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TO: California Coastal Commission and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report, April 2021

Tsunami Preparedness

At the end of March, the California Geological Survey (CGS) released new tsunami hazard maps for much of the California coast from Monterey Bay north. Additional maps will be provided soon. CGS has been doing the bulk of the mapping work; but Commission staff have been coordinating for many years with CGS on tsunami planning, identification of hazard zones, tsunami warning efforts and evacuation planning. Over the years, staff have provided the Commission with updates on tsunami risk and planning. Staff are working now to prepare a general guidance for coastal communities on ways to use the new CGS map products and to provide some sample policies that could be used in LCP updates. In coming months, we will provide the Commission additional information on the new tsunami hazard maps and on the staff's tsunami hazard guidance report; but with the release of the new maps and publication of this work, I wanted to let you know about staff's long-term involvement with efforts to help communities with resilience to tsunami risks.

Temporary Shelter for Migrant Children at San Diego Convention Center

On March 24th, staff met with the San Diego Unified Port District (Port), San Diego Convention Center, San Diego mayor's office, and California State Lands Commission to discuss the temporary use of meeting space at the convention center to host migrant children to help alleviate crowding issues at border facilities. On March 26, the Port issued an emergency approval for a temporary shelter and processing center for unaccompanied migrant children at the convention center. The anticipated end date for the temporary use is mid-July and will not impact any adjacent public access.

Meetings and Events

Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures

Last month, staff participated in the annual meeting of SACCWIS, the Statewide Advisory

Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures. The State Water Board created the Committee to help determine how best to manage the ongoing retirement of the remaining seawater-cooled power plants in California while still maintaining reliability of the state's electrical grid. Along with the Coastal Commission and State Water Board, the Committee's members include the State Lands Commission, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, the California Independent System Operator, and the California Air Resources Board. During last month's meeting, the Committee recommended a two-year extension of the scheduled retirement date of one power plant in Redondo Beach to help ensure electrical reserves will be available during extreme weather events and periods of high electrical demand.

West Coast States Tribal Consultation Meeting

On April 6, staff from our Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency unit met with the Office for Coastal Management and the other west coast states (Oregon and Washington) to compare and contrast national and west coast states' models for Tribal Consultation under each state's coastal management program and when performing federal consistency reviews.

Public Education Events

California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest

In March, the Coastal Commission announced the winners of the annual California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. The recognized art and poetry can be viewed on the Coastal Commission [website](#). The poetry will be published in the May issue of Chapman University's poetry journal. On April 8th the Commission hosted online event and virtual gallery to honor the students.

Climate Video Challenge

On Earth Day, the Coastal Commission will announce the winner of the Climate Video Challenge for middle and high school students, which asked the question: What does climate justice look like to me? A distinguished panel of judges is reviewing the entries. Learn about the challenge on the Coastal Commission [website](#).

Clean and Green Boating Program - Pillar Point Harbor Educational Videos

Boating Clean and Green staff worked with The San Francisco Estuary Partnership to create a series of educational videos at Pillar Point Harbor. Topics include: fueling pollution prevention tools, oil absorbents, the CA Boater kit, and top 10 tips for boaters. You can view the videos [here](#).

Southern California Clean Boating Webinar

On April 1, staff in partnership with The Bay Foundation conducted a Southern California clean boating webinar. On April 8, the Northern CA webinar will be conducted by staff in partnership with The San Francisco Estuary Partnership.

NOAA Grant for Clean and Green Boating Program

The Clean and Green boating program received a grant from NOAA for 50 new fishing line recycling stations, to be installed at piers, marinas, and boat launch ramps throughout California. After only two hours of advertising the availability of the stations, all 50 stations were spoken for by partners across the state. This will bring the total number of stations in California to 340.

Emergency Permits

The following are a list of the emergency permits that are being reported to the Commission under the District Directors reports this month.

Central Coast District

- G-2-21-0016: Emergency Removal and/or trimming of dead and dying Eucalyptus and non-native trees from Caltrans right-of-way along Highway 1 at various locations in Marin County

South Central Coast District

- G-4-21-0013: Ventura Port District, Emergency one-time dredging of approximately 14,200 cubic yards in Ventura Harbor.

South Coast District - Orange County

- G-5-21-0012: Temporary closure of the damaged Poche Beach pedestrian accessway until the repair/replacement of the accessway at Poche Beach in the City of Dana Point.