

Stakeholder Group Nominee: (for Research and Educational Access and Use)

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Statement of Confirmation

As Assistant Director of Programs at the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML), I oversee programs that support and encourage research and educational activities (university, K-12 and public education) from San Francisco Bay to Point Arena; manage and administer the reserve lands surrounding the Laboratory (including the Bodega State Marine Reserve); and represent the need for scientific inquiry and learning in regional planning initiatives. Serving as a Director at 3 marine laboratories and field stations in California, and as Secretary Treasurer for the Organization of Biological Field Stations have given me a broad understanding of the diversity of needs of land managers and academics.

In my current and past positions, I have sought out participation in committees, working groups and commissions that are engaging in regional planning initiatives - most notably Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Planning, South Coast Missing Linkages Project, and EIR for the Mojave National Preserve's General Management Plan. In all cases, I represented the needs of educational and research activities and local land management and conservation concerns while working with a diversity of stakeholders (community members, business, NGOs, federal and state agencies) that hold a wide variety of opinions. In recognition of the need for regional participation to obtain local goals, I have most recently helped to found the Sonoma-Marine Coastal Grasslands Working Group.

At BML, we maintain a regular communication network through our daily activities. This network includes: land management and project partners at Pt Reyes National Seashore, California State Parks, Sonoma County, California Department of Fish and Game, Farallon and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; researchers and educators from over 100 universities, colleges, and high schools; and over 6,000 public visitors that tour the Laboratory each year. With my previous and ongoing experience in planning processes, I understand the level of effort and commitment needed, and would be committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.

Current and Past Affiliations with Stakeholder Groups Active in Marine Resource Management

As BML Assistant Director of Programs, I engage in collaborations, agreements and Memorandum of Understanding regarding resource management and research and educational activities with:

- Farallon and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries
- Pt Reyes National Seashore
- NOAA
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Sonoma County
- Sonoma Coast State Parks

- Bureau of Land Management
- California Coastal Commission

Brief Summary of Past Involvement in the MLPA or Similar Public Processes

- Santa Margarita Watershed Planning Group – Project Committee Chair
- South Coast Missing Linkages Project – Advisory Board Member, Science Advisory Committee Member, and Linkage Manager for the Santa Ana – Palomar Mountains Linkage
- Mojave National Preserve General Plan EIR – Science Chair for the Advisory Commission
- Sonoma-Marín Coastal Prairie Working Group – Founder and Member

Willingness to Commit the Time for Full Participation

I understand that between May 2007 and June 2008, the stakeholder group will meet approximately 7 times in two-day plenary sessions and in work teams between plenary meetings. I understand that the time commitment may be substantial and am willing to make this commitment should I be chosen to serve as a member of the Stakeholder Group.

Descriptions of the Organizations and Individuals with Which the Nominee Will Communicate

- Management Partners: see examples of resource partners above
- Research and Education Affiliates: Researchers, educators and students from over 100 universities, colleges and high-schools that currently access the region for research and education purposes.
- Public Education: Approximately 6,000 public visitors to the Bodega Marine Laboratory each year who learn about on-going research.
- Organization of Biological Field Stations: Approximately 200 field station and marine laboratory members
- Western Association of Marine Laboratories

Specific Communication and Outreach Mechanisms to be Utilized

- Email announcements and summaries via existing list serves and user email contacts.
- One-on-one communication with teaching faculty and researchers.
- Phone calls to universities, colleges, and K-12 schools with marine habitat interests and programs.
- Information dispersal through the existing docent tour program provided at the Laboratory

Areas of Knowledge or Expertise Relevant to the Project

- Research and Educational Activities from San Francisco to Point Arena
- Bodega State Marine Reserve management
- Regional Planning processes