

CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL

Staff Recommendation

June 28, 2013

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EXHIBIT: Ocean Protection Council Delegations to Its Executive Director (June 28, 2013)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the Ocean Protection Council (Council) approve the following resolution:

“The Ocean Protection Council hereby delegates to its Executive Director those authorities contained in the attached document ‘OPC Delegations to its Executive Director, June 28, 2013’.”

DESCRIPTION: Recent legislation enacted with the 2013-2014 budget reorganizes staffing for the Council and authorizes all administrative functions for the Council to reside with the California Natural Resources Agency. Staff recommends that the Council approve the proposed delegation of administrative duties and functions to its Executive Director, who is also Deputy Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Matters at the Natural Resources Agency, consistent with this new legislative reorganization.

Prior to the reorganization referenced above, the Council first delegated authority to make routine management decisions to the Council Secretary in September 2005 and later amended the delegation in February and October 2007, respectively. The purpose of this delegation is to ensure that routine business can continue to be carried out between OPC meetings consistent with the Council’s stated goals and objectives.

The proposed delegation largely tracks the delegations that were issued by the Council in 2005 and 2007, with some modification. The changes made are necessary to ensure that:

- New authorities are properly referenced,
- To allow greater flexibility for the Executive Director to take action or develop agreements that facilitate the Council’s stated objectives, as well as to work to further Council goals in-between regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.
- To allow the Executive Director, upon review and approval by the Chair, to respond to proposed legislation that could implicate or impact the Council’s previously identified goals and policies without having to convene a meeting to seek such authorization. Since any such response will be limited to furthering existing Council policies and objectives and will be reviewed by the Chair, staff believes the proposed delegation will generate greater efficiency without supplanting any meaningful review or decision-making function of the Council.