



TO: California Ocean and Coastal Community

FROM: John Laird, Secretary for Natural Resources

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SUBJECT: Ocean Protection Council Meeting Summary – November 29, 2012 in Sacramento

The Ocean Protection Council (OPC) convened its last meeting of 2012 on November 29 in Sacramento. The Council authorized up to \$2,500,000 to fund competitive grants to create vulnerability assessments, data collection, and updates to Local Coastal Programs to help local governments [plan for adaptation to sea-level rise](#) and associated climate change impacts along the open coast of California. The Council was updated on progress to support state agencies' use and sharing [of scientific and geospatial information](#) for coastal- and ocean-relevant decision making. The Council was also presented with information on State Water Resources Control Board's [proposed trash policy](#) and Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's [report](#) evaluating the impact of 40 years of implementing the Clean Water Act on the southern California coastal ocean.

For further information, we encourage you to visit our [website](#) to access the [meeting summary](#) or the meeting [webcast](#). The Ocean Protection Council's next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on March 27th, 2013 at the Natural Resources Auditorium at 1416 Ninth Street in Sacramento.