

# OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

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Public comments were accepted via the chat function.

The following members were in attendance:

## **TAC Members:**

Janelle Myhre (Vice Chairman), John Berge, Lynn Korwatch, Sejal Choksi-Chugh, Peter Santillan

## **Agency Representatives:**

Jonathan Bishop – California Coastal Commission (CCC), Cody Aichele – San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), Ronald Maria – California State Lands Commission (SLC), Kathryn Lawrence - US Environmental Protection Agency

## **Recording Secretary:**

Elizabeth Vos-Widtfeldt

## **OSPR Participants:**

Dr. Julie Yamamoto - Acting Administrator, Eric Milstein - Assistant Chief Counsel, Amir Sharifi - Assistant Deputy Administrator, Emily Sunahara - Chief, Financial and Administrative Services Branch, Christine Kluge - Regulations Analyst, Andrew Benware - Regulations Analyst, Jennifer Gaffey – Associate Governmental Program Analyst - Legal, Dr. Michael Ziccardi – Director, Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN), Julie Oltmann, CDFW Legislative Representative

## **Guests:**

Thomas Haug, Witt O'Brien's

## **I. INTRODUCTIONS**

*Dr. Julie Yamamoto, OSPR Administrator*

## **II. DISCUSSION OF BIENNIAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND POTENTIAL LEGISLATION**

Update provided on the status of OSPR's Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for Fiscal Year 23/24 that was made public last week on the Department of Finance's website. The BCP can be read in its entirety by following this [link](#).

### **Oiled Wildlife Care Network Briefing**

*Dr. Michael Ziccardi, Director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN)*

OWCN has a static budget of \$2.5 million established by statute in the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Act; however, OWCN's mission has expanded, and costs have risen over subsequent years. TAC agrees to draft a letter to raise awareness of the situation to partner government entities. John Berge will draft a letter and present it at a special TAC meeting February 9, 2023, for discussion and vote.

## **Biennial Report Recommendations**

**Janelle Myhre, TAC Vice Chairman**

1. *Address lack of a dedicated funding source for responding to non-petroleum-based spills in state waters.*

Due to the complexity of this issue, the TAC will discuss this in more detail at a future date.

2. *Address the impacts associated with abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV), including possibly developing dedicated funding.*

The ADV issue continues to plague California. TAC agrees to draft a letter to the legislature addressing the need for continued action to resolve the issue. Sejal Choksi-Chugh will draft the letter and present it at the next TAC meeting scheduled for February 9, 2023, for discussion and vote.

3. *Address the need for adequate warning, and protective maintenance of navigational hazards related to submerged cables and pipelines.*

State authority for this item needs to be identified. Additional analysis will be conducted.

4. *Continue monitoring transportation of petroleum products by rail, and address any gaps in regulation or legislation as required.*

The Pacific States British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force monitors transportation by all modes of oil in the western states. TAC will consider drafting a letter as a Summary of Concerns to support ongoing monitoring and address any gaps in regulation or legislation.

5. *Ensure that OSPR has the spending authority to meet mandated operational needs.*

OSPR submitted a Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for FY 23-24 to meet the mandated operational need. An overview of the BCP is published on the Department of Finance website. It is not final at this time and is being discussed at the budget level. TAC will draft a letter to express support of the BCP. A committee member will be identified to draft a letter.

6. *Make appointments by Governor to fill the two TAC member positions and by the Senate Rules Committee to fill one vacant TAC member position.*

John Berge recommended the TAC Chair and Vice Chair draft a letter to the Governor's office and the Senate Rules Committee addressing that issue.

7. *Develop forecasting of future changes in consumption of petroleum-based and renewable products in California and how that might impact OSPR's fiscal viability.*

TAC currently receives regular reports and ongoing presentations from Gordon Schremp, California Energy Commission. TAC will continue to receive information and track this issue.

8. *Final Comments*

TAC may be interested in looking at some issues from the local government perspective in the future.

No public comments were presented to the committee.

**Adjourn Meeting: 11:02 a.m.**