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TO: California Coastal Commission and Interested Parties

FROM: John Ainsworth, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report, August 2022

Non-Competitive LCP Local Assistance Grants

City of Marina, \$100,000: The City of Marina is proposing to build off of previous grant-funded work to assess SLR vulnerabilities and update their LCP. Specifically, the City will update its 2019 vulnerability assessment, including by updating the technical report, adding a social vulnerability assessment, and updating hazard mapping to include in the City's GIS database. The City also seeks funding to complete its update to the coastal hazards policies of its LCP (both IP and LUP).

Environmental Justice Round Table

In July and August, members of our Environmental Justice Unit participated in an EJ Roundtable hosted by the UC Irvine Law School and another two-day EJ Roundtable in Monterey organized by the Natural Resources Agency for member agencies. Both events provided robust opportunities for our EJ Unit to learn more about environmental justice in practice and share what we've learned over the years since the passage of AB2616, which gave the Commission the authority to consider environmental justice in our decisions.

Addendum to Housing and Equity Report

The *Housing Equity Report* that NOAA Fellow Hanna Payne presented to the Commission in June is now posted on the Commission's website. It has been updated with some additional text and citations to include the scholarship of Dr. Rose Jefferson who has written extensively about the African American experience in Southern California in the early 20th Century, including her recent book [Living the California Dream](#). We very much appreciate Dr. Jefferson's input on the report.

California Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup

The California Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW) is a collaborative taskforce of state, federal and local/regional entities, concerned about erosion and excess sedimentation impacts on coastal habitats. CSMW is working towards implementation of Regional Sediment Management (RSM) in order to augment or restore natural processes. At the July meeting Commission staff heard from a NOAA Effects of Sea Level Rise Grant Project on *Exploring Ecosystem and Community Vulnerability to Surface and Subsurface Flooding with Sea Level Rise and Adaptation Strategies in California* as well as participated in sharing updates on major projects with the partner agencies.

Amendments to Commission's Conflict of Interest Code

On August 26, legal staff will open a public comment period for amendments to the Commission's conflict of interest code, which sets out which positions file Form 700 reports each year and what financial interests must be reported. The Fair Political Practices Commission requires periodic updates to the code, and the update is necessary as the Commission's existing code dates from 2003. Legal staff has been working with FPPC staff on the substantive changes ahead of the formal public comment period. The proposed changes will be posted on the Commission's rulemaking page and additionally emailed to staff by August 26th. The Commission will consider comments and adoption of the code during its October meeting. The code changes do not affect Commissioner or Executive Director reporting.

Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program – Planning Update

Please see Appendix A (Attached)

Public Education Program

23rd Annual Coastal and Ocean Amateur Photography Contest

The 23rd Annual Coastal and Ocean Amateur Photography Contest is open for submissions. Entries will be accepted through September 19th in the following categories: the scenic coast and Pacific Ocean off California, people and the California coast, and California coastal and ocean wildlife. The public is also encouraged to view the entries and vote for their favorites through October 3rd. The contest is sponsored by the Coastal Commission and Thank You Ocean. See www.mycoastalphoto.com for all the contest details including past winners, rules, and prizes.

Expired Marine Flare Collection Events

Expired Marine Flare Collection Events in Orange and LA Counties. Boating Clean and Green Program staff is organizing two expired marine flare collection events in partnership with Orange County (August 27th at Dana Point Harbor, and the Port of LA (September 10th at Newmark Yacht Centre in Wilmington). These free events will be offered to the counties' boaters and residents who keep their boats in other counties.

Emergency Permits –

Energy & Ocean Resources Unit

G-9-22-0027 - Southern California Gas Company - Emergency repair of a corroded 2-inch steel distribution pipeline at one location that is causing natural gas to leak at Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve, Santa Barbara County