OPC Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 6, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters Auditorium
715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Please register to join the meeting via Zoom or by phone.

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Notes: Agenda items may be re-ordered at the discretion of the Council Chair.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Council Member Announcements
   Secretary Crowfoot, Council Chair

2. Update from OPC Leadership
   Jenn Eckerle, Deputy Director

3. Update from the Science Advisor
   Liz Whiteman, Ph.D., Executive Director, Ocean Science Trust

4. Information Item: Update from OPC Summer Interns
   Jenn Eckerle, Deputy Director
   Alyssa Jain, Gloria Jin, Thai Le, Jas Martin, Elizabeth Nguyen, Emily Zhao: Summer Interns

   Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Equity Across Ocean and Coastal Policies and Actions; Objective 2.1: Enhance Engagement with Tribes

5. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to the Tribal Marine Stewards Network
   Mike Esgro, Senior Program Manager
   Megan Rocha, Executive Director, Resighini Rancheria; Member, Tribal Marine Stewards Network Leadership Council
Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Equity Across Ocean and Coastal Policies and Actions; Objective 2.2: Enhance Engagement with Underserved Communities

6. Action Items: Consideration and Approval of OPC’s Equity Plan and Disbursement of Funds to Establish an Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
   Maria Rodriguez, Program Manager
   Asma Mahdi, Senior Policy Director, Better World Group

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; Objective 3.1: Protect and Restore Coastal and Marine Ecosystems:

7. Action Items: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Support Marine Protected Area Management Program Priorities

   7a. Outreach, Education, Enforcement and Compliance
   Elyse Goin, California Sea Grant Fellow
   Brad Krey, Interpretation and Education Program Manager, California State Parks
   Kaitilin Gaffney, Director of Ocean, Coast, and Fisheries, Resource Legacy Fund

       7.a.1. Expanding MPA Outreach and Education Efforts Within State Parks
       7.a.2. Advancing MPA Enforcement and Compliance Through Community Partnerships

   7b. Continued MPA Long-Term Monitoring
   Lindsay Bonito, Program Manager

       7.b.1. Long-Term Monitoring in Key Marine Habitats
       7.b.2. California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Advancing Strategic Plan Goal 3: Enhance Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; Objective 3.2: Restore and Protect Kelp Ecosystems:

8. Action Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Initiate Development of a Kelp Restoration and Management Plan for California
   Mike Esgro, Senior Program Manager

9. Consent Item: Consideration and Approval of Disbursement of Funds to Expand MPA Connectivity Modeling
   Lindsay Bonito, Program Manager

10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

11. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment

   Wednesday, December 7, 2022; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: CNRA Auditorium and Zoom participation available.
Providing Public Comment

Written Comments: Written comments should be sent to COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov by 9am on October 5, 2022. If you are writing about an item on the Council’s agenda, please include the item number in the email subject line. If you are writing with a general comment, please include a brief title for your comment.

Oral Comments: For each item on the agenda and at the end of the public meeting on non-agenda items, the OPC Chair will ask whether there are any requests for public comment. If you are participating via Zoom and want to provide oral comments on a specific agenda item, you will need to “Raise your hand” during the Zoom meeting. *If calling into the meeting from a telephone, you can use “Pound (#) 2” to raise/ lower your hand.

Once your hand is raised and it is your turn to speak, the meeting facilitator will unmute you, announce your name, and you will be able to make your public comment to the Council. * Depending on how you have called in, you may also need to unmute yourself.

A speaker’s time allotment for a specific agenda item is at the discretion of the Chair but generally limited to two minutes. It is strongly recommended, though not required, that public comments be submitted in writing beforehand so they can be distributed to all Council members for review prior to the meeting. After your public comment, your hand will be lowered and you will be placed back on mute.

Questions about the meeting or agenda can be directed to Holly Shand at holly.shand@resources.ca.gov.

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