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Re: Steps to Follow-up Commission Discussion at June 9, 1999 Workshop

During the Commission's discussion about the future of California's coastal management program, various suggestions and potential actions were identified to strengthen the program. I have listed below specific initiatives that can be implemented over the next several months. These items will be discussed with the Commission during the Director's report at the July meeting.

ACTION PLAN

1. Schedule briefing on budget development process for the July 1999 meeting.
2. Schedule a briefing on the Commission's Strategic Plan for the July meeting.
3. Pursue budget augmentations for FY 1999-2000 to conduct new work directed by Commission and requested by Governor Davis and others relative to offshore oil and gas development.
4. Work with Chair and Vice-Chair on FY 2000-2001 budget requests that reflect direction given by the Commission at June 9 workshop.
5. Schedule workshop for the September meeting to discuss and identify possible actions the Commission can take to reduce the volume of new information commissioners receive during monthly meetings without adequate time for review.
6. Prepare survey of commissioner contacts with elected federal, state and local officials, appointees at all levels, community organizations, professional, civic and environmental associations that could be helpful in advancing the coastal program.
7. Work with commissioners to persuade selected local governments to complete their lcp.
8. Organize discussion workshop with the regional water board and Heal the Bay to review status, trends and programs relating to marine water quality and implementation of non-point source pollution control strategies.
9. Pursue improvements in the format of staff reports, to make them clearer, to highlight significant issues in a summary, to make better use of exhibits (i.e., photos), etc.
10. Develop a strategy to lift the cap on federal CZM funds for California.