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Alison Madden

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Patricia Miller
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Jennifer Savage, Surfrider Foundation
Avin Sharma, Port of Los Angeles
Dan Slanker
Joe Stuyvesant, Port of San Diego
Robert van de Hoek
Danny Wan, Port of Oakland
Public comments will be heard at 1:00 pm for items not on the agenda, for no more than 30 minutes. At the discretion of the Chair, speakers will be given up to 3 minutes. For those unable to attend the early public comment period, there may be additional comment time available later in the day. Note: Comments made during the general public comment period regarding matters pending before the Commission do not become part of the official record for those matters.

Continuation of Rent Actions to be taken by the Executive Officer pursuant to the Commission's Delegation of Authority:

- No Items

Tomales Bay Assignment Actions to be taken by the Executive Officer pursuant to the Commission's Delegation of Authority:

- No Items

The following items are considered to be noncontroversial and are subject to change at any time up to the date of the meeting.

01 JOHN BROCKWAY METCALF (LESSEE); JOHN BROCKWAY METCALF AND ELIZABETH SCOTT METCALF (APPLICANT): Consider acceptance of a lease quitclaim deed and
application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 9031 Lupine Lane, near South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County; for an existing pier and two mooring buoys previously authorized by the Commission and one existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9324; A2347; RA# 2019126) (A 5; S 1) (Staff: J. Toy)

02 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Public Agency Lease No. PRC 7896 and Right-of-Way Map and issuance of a Public Agency Permit and Right-of-Way Map pursuant to Section 101.5 of the Streets and Highway Code and Section 6210.3 of the Public Resources Code, on sovereign land in the Smith River, along U.S. Route 101, near Crescent City, Del Norte County; for temporary construction right-of-ways and the replacement of the existing Dr. Fine Bridge and a right-of-way for the use and maintenance for the new bridge. CEQA Consideration: Environmental Impact Report, certified by the California Department of Transportation, State Clearinghouse No. 2010102037, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program and Statement of Findings. (Permit 7896; A2672; RA# 2020007) (A 2; S 2) (Staff: J. Toy)

03 DRUM LODGE LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LESSEE): Consider amendment to Lease 4266, a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 7701 State Highway 89, near Meeks Bay, El Dorado County; for use and maintenance of one mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission; removal of an existing pier; and construction of a pier, catwalk, and ramp. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (P4266; A2806; RA# 2020071) (A 5; S 1) (Staff: S. Avila)

04 MONICA FLANNIGAN AND ZACHARY SACHEN (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8730 Brockway Vista Avenue, Kings Beach, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A2842; RA#
05 RICHARD AND SHEILA HICKMAN (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 7372 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe Vista, Placer County; for two mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (W27121; RA# R30616) (A1; S1) (Staff: L. Anderson)

06 GARY CLAUS JOHNSON AND TERRILYNN KAY JOHNSON, TRUSTEES OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY TRUST DATED MAY 20, 1998 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 6924 Pomin Avenue, near Tahoma, Placer County; for reconstruction and expansion of an existing pier, installation of an adjustable catwalk and boat lift; removal of a boat hoist and one existing mooring buoy; and relocation of four boulders. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (Lease 5579; A2687; RA# 2019350) (A1; S1) (Staff: M.J. Columbus)

07 JOE MASSOLO AND SONS TRUCKING COMPANY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION (LESSEE/APPLICANT): Consider acceptance of a lease quitclaim deed and application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8751 Rubicon Drive, near Rubicon Bay, El Dorado County; for an existing pier, boathouse, and two mooring buoys previously authorized by the Commission and one existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4063; A2348; RA# 2019125) (A5; S1) (Staff: J. Toy)

08 BRIAN J. METTLER, THROUGH DEBRA SUZANNE METTLER AS HIS HEIR (ASSIGNOR); WILLIS K. POLITE JR., TRUSTEE OF THE WILLIS K. POLITE JR. TRUST DATED APRIL 18, 2014 (ASSIGNEE): Consider assignment of a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 1600 and 1620 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, Placer County; for an existing joint-use pier, two boat lifts, and three existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 5561; A2786; RA# 2020058) (A1; S1) (Staff: M.J. Columbus)
09 GRABLE B. RONNING (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 105 Chipmunk Street, Kings Beach, Placer County; for one existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A2731; RA# 2020070) (A 1; S 1) (Staff: S. Avila)

