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**Executive Committee Appoints Stakeholder Advisory Group and Adds Two Scientists to Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Executive Committee today unanimously approved the Stakeholder Advisory Group and added two scientists to the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission. The 52 members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group were selected from more than 130 applicants. The members were selected using the criteria and interest areas mandated by [AB 2376](#) (Huffman). It was not possible to accommodate all those who were interested in serving and still keep the group to a workable size. To the extent possible, organizations were sought which represent coalitions of like-minded groups. All of the Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings will be open to the public in order to provide opportunities for direct input into the Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision process. The final members of the group are listed below and on the strategic vision [website](#).

The first meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group will be held Friday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Members are welcome to participate remotely via [WebEx](#). The meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

The Executive Committee also unanimously voted to appoint two science experts to the Blue Ribbon Citizen Commission.

David M. Graber, *PhD, Chief Scientist, Pacific West Region, National Park Service (NPS)*

Graber has devoted his career to assuring that policy and management are fully informed by the best scientific information. He works closely with agencies at all levels of government, private organizations, and academic institutions to further conservation of nature.

Skyli McAfee, *Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust (OST)*

McAfee has spent her career in marine science at laboratories throughout the country. Prior to leading the OST, McAfee was at the University of California, Davis, Bodega Marine Laboratory, where she served as Assistant Director. In that capacity, she facilitated program development and administration of a renowned research lab engaged in multidisciplinary marine and terrestrial research, encouraging productive collaborations with federal and state partners such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, and California Department of Fish and Game.

Stakeholder Advisory Group Members:

**Sport Fishing**

Chuck Bonham, *Trout Unlimited*  
Robert Gallia, *Golden Gate Fisherman's Assoc.*  
April Wakeman, *The Sportfishing Conservancy*

**Commercial Fishing**

Josh Fisher, *California Lobster and Trap Fishermen's Assoc.*  
Zeke Grader, *Institute for Fisheries Resources*  
Diane Pleschner-Steele, *California Wetfish Producers*

**Hunting**

John Carlson, Jr., *California Waterfowl Assoc.*  
Bill Gaines, *California Outdoor Heritage Alliance*  
Rick Copeland, *Wilderness Unlimited*

**Nonprofit Conservation Organizations**

Mark Biddlecomb, *Ducks Unlimited*  
Kathy Wood, *Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners*  
Jay Ziegler, *The Nature Conservancy*

**Non-Consumptive Recreational Users**

Kim Delfino, *Defenders of Wildlife*  
Jennifer Fearing, *The Humane Society of the United States*  
Daniel Taylor, *Audubon California*

**Landowners**

Steven Brink, *California Forestry Assoc.*  
Eileen Reynolds, *Tejon Ranch Company*  
Nita Vail, *California Rangeland Trust*

**Science/Education**

Walter Duffy, *Humboldt State University*  
Dennis Murphy, *University of Nevada, Reno*  
Jeff Self, *Retired Elementary School Teacher*  
Brent Stewart, *Hubbs-Seaworld Research Institute*

**Agriculture**

Noelle Cremers, *California Farm Bureau Federation*  
Karen Buhr, *California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts*  
Margo Parks, *California Cattlemen's Assoc.*

**Business and Industry**

Cliff Moriyama, *California Building Industry*  
David Moser, *Ebbin Moser + Skaggs LLP*  
Diane Ross-Leech, *Pacific Gas & Electric Company*

**Tribal/Environmental Justice**

Jesse Gonzalez, *Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians*  
Craig Tucker, *Karuk Tribe*  
Thomas O'Rourke, *Yurok Tribe*

**Labor**

Christopher Voight, *California Assoc. of Professional Scientists*  
Jerry Karnow, Jr., *California Fish and Game Wardens' Assoc.*  
Brad Willis, *Service Employees International Union Local 1000*

**Marine Resources**

Bob Bertelli, *California Sea Urchin Commission/California Fisheries Coalition*  
Kaitlin Gaffney, *Ocean Conservancy*  
Deborah Self, *San Francisco Baykeeper*

**Water**

Brenda Burman, *State Water Contractors*  
David Guy, *Northern California Water Assoc.*  
Tim Quinn, *Assoc. of California Water Agencies*

**Local Government**

Deborah Byrne, *Yuba County Fish and Game Commission*  
Marty Fortney, *Inyo County Board of Supervisors*  
Mark Marshall, *Colusa County Board of Supervisors*

**State Government**

Jonna Engel, *California Coastal Commission*  
Kamyar Guivetchi, *Department of Water Resources*  
Annette Whiteford, *Department of Food and Agriculture*

**Federal Government**

Patrick Christman, *U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Installations West*  
Diana Craig, *U.S. Forest Service*  
David Fuller, *U.S. Bureau of Land Management*

**Other**

John Finger, *Hog Island Oyster Company*  
Dan Silver, *Endangered Habitats League*  
Darla Guenzler, *California Council of Land Trusts*

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Public comments are always welcome and can be sent via email to:  
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