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TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report, May, 2014 (Marin County)

Significant reporting items for the month. [Strategic Plan](#) (SP) reference provided where applicable:

LCP Program Status – Marin/Sonoma Counties (SP Goal 4)

The Marin County LCP was certified in 1982. Marin County has approximately 106 miles of coastline. The coastal zone area totals approximately 130 square miles (82,168 acres) of the County's 520 square miles of total land area. Approximately 53 square miles of the coastal zone area (33,913 acres) are owned and managed by the federal government, mostly within either Point Reyes National Seashore or Golden Gate National Recreation Area (and thus excluded from the definition of the coastal zone). Approximately 75 square miles (48,255 acres) comprise the County's LCP jurisdiction where the County has coastal development permitting authority. The County's LCP has not been updated until recently. The Commission is considering the update of the Land Use Plan at the May, 2014 hearing (see item [Th12a](#)). The Commission awarded Marin County an LCP grant of \$54,000 in January, 2014 to address sea level rise.

The Sonoma County LCP also was certified in 1982, and was partially updated in 2001. The outer coastline of the County is approximately 69 miles long and the coastal zone comprises approximately 56,000 acres. The County is currently in the process of updating their 1982 LCP and staff has been working with the County on that update. The current schedule projects coming to the Board of Supervisors by April-July of 2015, following extensive public review and hearings with the Planning Commission.

Staff Training Activities (SP 7.7.2-4)

All Senior Commission Staff (Executive Team, Managers, and Supervisors) completed Part 2 of a state-required supervisory training. This part of the training consisted of two days of active participation working with a range of management tools and issues. It was conducted by Rosalind Carol, M.A., from the CPS HR Training Center. The Commission's Senior Staff has now completed five days of required training. Staff is planning additional training for non-supervisory staff.

Commission Budget Update (SP 7)

On May 7th and 8th, Commission staff attended and testified on behalf of the Commission at budget subcommittee hearings in Sacramento. On May 7th, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 on Natural Resources and Transportation approved the Administration's Spring Finance Letter proposal to extend the Commission's LCP funding augmentation an additional two years. In addition, the subcommittee approved two more years of funding for Commission operations from the Environmental License Plate Fund (\$3 million/year) and three more years of funding for local assistance from General Fund (\$1 million/year) (see [staff recommendation](#) at page 16). On May 8th, the Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation took a conforming action and approved the same budget recommendations approved by the Assembly, replacing its prior action of March 20 (see [staff recommendation](#)).

LCP Grant Program (SP Goal 4)

On April 23, the Commission sent out the announcement for the next round of LCP grants (attached and [here](#)). This round the Commission is offering a joint application process in coordination with grant opportunities from the Ocean Protection Council and State Coastal Conservancy. Applications are due July 7, 2014. Here is a link to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the grant application process.

Meetings, Presentations, and Outreach

- Staff will be participating in the meeting of the Coastal Counties Group at the CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento on May 14, 2014.
- On May 27, staff will be participating in a workshop in San Diego with local governments and the State Coastal Conservancy and representatives from Coastwalk, San Diego Coastkeeper, the Environmental Law Institute and The Maritime Alliance to discuss coastal issues.
- On May 28, the Executive Director will be delivering the lunch address at the annual [Headwaters to the Ocean](#) conference in San Diego.
- **Hearing on Fracking** (SP 7.2.6). On Friday, April 11, 2014, Alison Dettmer, the Coastal Commission's Deputy Director for Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency, provided testimony on behalf of the Commission to the Assembly Select Committee on Coastal Protection at a public hearing on "[Offshore Well Stimulation and Fracking](#)" to frame the problem of threats to coastal marine environments, gain a better understanding of jurisdiction and authority over offshore well stimulation, and discuss strategies to provide better oversight going forward.