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To: California Ocean and Coastal Community

From: John Laird, Secretary for Natural Resources and Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

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Subject: Highlights from the August 27, 2014 OPC meeting

The Ocean Protection Council's (OPC) August 27, 2014 meeting in Sacramento addressed topics including marine debris, climate change adaptation, and seafloor mapping. The following are highlights from the meeting. The meeting webcast will be posted to the following website within the next 24 hours: http://www.opc.ca.gov/category/meetings/ (click on "webcast" to the right of "August 27"). I look forward to seeing you at the next OPC meeting scheduled for December 3, 2014 in Sacramento.

Agenda item 4 Consideration and possible approval of a resolution supporting the State Water Resources Control Board's adoption of a Trash Policy

The Council unanimously approved this resolution supporting the SWRCB's adoption of a Trash Policy. Several changes to the resolution suggested by Councilmembers and the public were incorporated into the resolution. A tracked changes and final version of the resolution will be posted to the OPC website within the next 24 hours. Sea Grant fellow Karen Kayfetz

Agenda item 5 Consideration and possible approval of a resolution on implementation of the Safeguarding California Plan for Reducing Climate Risk

The Council unanimously approved this resolution on implementing the Safeguarding California Plan for Reducing Climate Risk. Several changes to the resolution suggested by Councilmembers and the public were incorporated into the resolution. A tracked changes and final version of the resolution will be posted to the OPC website within the next 24 hours. Climate Change Policy Advisor Abe Doherty presented this item.

Agenda item 6 Update on OPC's ocean mapping program

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OPC Environmental Scientist Daniel Santillano presented an update on the OPC's ocean mapping program and efforts to improve the use and sharing of scientific and geospatial information. Mr. Santillano's presentation addressed progress on the OPC's \$15+ million investment to become the first large state in the nation to have comprehensively mapped its state waters and inland coast. UC Davis Geology Professor Michael Oskin and Daniel demonstrated an exciting 3D visualization tool to examine OPC-funded bathymetry-topography digital data.

The OPC meeting was proceeded by a workshop on envisioning California's ocean health. The OPC and California Ocean Science Trust brought together scientists, decision-makers, tribal representatives, and constituents alike to share perspectives about what "ocean health" means across our diverse coastal communities. The workshop was intended to inform our growing effort to explore value of building a shared vision of ocean health in California. Proceedings from the workshop are anticipated for release within the next couple of weeks and will be made available on the OPC website.

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