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Please include the letter below for the public record for the January 31, 2018 OPC meeting.
Thank you, ...richard

... a perspective from a 1st generation Californian.

I am the first in my family's lineage to be born in the U.S.A. , a Polish-American, whose parents immigrated from Poland. My father was a leader of a Polish Resistance when WWII started, September 1939, my mother was a survivor of Nazi work camps. In the late 1950's my parents became Americans. They were especially fond of the beauty and diversity of California.

Being a native Californian has always had a special meaning to me , it was something more than words could describe...it was a state of mind. History has shown us how California has led in creating laws and implementing policies that recognize that our coastal environment is alive and needs protection. The 1976 California Coastal Act and 2004 California Ocean Protection Act are examples of how Californians feel about the importance of protecting public coastal access and understanding the complexities of California's coastal environment and health.

California's legacy as a leader in ocean policy development and governance is well known around the world. As we study and learn more about the health of our Pacific Ocean, it is now more important than ever for California to be an example of hope through good governance, good science and education. In order to resonate this hope, the elements of good government must start at the capital and weave into our local governments. Clarity of objectives and goals is predicated upon a cohesion between the different levels of government operating in a spirit of collaboration and cooperation. Without this solidarity, goals become muddled, objectives scattered resulting in opportunist to take advantage of the intention of developing policies that are being formulated.

The foundation of good governance is dependent on people. Those who serve the public understand that public trust and integrity are prerequisite for the positions they hold. To insure that California's SLR and climate change policies and goals are implemented properly at a local level, there must be an underlying thread of accountability and oversight by our leaders in Sacramento.

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPad