

# **Statewide and regional initiatives focusing on ocean and coastal protection and management.**

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# The California Ocean Protection Council, (OPC)

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- Created in 2004, when Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the California Ocean Protection Act (COPA) into law.
- The Mission of the OPC is to ensure that California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.



# The California Ocean Protection Council 5 Year Strategic Plan

THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL  
A Vision for Our Ocean and Coast

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN ■ 2006



## Six Areas of Focus:

- 1) Governance
- 2) Research and monitoring
- 3) Ocean and coastal water quality
- 4) Physical processes and habitat structure
- 5) Ocean and coastal ecosystems
- 6) Education and outreach



# FY 2007/2008 OPC Funding Priorities

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- **Climate Change**
- **Seafloor Mapping**
- **Polluted Runoff - LID**
- **Salmon and other fishery issues**



# Low Impact Development

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- February 29<sup>th</sup> OPC meeting, we had a panel of experts speak to the OPC about LID.
- May 15 - Sacramento staff will present a resolution for the councils decision on LID.



# Low Impact Development Public Meetings

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## Northern California

**When:** Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor Conference Room  
Oakland, CA 94612

## Southern California

**When:** Wednesday, March 26th,  
11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 110  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

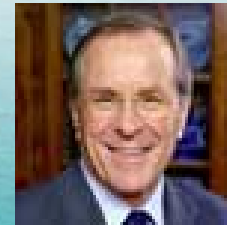


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- In 2006, the Governors of California, Oregon and Washington launched a regional collaboration to protect and manage the ocean and coastal resources along the entire west coast of the United States.
- The plan directed staff to take immediate actions including:
  - Off shore Oil and Gas
  - Non Point Source Pollution
  - Regional Research
  - Federal Support



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## **National level commitment to the Ocean Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change**

- 1) Ensure Clean Coastal Waters and Beaches**
- 2) Protect and Restore Ocean and Coastal Habitats**
- 3) Promote the Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Management**
- 4) Reduce Adverse Impacts of Offshore Energy Development**
- 5) Increase Ocean Awareness and Literacy Among Citizens**
- 6) Expand Ocean and Coastal Scientific Information, Research, and Monitoring**
- 7) Foster Sustainable Economic Development in Coastal Communities**



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- 1) Ensure Clean Waters and Coastal Beaches (Water Quality):
  - Polluted Runoff
  - HABs
  - Marine Debris
  - Maritime Shipping Emission Controls

Final action plan will be released *very soon...*  
For more updates about the plan please visit:  
[www.westcoastoceans.gov](http://www.westcoastoceans.gov)



# MLPA and the OPC

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- Seafloor Mapping: The OPC has committed to mapping the entire CA seafloor

- \$6 GF implementing MLPA and MLMA—studies currently underway

- The OPC funded the baseline monitoring for the central coast MPAs



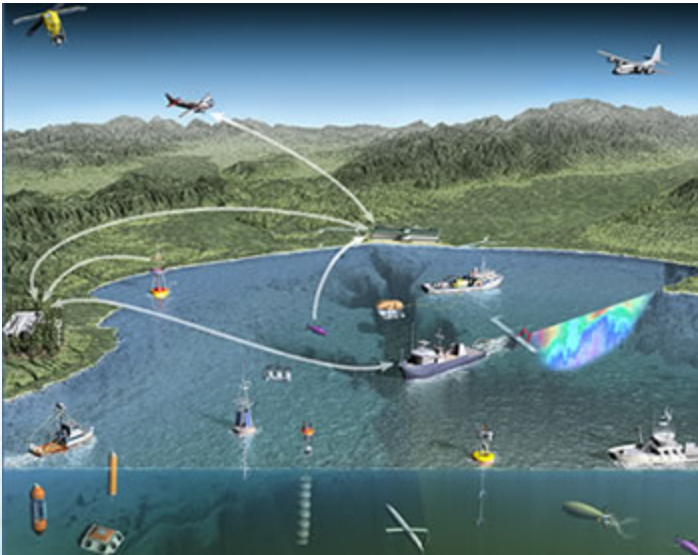
- OPC future funding option in the other regions

- Ocean Science Trust:
  - Marine Protected Area Monitoring Enterprise



# Making use of Ocean Observing: Water Quality and MPAs

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- Combined ocean managers and scientists to collaborate on how ocean observations would benefit both water quality and marine protected area managers in California.

- The goal of this effort will be for an ocean observation system that could address coastal management needs in real time.



# Opportunities for Involvement:

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## OPC Meetings:

- May 15 – Sacramento
- August 14 – Bay Area
- November 20 – San Diego

## LID Meetings:

- March 25 – Oakland
- March 26 – SCCWRP (Costa Mesa)

<http://resources.ca.gov/copc/>

**WCGA:** There will be future meetings and workgroups forming.

<http://www.westcoastoceans.gov/>

**Ocean Observation report/ CSO:** Report is being finalized.



**Questions?**

**Thank you!**

