

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE
BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE
REVISED MEETING AGENDA
(revised November 28, 2005)**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2005
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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Public participation: the public will be invited by the chair at several points in the meeting to offer comments on agenda items. General comments on the MLPA Initiative and the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, not directed to specific agenda items, will be taken at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team presentations on science related to the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)*
- *Receive update on the progress of the MLPA Central Coast Project*
- *Receive and provide guidance on preliminary packages of marine protected areas (MPAs) for the central coast*
- *Review and act on proposed changes to the regional goals and objectives package for the central coast*
- *Receive and act on the Strategy for the Long-Term Funding of MPAs in California*
- *Receive update on administrative items related to the MLPA Initiative*
- *Receive public comment on items not on the agenda*

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(Note: Staff anticipates that on Tuesday the task force will complete agenda items 1 through 5 and possibly 6. Wednesday will likely start with agenda item 6 or 7.)

1. Introduction and welcome 10:00 a.m.
Phil Isenberg, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
John J. Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

Research

2. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) presentation on ecological networks of marine protected areas
Dr. Steve Gaines, University of California, Santa Barbara

Central Coast Project

3. Central coast process
Michael DeLapa, Central Coast Project Manager, MLPA Initiative
Scott McCreary, Principal and Co-Founder, CONCUR, Inc.
 - A. Update on meetings of the regional stakeholder group
 - B. Schedule of future meetings and product development

4. Candidate packages of MPAs for the central coast
Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
Dr. Mark Carr, Dr. Steve Gaines and Dr. Steve Palumbi, Members, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
Panel of Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group members
 - A. Packages developed through the CCRSG process
 - B. Packages developed outside the CCRSG process
 - C. SAT analysis of MPA packages
 - D. Public comment on packages of MPAs for the central coast

5. BRTF guidance to the CCRSG
John Kirlin
 - A. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Adopt work plan
 - B. Other guidance

6. Proposed revisions to regional goals and objectives package
Michael Weber, Senior Project Manager, MLPA Initiative
 - A. Presentation of proposed revisions
 - B. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** act on proposed revisions to regional goals and objectives package

Strategy for Long-Term Funding of MPAs

7. Draft Strategy for the Long-Term Funding of MPAs in California
Craig Brown and Tim Cage, consultants to the MLPA Initiative
 - A. Presentation and recommendations
 - B. Public comment on the draft Strategy for the Long-Term Funding of MPAs in California
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** accept and refer the Strategy for the Long-Term Funding of MPAs in California

Initiative Activity

8. Administrative report
John Kirlin
 - A. MLPA MOU report
 - B. Extracting lessons for the future
 - C. Legal actions
 - D. Other items

9. Initiative budget
John Kirlin
 - A. Update on the MLPA Initiative budget
 - B. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Request for additional authorization
10. Master Plan Science Advisory Team
John Ugoretz, MLPA Policy Advisor, Department of Fish and Game
11. MLPA Statewide Interests Group
Melissa Miller-Henson, Operations & Communications Manager, MLPA Initiative
 - A. October meeting summary

Research

12. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team presentation on water quality
Mr. Kenneth Schiff, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

Other Items

13. At approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, public comment will be taken on the task force meeting and items for future consideration
14. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Set the draft agenda, time and place for next meeting
Phil Isenberg

Adjourn