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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017

**HOLIDAY INN SACRAMENTO DOWNTOWN-ARENA
300 J STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814**

APPEARANCES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor
- Betty T. Yee, State Controller
- Eraina Ortega, Chief Deputy Director and Alternate for Director of the Department of Finance Michael Cohen

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer
- Mark Meier, Chief Counsel

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Andrew Vogel, Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: A list of individuals making statements before the Commission and the entities they represent, along with the Executive Officer's Report, are included in a complete transcript of the proceedings, which is on file in the Sacramento offices of the Commission and posted on the Commission's website at www.sl.c.ca.gov. Also included on the website is the voting record of the meeting with the staff report for each agenda item linked to the respective consent, regular or informational item number. A link to a recorded Cal-span.org webcast of the meeting is also available on the Commission's website. All of these items may be found under Previous Meetings, by date of the meeting.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
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Chair Gavin Newsom called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 10:03 A.M. at the Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena, 300 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814; also present were Commissioner Betty Yee and Commissioner Alternate Eraina Ortega.

The Minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer Jennifer Lucchesi updated the Commission on the following items:

- On January 10, the Governor released his proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18. The Commission's proposed budget is \$39.254 million. And of this, about \$14.5 million is from the General Fund, while \$13.5 million is from the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund. The budget is also predicated on reimbursements of about \$5.4 million. In addition, the Commission received increased funding for:
 - Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project – \$1 million
 - Becker Well abandonment – \$700,000
 - Selby Slag remediation in the Carquinez Straight– \$470,000
 - Records Digitization and Indexing Project – \$200,000
 - Long Beach office relocation – \$1.4 million
- The first working group meeting with various stakeholders for monitoring and understanding better the air quality issues surrounding the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach is scheduled for March 7th in Long Beach.
- Port of San Diego staff and Commission staff are convening a meeting on the San Diego Pilot Ocean Planning effort on February 8th to assign roles and responsibilities, identify staffing resources availability, and discuss decisions like web hosting, data information sharing platforms and facilitation.
- Sea Grant Fellows Esther Essourdry and Jaimie Huynh started an internship with the Commission.
- The Commission discussed various avenues to hiring and filling challenging positions, such as auditors and inspectors, that will benefit and increase efficiencies within the Commission.
- Commission staff participates in a number of climate action teams (CATs), including the Forest Climate Action Team (FCAT).

RECORD OF ACTION CONTINUED

- The Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer will be participating the in the San Joaquin River Conservancy Board meetings. The Commission will also be participating as a member of the newly formed advisory board of the Lower American River Conservancy Program.
- The Commission was updated on what staff's priorities will be for 2017 regarding the Strategic Plan:
 - Develop a School Lands Fund Investment Plan.
 - Expand efforts and obtain funding for the Commission's inventory and remediation of legacy wells and coastal hazards.
 - Expand social network tools to include Twitter and Flickr.
 - Establish secure, stable, and long-term funding for the Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project.
 - Expand efforts to acquire public access properties along the coast, particularly in Southern California using the Kapiloff Land Bank Fund.
 - Setting up the Ocean Planning Pilot Program and continue the Commission's efforts to implement climate change and sea-level rise awareness and adaptation.
 - Expand Commission's internal staff training on sea-level rise and climate change.
 - Work with Coastal Commission staff on efforts to formalize a collaborative working relationship in processing applications and interacting with applicants in the coastal zone.
 - Continue to develop and expand relationships with California native American tribes, and ensure compliance with AB 52, and the Commission's recently adopted Tribal Consultation Policy.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consent Item C06 was removed from consideration.
- Consent Items C01-C05 and C07-C64 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR

- Item 65 – was informational – no vote required.

REGULAR CALENDAR

ITEM 66: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider opposing federal legislation that would prohibit states from regulating incidental vessel discharges, including ballast water, within state waters and prevent states from enforcing corresponding provisions of federal law.

Item 66 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

RECORD OF ACTION CONTINUED

ITEM 67: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider supporting state legislation (SB 44, Jackson) that would create a legacy oil and gas well and coastal hazard removal and remediation program in statute and provide funding to the Commission to administer it.

Item 67 – was approved as presented by a vote of 2-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Abstained).

ITEM 68: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider approval of the 2017 Category 1 Colorado River benchmark rental rate for sovereign land in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

Item 68 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 11:22 A.M. to 11:39 A.M., then resumed open session at 11:39 A.M.)

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

**STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING
THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR ITEMS
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Faaris Akremi, Certified Law Student, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic on behalf of City of Marina
- Sandy Aylesworth, Ocean Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Center
- Francis Coats
- Shannon Galvin, Certified Law Student, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic on behalf of City of Marina
- Helen Horn, Resident, Docktown Marina
- Miles Muller, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic on behalf of City of Marina
- Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California
- Jennifer Savage, California Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation
- Theresa Simsiman, California Stewardship Director, American Whitewater
- Edward Stancil, Resident, Docktown Marina