10 RTI INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. (APPLICANT): Consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, State Clearinghouse No. 2020120205, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program, and consider application for a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use of sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean, near Samoa, Humboldt County, for the RTI Infrastructure Inc. Eureka Subsea Fiber Optic Cables Project. (W27218; RA# 13118) (A 2; S 2) (Staff: A. Franzoia)

11 KAREN STONE MCCOWN, TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN STONE MCCOWN REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 11, 1990, AMENDED AND RESTATED AUGUST 13, 2003 (LESSEE); NADER PANAH-IZADI AND BRIGITTE PANAH-IZADI (APPLICANT): Consider waiver of rent, penalty, and interest; termination of Lease No. PRC 7277, a General Lease - Recreational Use, and application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 255 Drum Road, near Meeks Bay, El Dorado County; for one existing mooring buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9070; A2244) (A 5; S 1) (Staff: J. Toy)

12 SUTTER BUTTE FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Dredging Use, of sovereign land located in the Feather River, adjacent to 1100 Pennington Road, near Live Oak, Sutter County. CEQA Consideration: Mitigated Negative Declaration, adopted by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, State Clearinghouse No. 2020100322, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program. (A2702; RA# 2020010) (A 3; S 4) (Staff: M.J. Columbus)
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13 THE LAKE TAHOE LAKEHOUSE LLC (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 2780 Lake Terrace, Tahoe City, Placer County; for two mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8312; A2628; RA# 2019311) (A 1; S 1) (Staff: L. Anderson)

14 THE WOODROW A. HAHN AND CHARLOTTE M. HAHN LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 7, 1977, CHARLENE R. DOYLE AND BEVERLY J. GARTON, CO-TRUSTEES (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3165 West Lake Boulevard, near Homewood, Placer County; for one existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A2767; RA# 2020048) (A 1; S 1) (Staff: L. Anderson)

15 CAROLYN WALKER SHAW, TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF JORDAN KINDY SHAW AND JAMES WALKER SHAW CREATED IN THE JEAN WALKER LOWELL PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST DATED AUGUST 16, 2006 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent 4060 North Lake Blvd., Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6367; A2728; RA# 2020024) (A 1; S 1) (Staff: L. Anderson)

16 TONY WEIR INDUSTRIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 242 Four Ring Road, near Rubicon Bay, El Dorado County; for two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A2747; RA# 2020041) (A 5; S 1) (Staff: J. Toy)

Bay/Delta Region

17 BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land located in the Tuolumne River, adjacent to Santa Fe Avenue, near Empire, Stanislaus County; for an existing bridge. CEQA Consideration: categorical
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18 CITY OF SACRAMENTO (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the American River, adjacent to Howe Avenue, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing bridge. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3927; A2694; RA# 2020030) (A 7; S 6) (Staff: M. Schroeder)

19 CITY OF STOCKTON (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the San Joaquin River, Stockton, San Joaquin County; for an existing wastewater pipeline. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 2108, A2631; RA#2020012) (A 13; S 5) (Staff: J. Holt)

20 DELTA YACHT CLUB, INC., A CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the San Joaquin River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 129-120-010, at Tule Island, near Stockton, San Joaquin County; for an existing boat dock, gangway, and bank protection previously authorized by the Commission, and electric and water utility outlets not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3930; A2709; RA#2020013) (A 13; S 5) (Staff: G. Asimakopoulos)

21 PATRICIA R. ENOS, RON J. ENOS, AND STACY A. BENSON, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE ENOS FAMILY TRUST (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Georgiana Slough, adjacent to 14810 Andrus Island Road, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, ramp, and two pilings previously authorized by the Commission and two existing unattached pilings not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8906; A2860; RA# 2020106) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)
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22 WOLFGANG R. FRICKE (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 37600 South River Road, near Clarksburg, Yolo County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities previously authorized by the Commission and existing bank protection not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7462; A2751; RA# 2020062) (A 4; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)

