

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative:
Blue Ribbon Task Force Policy for an Open and Transparent Process**

The California Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Game, and Resources Legacy Fund Foundation (Foundation) agree that the MLPA Initiative process will be transparent. More specifically, the parties agree that:

The Blue Ribbon Task Force (Task Force) will meet in publicly-noticed and open meetings whenever a majority of the members is scheduled to be present;

The Master Plan Science Advisory Team (Science Team) will convene in publicly-noticed and open meetings whenever a majority of the members is scheduled to be present; and

The Task Force and Science Team will provide regular opportunities for stakeholder and public input.

Additionally, the Agency, Department and Foundation agree to make final work products developed by the Task Force and Science Team, and the Funding Description provided by the Foundation, available to the public. In recognition of this commitment, the Task Force will make all of the following documents available to the public:

- ∄ Agendas for the Task Force and Science Team meetings, and for stakeholder meetings and workshops. It is the intent of the parties that these items and related backup material will be provided in advance of the meetings, to allow public and stakeholder review, evaluation and comment.
- ∄ Any video or audio recordings of Task Force meetings, or written meeting summaries.
- ∄ Materials provided by the Executive Director and other Task Force staff to Task Force members related to items on the meeting agendas.
- ∄ Final documents or policies adopted by the Task Force.
- ∄ Final draft of the draft Master Plan Framework.
- ∄ Final draft of the Master Plan Framework Work Plan.
- ∄ Final draft of the proposed criteria for selection of a Central Coast MLPA Project Area.
- ∄ Final drafts of any alternative networks of marine protected areas along the central coast proposed by the Task Force.
- ∄ The Funding Description provided by the Foundation to the Task Force.
- ∄ Final contracts for all experts and professionals retained by the Foundation on behalf of the Task Force.
- ∄ Final contracts between the Foundation and the Department for state personnel supported by the funding for the Initiative.
- ∄ Final reports and documents prepared by experts and professionals under contract for the use of the Task Force.

This list is a summary of the type and range of documents the Task Force intends to make public. Beyond the documents listed here, the public and private partners will abide by all applicable laws governing the public or private nature of their documents.