

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 26-27, 2017

28. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (MARINE)**Today's Item**Information Action

This is a standing agenda item to provide FGC with updates on marine items of interest from previous meetings.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- FGC adopts MRC recommendation for staff engagement on marine debris Apr 2016; Santa Rosa
- **Today's update** Apr 2017; Van Nuys

Background

This item is an opportunity for staff to provide any follow-up information on marine topics previously before FGC.

Marine Debris Update

At its Apr 2016 meeting, FGC supported an MRC recommendation to direct staff to engage in marine debris issues. Staff is currently focused on engaging with the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) on its effort to update the [Implementation Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Ocean Litter \(Strategy\)](#) adopted by OPC in 2008. Staff will participate in an upcoming workshop titled "California Ocean Litter Strategy Update Workshop" on May 2-3, 2017 in Oakland. The workshop is organized by OPC and NOAA's Marine Debris Program, in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, Surfrider Foundation, and California Sea Grant (Exhibit 1).

Recommendations (N/A)**Exhibits**

1. [OPC Ocean Litter Strategy Workshop flyer and "save the date" email for May 2-3, 2017](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CA OCEAN LITTER STRATEGY WORKSHOP

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WHERE: Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

WHEN: MAY 2-3, 2017 (8am to 5pm)

If you or someone from your organization is interested in attending, please fill out this short **form by Friday, March 24**. Please contact Miho Ligare at mligare@ucsd.edu if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Thank you.

For additional information go to <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2017/02/litter-strategy-update/>

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Hello,

You are invited to the upcoming California Ocean Litter Strategy Workshop. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to provide input on the state's current and future priorities for ocean litter work and strategies to meet these priorities.

BACKGROUND: Ocean litter is an ongoing problem of international scale; researchers estimate that 8 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean from land each year (Jambeck et al. 2015), and ocean-based debris contributes to this problem. To start addressing the ocean litter problem, the Ocean Protection Council adopted its original [Implementation Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Ocean Litter \(Strategy\)](#) in 2008. This Strategy focused on policy actions that state and local government could take to reduce and prevent marine litter. Progress has been made on a number of these actions, as in the cases of the statewide plastic bag ban and the adoption of the State Water Resources Control Board's trash amendments. Given that a number of priorities identified in the 2008 Strategy have been accomplished or are in progress and new information about ocean litter has come to light since 2008 (see the "Why" section below), the Strategy is due for an update.

WHAT: The [Ocean Protection Council](#) and the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program](#) are leading the effort to update and expand California's 2008 Strategy. The Strategy will be expanded to include fishing gear (and possibly other ocean-based debris), as well as suggestions for projects of a variety of scales and scopes so that entities including tribes, government agencies, industry, and nonprofits can make a meaningful contribution towards reducing ocean litter in California.

This will be the first of two workshops focused on developing and executing California's Ocean Litter Strategy. The goal of the first workshop is to develop a draft Strategy with proposed actions for review, and the goal of the second workshop is for stakeholders to commit to taking the lead on implementing proposed actions.

WHY: Since the original Strategy was developed, many of the actions described in the document have either been accomplished or are in progress. In addition, some forms of ocean litter, such as microfibers, are not covered in the existing Strategy, but are areas of interest to current and future research. Updating and expanding the Strategy will enable us to assess what has been accomplished so far, seek input and provide direction for the state and stakeholders, and track progress over time. Participation in this workshop will

provide you and your organization with opportunities to identify and shape California's ocean litter priorities, and perhaps take a leading role in addressing these priorities. Projects identified in the collaboratively developed Strategy document may be more appealing to funding organizations.

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Agenda and additional information will be forthcoming.

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Feel free to contact me at mligare@ucsd.edu if you have any questions. Please let me know if you'd like to forward this invitation to someone else from your organization.

Only one attendee per organization should plan to attend.

If you are interested in reviewing the draft Strategy but unable to attend the workshop, please let me know and I can add you to our Ocean Litter Strategy e-mail list.

Thank you and we look forward to having you at the workshop.

Kind Regards,

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