

Coastal Resilience Network
 Prop 1 Implementation Call
 February 11, 2015
 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Dial: 1-866-385-9623; Code: 214-236-8579

Agenda

In attendance:

What	How	Who	Time
1. Welcome, Review Agenda, Open call	Present	Kelly Leo	10:00 – 10:05
2. Overview & Introduction	Present	Sarah Newkirk	10:05 – 10:10
3. Prop 1 Process & Recommendations for Action	Present	Pablo Garza	10:10 – 10:30
4. Identification of Issues & Eligible Projects	Brainstorm	Sarah, All	10:30 – 11:05
5. Prioritization of issues	Discussion	Sarah, All	11:05 – 11:25
6. Summarize, Action Items, Close	Present	Kelly Leo	11:25 – 11:30

Lily Verdone	The Nature Conservancy
Kelly Leo	The Nature Conservancy
Sarah Newkirk	The Nature Conservancy
Pablo Garza	The Nature Conservancy
Louis Blumberg	The Nature Conservancy
Dan Porter	The Nature Conservancy
Aldaron Laird	Trinity Associates, Humboldt
Phyllis Grifman	USC Sea Grant
Ross Clark	Central Coast Wetlands Group
Heather Allen	Santa Barbara County
Katie Hentrich	Santa Barbara County
Eric Hartge	Center for Ocean Solutions
Letise LaFeir	Monterey Bay Aquarium
Becky Lunde	NOAA Office for Coastal Mgmt
John Rozum	NOAA Office for Coastal Mgmt

Notes:

TNC Action since December Network Call

- Scheduled monthly Network on key topics through July
- Developing one page Network action plan; will distribute draft for review
- Meetings with OPC & State Parks to think about action plans and implementation

Prop 1 Implementation Timeline

Jan: Governor put forth early budget proposal

Marcy - June 15th: Legislature hearings & final reviews

July 1: (if governor signs it) Funds will be available

The bulk of funding in these programs will go out in the next 5-8 years.

NOTE: Agencies due to receive funding are taking aggressive timelines to finalize their guidelines so they are ready to begin project solicitations on July 1 at the beginning of their fiscal year. Any projects you are proposing should be ready to begin shortly thereafter.

Shaping Water Bond Funding – Prop 1 Implementation

The most likely avenue for engagement by the Network is influencing State agency guideline development. The Coastal Commission has issued their guidelines and have 30 day comment period. Network is encouraged to think of potential projects and write comment letters to ensure that the guidelines will prioritize these projects for selection/implementation. TNC will be submitting comments and will circulate our letter to the Network. TNC will also be tracking the budget process and the issuance of guidelines from other agencies (also available at: <http://bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/Guidelines.aspx?PropositionPK=48>).

Limitations/challenges of Bond Funding

There were some concerns that this influx of funding will encourage action to happen before planning is completed; however, General Obligation Bond law requires this funding to focus on capital outlay and long-term maintenance projects, allowing only 10% for things like planning, monitoring, and outreach tied to a shovel-ready project. There is a need for more non-Bond investment in planning in order to support smart capital outlay; until we provide a compelling suite of alternatives, it is difficult to tell agencies to not invest in hardening and flood infrastructure. An assessment/inventory of hard infrastructure along the coast would be useful, explaining the benefits of different structures as well as the kinds of mal-adaptation they cause. Humboldt & Monterey have shoreline inventories, which we will collect and make available to the Network.

The group also identified the need for coastal adaptation legislation similar to greenhouse gas legislation to drive local planning.