

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE
BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
(November 19, 2006 draft)**

**Monday, November 20, 2006
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814**

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Public participation: The public will be invited by the chair at several points in the meeting to offer comments on agenda items. General comments on the MLPA Initiative and the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, *not directed to specific agenda items*, will be taken at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Briefing documents and meeting presentations/handouts: Please note that task force briefing documents are listed at the bottom of the agenda.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive update on the California Fish and Game Commission process for the MLPA Central Coast Project*
- *Receive stakeholder input on the MLPA Initiative process and future study regions*
- *Receive and act upon staff recommendation regarding developing an agreement among state agencies to complete by 2011 statewide implementation of the Master Plan for MPAs*
- *Receive and act upon the final draft report on state and federal coordination*
- *Receive update on administrative items related to the MLPA Initiative*
- *Receive public comment on items not on the agenda*

Monday, November 20, 2006

1. Introduction and welcome 9:30 a.m.
Phil Isenberg, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Public Comment

2. Public comment will be taken on the task force meeting and initiative process. Public comments on specific agenda items should be made during that agenda item.

California Fish and Game Commission

3. Update on central coast MPA packages under consideration by the California Fish and Game Commission ***[briefing documents A-C]***
John Ugoretz, Nearshore Ecosystem / MLPA Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game

California's Master Plan for MPAs

4. Recommendations regarding developing an agreement among state agencies to complete by 2011 statewide implementation of the Master Plan for MPAs **[briefing document D]**
J. Clark Kelso, Director, Capital Center for Government Law & Policy, McGeorge School of Law and Counsel to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
 - A. Presentation
 - B. Public comment
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Accept and transmit final document

Reflections on the MLPA Initiative

5. Stakeholder panel reflecting on the MLPA Initiative process and specific hopes and concerns about future study regions
Members of the MLPA Statewide Interests Group and the MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

State and Federal Coordination Report

6. Final Draft Report on Improving Coordination among State and Federal Agencies with Marine Protected Area Responsibilities **[briefing documents E & F]**
Amy Boone, Policy Analyst, MLPA Initiative
 - A. Presentation
 - B. Public comment
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Accept and transmit final document

Initiative Activity

7. Administrative report
John Kirlin
 - A. Update on the MLPA Initiative budget **[briefing document G]**
 - B. Administrative update, including support of central coast implementation and future study regions **[briefing document H]**
 - C. Additional funding authorization request **[briefing document I]**
 - D. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Act upon funding authorization request
 - E. Other items

Other Items

8. Special video presentation
9. Final thoughts on the MLPA Initiative
Task force members
John J. Kirlin

Final adjournment

Briefing Documents

- A. California Fish and Game Commission's proposed regulations regarding central coast marine protected areas
 - i. Initial statement of reasons
 - ii. Proposed regulatory language
- B. California Fish and Game Commission preferred alternative for MPAs along the central coast
 - i. Maps of the northern and southern areas
 - ii. Habitat summaries for the commission's preferred and other alternatives
 - iii. Comparison of proposed regulations in the commission's preferred and other alternatives
 - iv. Detailed MPA descriptions, maps, objectives and rationale for the commission's preferred alternative
- C. MLPA Central Coast Science Sub-Team analysis of the commission's preferred alternative
 - i. Analysis of habitat representation
 - ii. Analysis of size and spacing
 - iii. Analysis of potential impacts to commercial and recreational fisheries
- D. Draft executive order on developing an agreement among state agencies to complete by 2011 statewide implementation of the Master Plan for MPAs (drafted by Clark Kelso, MLPA Initiative Legal Advisor)
- E. Final Draft Report on Improving Coordination among State and Federal Agencies with Marine Protected Area Responsibilities (both clean and markup copies)
- F. Summary of comments received on the Draft Report on Improving Coordination among State and Federal Agencies with Marine Protected Area Responsibilities
- G. MLPA Initiative budget update
- H. John J. Kirilin memo regarding administrative report
- I. John J. Kirilin memo regarding funding authorization