



MEMORANDUM

TO: California Ocean Protection Council
FROM: Laura Engeman and Clare O'Reilly, Ocean Protection Council
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RE: Geoportal Development Progress

OPC staff are pleased and excited to provide this update on the significant progress made on the development of a dedicated geoportal for California's marine and coastal geospatial datasets. This project is a collaborative effort by the California Coastal and Marine Geospatial Working Group and the California Technology Agency to develop a central website whereby governmental agencies and the public can discover, download, and view authoritative geospatial information housed in various locations across the state.

Progress to Date

The California State Geoportal was officially launched by the California Technology Agency in March 2013 and can now be accessed at <http://portal.gis.ca.gov/>. The coastal and marine component, now referred to as the **California Coastal Geoportal**, is also nearing completion and staff expect to launch this site in July 2013.

A beta version of the site has been completed and OPC staff demonstrated this beta version to the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, the San Francisco Bay Development Commission, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife during the months of April, May and June. The beta version received a great deal of positive feedback on its utility and its ease of use. Staff also received a number of suggestions for refining the portal to better meet the state agencies' needs, and we are currently working on refining the portal based on this feedback. In addition, OPC staff continue to work with federal partners, state agency data providers, and the Natural Resource Agency's California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES) program to harvest key data sets for inclusion in the portal.

Other tasks currently being worked on by OPC staff and the Working Group for this summer include developing how-to guides for educating agency staff and the public on how to use the Coastal Geoportal, identifying strategies for engaging non-governmental entities in the development of the portal, and coordinating the California efforts with the portal development initiative being led by the West Coast Governors Alliance.