



MEETING SUMMARY

February 8, 2007

10:00am – 4:20pm

Doubletree Guest Suites Marquee Ballroom
1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California 90401

Present:

Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources, Council Chair
Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection
John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor, Chair of the State Lands Commission
Bill Craven for Darrell Steinberg, State Senator, *Ex Officio Member*

Absent:

Pedro Nava, State Assemblymember, *Ex Officio Member*

1. Secretary Chrisman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new council members, John Garamendi and Darrell Steinberg. Lt. Governor Garamendi expressed his pleasure about serving on the OPC and discussed issues facing California, including offshore oil drilling and climate change. Linda Adams expressed her excitement about the marine debris actions before the council.

Richard Bloom, Mayor of Santa Monica, welcomed everyone to Santa Monica and discussed actions the city has taken to protect environmental resources, including a ban on non-recyclable food containers.

Secretary Chrisman reviewed the progress made regarding the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health and dam removals on the Klamath River.

2. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) to authorize the proposed changes to the council's meeting procedures, originally adopted on June 8, 2006
Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
3. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) to allow a voting representative for absent council members for this meeting pursuant to the council's operating procedures
Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
4. Drew Bohan led a discussion about marine debris off California's coast. Eben Schwartz gave a brief overview of the Anti-litter Task Force's work to date, then a short video was shown about the environmental impacts of marine debris and the

scope of the problem. Mr. Bohan introduced the panel members and posed a series of questions to each of the panelists.

Panelists included:

Jonathan Bishop, *Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Martin Diedrich, *Kean Coffee, zero waste small business*
Bridgett Luther, *Department of Conservation*
Captain Charlie Moore, *Algalita Marine Research Foundation*
Gary Petersen, *California Integrated Waste Management Board*
Eben Schwartz, *California Coastal Commission*
Tim Shestek, *American Chemistry Council*
Maureen Gorsen, *Department of Toxic Substances Control*

Public comment:

Students—Environmental Charter High School, Lawndale, CA—spoke in support of a policy that would reduce and prevent marine debris
Mark Gold—Heal the Bay—provided amendments to the staff resolution
Mark Murray—Californians Against Waste—spoke in support
Yonat Swimmer—NOAA Fisheries—spoke in support
Al Wanger—California Coastal Commission—spoke in support
Barbara Cameron—individual—spoke in support
Dr. Robert Pousman—individual—spoke in support
Penny Harding—individual—spoke in support
Scott Dosick—California Association of Local Conservation Corps—spoke in support
Steve Aceti—California Coastal Coalition—spoke in support
Stephanie Barger—Earth Resource Foundation—spoke in support
Ray Halowski—Surfrider Foundation, Newport Beach—spoke in support
Irma Muñoz—Mujeres de la Tierra—spoke in support
Warner Chabot—Ocean Conservancy—spoke in support
Tracy Egoscue—Santa Monica Bay Keeper—spoke in support with amendments
Bruce Reznik—San Diego Coastkeeper—spoke in support with amendments

5. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) to adopt, as amended, the resolution identifying the council's position on marine debris and actions for debris reduction and prevention

Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none

6. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) that the California Fisheries Fund is a high priority project and that the council's Secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$2,000,000 for its implementation

Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none

Christopher Voss—commercial fisherman—spoke in support

7. Jon Day, Director of Conservation, Heritage, and Indigenous Partnerships, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, presented "Marine spatial planning in Australia: establishing ocean zones and marine protected areas in the Great Barrier Reef".

8. The council heard public comment on non-agenda items
 - Linda Sheehan—California Coastkeeper Alliance—integrated watershed monitoring (SB1070)
 - Dorothee Alsentzer—Natural Resources Defense Council—Morro Bay-Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Steve Mathieu—AGP Video—educational outreach through DVD distribution
 - Matt Kay—UC Santa Barbara—collaborative fish trapping surveys in the Channel Islands
 - Nancy Hastings—Surfrider Foundation—potential outcomes of 2nd circuit court decision regarding once-through cooling

9. Mr. Bohan presented the report of the Executive Policy Officer
 - Notified the council that a report card will be presented at the next meeting regarding the progress of actions called for in the OPC Strategic Plan
 - Updated the council on the progress of OPC's efforts to improve the enforcement of ocean protection laws
 - Informed the council about staff actions to set priorities for Proposition 84 funds
 - Reviewed the outcome of the 2nd circuit court decision on once-through cooling

10. Sam Schuchat presented the report of the council Secretary
 - a. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) to authorize the proposed changes to the OPC delegations to the council Secretary, originally adopted on September 15, 2005
Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
 - b. Mr. Schuchat updated the council members on the progress of several OPC funded projects

11. It was moved (Garamendi) and seconded (Adams) that a second grant cycle for scientific research projects supporting OPC priorities administered by California Sea Grant and USC Sea Grant is a high priority and that the council Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$1,000,000 for its implementation
Approved Ayes: Garamendi, Adams, Chrisman Nays: none

12. It was moved (Chrisman) and seconded (Adams) that conducting a study to examine grid reliability and future resource adequacy for regions currently supplied by coastal power plants using once-through cooling is a high priority and that the council Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$200,000 for its completion
Approved Ayes: Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
 - Conner Everts—Desal Response—spoke in opposition
 - Al Wanger—California Coastal Commission—spoke in support
 - Sarah Abramson—Heal the Bay—spoke in support

Linda Sheehan—California Coastkeeper Alliance—provided a summary of the Riverkeeper court decision

13. It was moved (Chrisman) and seconded (Adams) to designate the Executive Director of the California Ocean Science Trust (CalOST) as science adviser to the OPC; that actions CalOST may take to coordinate and disseminate ocean science and technology information among state agencies and the OPC are a high priority for ocean conservation; and that the council Secretary is authorized to take actions needed to provide up to \$200,000 for their completion
Approved Ayes: Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
14. It was moved (Chrisman) and seconded (Adams) that the Reef Check California Program is a high priority and that the council Secretary is authorized to take actions necessary to provide up to \$243,500 for its implementation
Approved Ayes: Adams, Chrisman Nays: none
15. Chairman Chrisman adjourned the meeting