



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor
MIKE CHRISMAN, Secretary for Natural Resources

For Immediate Release: March 12, 2009

Contact: Alicia McGee: (916) 651-7585

California Ocean Science Trustees Named *Board Members Ensure Science-Based Ocean Policies*

SACRAMENTO — Natural Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman today announced the appointment of seven members to the California Ocean Science Trust (OST) Board of Trustees. The OST works to ensure that sound science is integrated into the state's ocean and coastal management policies. A list of newly appointed members is below.

"The caliber of Ocean Science Trust nominees was exceptional and I applaud members of the trust for their willingness to continue to advance California's important ocean initiatives long into the future," said Secretary Chrisman.

The OST works closely with the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) and its Science Advisory Team to ensure that projects, products, and decisions are robust, credible, and based on the best available science. The OST also houses the Marine Protected Areas Monitoring Enterprise, an entity leading in the creation of an innovative, focused, and cost-effective approach to monitoring and reporting on California's marine protected areas designated through the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA).

Ten members form the OST Board of Trustees. California's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Secretaries and the state Director of Finance each select one agency representative to serve on the board. Following a nomination process, the seven remaining trustees are appointed by the Natural Resources Secretary as follows: three trustees representing California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC); two trustees representing state ocean and coastal interest groups; and two trustees representing the general public. Members appointed by the Natural Resources Secretary serve two-year terms, with the possibility of reappointment.

New appointments to the OST include:

CSU/UC Representatives

Dr. Kenneth Coale, Director, Moss Landing Marine Lab, San Jose State University

Dr. David Caron, Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley

Mr. Fred Keeley, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Santa Cruz County

(more)

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814 Ph. 916.653.5656 Fax 916.653.8102 <http://resources.ca.gov>

Baldwin Hills Conservancy • California Bay-Delta Authority • California Coastal Commission • California Coastal Conservancy • California Conservation Corps • California Tahoe Conservancy
Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy • Colorado River Board of California • Delta Protection Commission • Department of Boating & Waterways • Department of Conservation
Department of Fish & Game • Department of Forestry & Fire Protection • Department of Parks & Recreation • Department of Water Resources • Energy Resources, Conservation & Development Commission
Native American Heritage Commission • San Diego River Conservancy • San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission
San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy • San Joaquin River Conservancy
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy • Sierra Nevada Conservancy • State Lands Commission • Wildlife Conservation Board



Coast and Ocean Interest Group Representatives

Ms. Margaret Spring, California Marine Program Director, The Nature Conservancy
Dr. Barry Gold, Marine Conservation Initiative Lead, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

General Public Representatives

Mr. Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Dr. Steve Weisberg, Executive Director, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (re-appointed for a second two-year term)

Returning agency OST members include:

California Natural Resources Agency

Mr. Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency

California Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board

California Department of Finance

Ms. Karen Finn, Program Budget Manager, California Department of Finance

The Ocean Science Trust was established pursuant to the California Ocean Resources Stewardship Act of 2000. The OST is a nonprofit public benefit corporation 501(c) (3) established to encourage coordinated, multi-agency, multi-institution approaches to translating ocean science to resource management and policy applications.

To learn more about trustees, the Marine Protected Areas Monitoring Enterprise, science integration, and other OST efforts, visit www.calost.org.