

# Update

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Following implementation of California's marine protected area (MPA) network in 2012, state resource managers realized a key component to successful management of the network was partnerships both inside and outside government.

Since no single agency has the sole authority, capacity, or resources to effectively manage the network independently, the MPA Statewide Leadership Team (Leadership Team) was convened by the Secretary for Natural Resources Agency in 2014 to guide the [MPA Management Program](#). Led by the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), "The Leadership Team creates a unique space for state and federal agencies to partner and share information with one another, and with local communities and tribes," says Deborah Halberstadt, OPC Executive Director. "Together, we are evaluating and prioritizing the action we need to take to ensure the longevity and success of California's MPAs," finishes Ms. Halberstadt.

To prioritize and evaluate the actions mentioned, the Leadership Team develops three-year Work Plans to set shared priorities amongst all members. These Work Plans identify strategic priorities, key actions, and outcomes, and provide a method to hold agencies and partners accountable for the outcomes they are tasked with leading. The [original Work Plan](#) was approved by OPC and endorsed by the membership of the leadership team in 2015; an [updated Work Plan](#) was released in 2018 and provides guidance into 2021.

With a focus on leveraging resources and breaking down traditional barriers to collaborative management, "All members of the Leadership Team contribute significant expertise and insight to address management of California's MPA network across jurisdictions and mandates," says Ms. Halberstadt. The Leadership Team will continue to add members at the direction of the Secretary for Natural Resources to ensure representation of all key partners invested in the MPA Management Program.

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## MPA Statewide Leadership Team



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