

**CALIFORNIA OCEAN SCIENCE TRUST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA**

**August 13, 2008**

**SCCWRP**

**3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 110**

**Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: R. Moll, T. Haymet, S. Weisberg, B. Baird, J. Kelley K. Finn (by phone) F. Keeley (by phone)

Staff Present: A. Mace, Executive Director,

Trustees Absent: M. Gold, J. Bishop

Mace and Moll welcomed and provided an overview of the day's agenda.

**I. Discussion of previous Ocean Protection Council meeting** Baird

Baird provided an overview of the July 24, 2008 OPC meeting regarding OPC support of H.R. 21, Sam Farr's ocean's bill. OPC supports the principles of the bill. The bill will among other things help codify NOAA in federal government. The meeting was held via teleconference. Baird announced other upcoming OPC workshops on program priorities and salmon.

**II. OST Board Business** Chair/Mace

a. Approval of May 16, 2008 Minutes.

Members recommended some technical edits.

Motion by Haymet to approve with edits, Kelley seconded. All in favor approved.

b. Financials.

Mace is working on setting up a line of credit, but most banks will not consider without 2 years of audited financials. Mace is trying to build up enough cash reserves for a 6 month buffer.

c. Draft OST Accomplishments

Members gave praise for OST accomplishments to date. The organization has really turned itself around.

d. Other Business

OST will be looking to build capacity and replace the Program Associate who has moved on.

**III. Program Updates** Mace

a. Monitoring Enterprise (ME)

We have made great progress in the last few months. The Monitoring Enterprise is increasingly turned to by the OPC, the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force (MLPAI BRTF), and members of the Fish and Game Commission for advice on monitoring. \$2.8M in additional funding for the Monitoring Enterprise has been committed to RLFF by the private foundations supporting the MLPAL. These funds will support Monitoring Enterprise activities from Jul 2008 through Dec 2011.



Members asked for a report from the Monitoring Enterprise Director at the next meeting on the status and timeline for the Monitoring Enterprise.

b. Science Services

Mace provided updates on accomplishments and activities related to completion of the wave energy peer review.

OST will need to identify more funding sources to move forward on the recommendations from the water quality report.

The aquatic invasives species request for proposal process (AIS RFP) is moving forward. Contractors will be selected next week.

OST will host the first OPC Science Advisory Team meeting on September 10, 2008.

#### **IV. Financial Sustainability Strategy**

Mace

Members held a wide ranging discussion on how to diversify OST funding sources including opportunities from foundations and the federal government. OST has secured full funding through mid 2010 and partial funding through 2011. Members gave suggestions for developing a small pot of unrestricted funds. Mace will follow up with Keeley and Haymet.

#### **V. Thought Leadership**

Mace

a. OPC Research Priorities: Brainstorming management questions for issue areas

Members reviewed the following five OPC research issue areas and brainstormed management questions to help guide the OPC Science Advisory Team process to identify OPC priorities for applied research funding:

- Climate Change and Ocean Acidification
- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
- Water Quality and Land Sea Interactions
- Wave and Tidal Energy Development
- Salmon-Ocean Conditions

#### **VI. Board Composition and Transition Strategy**

Chair/Mace

The board discussed the change in membership that will occur as 5 members reach the end of their terms. The board brainstormed potential new members that would help provide strategic leadership and guidance to the OST. Mace will work with Moll and Baird to revise the list and begin speaking with potential candidates. A final list of recommendations will be forwarded to the UC and CSU system for consideration for the CSU/UC seats. The UC and CSU will submit nominations directly to Secretary Chrisman. A final list of recommendations for the general public and ocean interest group representatives will be forwarded to Secretary Chrisman for his consideration.