CEQ Web site at www.whitehouse.gov.

Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco, highlighted areas of leadership by the OPC, including the Marine Life Protection Act, seafloor mapping, the Thank You Ocean campaign, and the West Coast Governors' Agreement. Dr. Lubchenco stressed that building partnerships are essential to developing effective state, federal and regional ocean policies.

After Brian Baird presented the staff report, Ms. Pasquil requested that specific language be added about marine debris prevention and reduction.

Public comment:

- Dr. Kit Batten – U.S. Department of the Interior – Spoke about expanding existing relationships
- Jessica Hamilton Keys – Office of Oregon’s Governor Kulongoski – Spoke about opportunities to work with the West Coast Governors’ Agreement on Ocean Health (WCGA)
- Bob Nichols – Office of Washington’s Governor Gregoire – Spoke about the strength of having the three states working together as a single, strong voice for the West Coast
- Peter Douglas – California Coastal Commission – Spoke in support
- Don Maruska – San Luis Obispo Science and Ecosystem Alliance – Spoke in support and provided suggestions for including more focus on ecosystem-based management models
- Kirsten James – Heal the Bay – Spoke in support and echoed Ms. Pasquil’s comment about marine debris
- Chris Cohen – Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Southern California Ocean Observing System – Spoke in support and provided additional ideas related to ocean observing systems
- Leila Monroe – Natural Resources Defense Council – Spoke in support
- Kaitilin Gaffney – Ocean Conservancy – Spoke in support and provided suggestions about adding more focus on climate change policy and ocean acidification
- Francis Spivy-Weber – State Water Resources Control Board – Spoke in support and provided specific changes to the document
- Susan Adams – Marin County Board of Supervisors and California State Association of Counties – Spoke in support and provided suggestions about increasing coordination with local governments
- Joey Racano – Ocean Outfall Group – Spoke in support and provided specific comments related to marine debris

3. It was moved (Ms. Pasquil) and seconded (Ms. Tuck) to adopt a resolution (1) supporting interagency collaboration and management of geospatial information to identify priority uses and address current and future user conflicts in the ocean environment, and (2) directing staff to analyze and develop recommendations on marine spatial planning, including planning principles and objectives.

Christina Cairns, Project Manager

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Pasquil Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Bridgett Luther – California Department of Conservation – Spoke in support and provided suggestions about partnering with the California Geological Survey
- Becky Smyth – NOAA Coastal Services Center – Spoke in support
- Cliff Davenport – California Sediment Management Workgroup and California Geological Survey – Spoke in support
- Kaitilin Gaffney – Ocean Conservancy – Spoke in support
- Meg Caldwell – Center for Ocean Solutions – Spoke in support

- Matthew Armsby – Center for Ocean Solutions – Spoke in support
 - Al Wanger – California Coastal Commission – Spoke in support
 - Frances Spivy-Webber – State Water Resources Control Board – Spoke in support
 - Clay Clifton – Individual – Spoke in support
 - Teri Shore – Turtle Island Restoration Network – Spoke in support and provided specific comments related to protected species and migratory paths
 - Toby Garfield – San Francisco State University– Spoke in support
4. Public comment was heard on non-agenda items:
- Michael Stocker – Ocean Conservation Research – Spoke about ocean noise pollution and U.S. Navy training activities
 - Joey Racano – Ocean Outfall Group – Spoke about problems with implementing a vision for a sustainable abundance
 - Kirsten James – Heal the Bay – Spoke about marine debris legislation
 - Mara Jo Bruton – New Water for Peace – spoke about actions to reduce pollution from waste water
 - Kathryn Rhodes – Individual – Spoke about the seals at Children’s Pool in La Jolla
 - Andrea Hahn – Individual – Showed a video about marine life in La Jolla
 - Cindy Benner – La Jolla Friends of the Seals – Spoke about the seals at Children’s Pool in La Jolla
 - Ellen Shively – La Jolla Friends of the Seals – Spoke about the seals at Children’s Pool in La Jolla
 - Tom Murphy – New Water for Peace – Spoke about eliminating sources of pollution and adopting national green standards of performance
 - Jeff Lind – S. Lombardi & Associates – Spoke about ocean pollution
 - Richard Sadowski – Individual – Spoke about ocean pollution
 - Chris Unkel – Ducks Unlimited – Spoke about the legacy of mercury introductions into our waterways during the gold rush
 - Angela Kelley – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Spoke about climate change
 - Rosalind Peterson – Agricultural Defense Coalition – Spoke about weather modification programs
 - Joe Geever – Surfrider Foundation – Spoke about desalination
 - Allison Ford – The Otter Project – Spoke about sea otters in Southern California
 - Debra Whitman – Environmental Voices – Spoke in support of earlier comments to take action to stop the expansion of U.S. Navy training
5. Brian Baird presented the report of the Executive Policy Officer, which included a proposal about how the OPC might approach supporting federal legislation in the next year, and provided an update on marine debris and toxics.
6. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the Council Secretary in which he discussed the status of the OPC budget and provided an update on the Dungeness crab task force and the California Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
7. Dr. Amber Mace presented the report from the Science Advisor to the OPC in which she

spoke about the science advisory team and the MPA Monitoring Enterprise.

8. It was moved (Ms. Pasquil) and seconded (Ms. Tuck) to delegate to the Council Secretary the authority to approve and disburse up to \$4,400,000 to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to help plan and implement the Marine Life Protection Act.

Sam Schuchat, Council Secretary

APPROVED Ayes: Chrisman, Tuck, Pasquil Nays: 0

Public Comment:

- Mike Sutton – Fish and Game Commission – Spoke in support
 - Linda Sheehan – California Coastkeeper Alliance – Spoke in support
 - Steve Sullivan – Sea Surveyor – Spoke in opposition and expressed concerns about the state mapping project
 - Katheryn Rhodes – Civil Engineer – Spoke in support
 - Leila Monroe – Natural Resources Defense Council – Spoke in support
 - Kaitilin Gaffney – Ocean Conservancy – Spoke in support
 - Cindy Benner – La Jolla Friends of the Seals – Spoke about including a specific area within the Marine Life Protection Act proposals
 - Kirsten James – Heal the Bay – Spoke in support
 - Joey Racano – Ocean Outfall Group – Spoke in support
 - Marla Jo Bruton – New Water for Peace – Spoke in support
9. Secretary Chrisman thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.