23 JAMES GRIMES AND KIM GRIMES, CO-TRUSTEES UNDER THE GRIMES LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 8, 2014 (AS RESTATTED ON AUGUST 21, 2015) (LESSEE); BRANDON A. CASTILLO AND MONICA L. CASTILLO, AS TRUSTEES OF THE CASTILLO FAMILY TRUST DATED APRIL 20, 2018 (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease No. PRC 5124, a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use; and an application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 3445 Garden Highway, near Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, ramp, piling, one 2-pile dolphin, and bank protection previously authorized by the Commission and an existing personal watercraft float not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5124; A2643; RA# 2020014) (A 7; S 6) (Staff: J. Holt)

24 KEITH HOBERT AND LAURIE HOBERT (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 17404 Grand Island Road, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4761; A2757; RA# 2020053) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: D. Tutov)

25 JERRY W. MADDERN, TRUSTEE OF THE JERRY W. MADDERN 2017 TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in Georgiana Slough, adjacent to 17151 Terminous Road, near Isleton, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock with slip and enclosed boathouse with boat lift,
appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5273; A2802; RA# 2020067) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)

ANDREW MAJIT AND ANSLEY MAJIT (LESSEE); ADAM WILLNER, TRUSTEE AND MARTA BENSON, TRUSTEE OF THE WILLNER-BENSON FAMILY TRUST (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease No. PRC 9488, a General Lease - Recreational Use; rescission of authorization to amend lease and agree and consent to encumber the lease; and an application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Corte Madera Creek, adjacent to 35 Boardwalk One, near Larkspur, Marin County; for a dock and portion of an existing deck. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9488; A2828; RA# 2020076) (A 10; S 2) (Staff: V. Caldwell)

DONNA OBERT BLOWER (LESSEE); CAROL JANE DUNN AND ALEXANDER BENTON PAKTER, TRUSTEES OF THE ALEXANDER BENTON PAKTER AND CAROL JANE DUNN LIVING TRUST, DATED JUNE 21, 2018 (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease PRC 5780, a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, and an application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in Georgiana Slough, adjacent to 15433 Andrus Island Road, near Isleton, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, deck, appurtenant facilities, two speed buoys, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5780; A2710; RA# 2020025) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)

DAVID R. PECK, TRUSTEE OF THE DAVID R. PECK TRUST (ASSIGNOR); RUTH A. RODGERS AND MICHAEL B. MACQUARRIE (ASSIGNEE): Consider an assignment and amendment and authorization of an Agreement and Consent to Encumbrance of Lease No. 9472, a General Lease - Recreational and Residential Use, of sovereign land located in Corte Madera Creek, adjacent to 30 Lucky Drive, near Greenbrae, Marin County; for portion of an existing residence with walkway, dock, ramp, boat lift, and float. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9472; A2703; RA# 2020008) (A 10; S 2) (Staff: D. Tutov)
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29 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 158-0050-001, near Emmaton, Sacramento County; and in the Mokelumne River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 069-020-190, near Staten Island, San Joaquin County; for two existing water-quality monitoring recorder stations. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3717; RA# 2019181) (A 11, 13; S 3, 5) (Staff: G. Asimakopoulos)

30 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the Suisun Bay, adjacent to 2595 Lake Herman Road, near Benicia, Solano County; for an existing pier with finger piers, administration barge, and General Anchorage 26. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7838; A2551; RA# 2019324) (A 14; S 3) (Staff: M. Schroeder)

Central/Southern Region

31 CITY OF FIREBAUGH (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the San Joaquin River, Firebaugh, Fresno County; for existing bank protection previously authorized by the Commission, and two stormwater pipelines not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8861; A2872; RA# 2020115) (A 31; S 12) (Staff: K. Connor)

32 DEBORAH DIBENEDETTO, TRUSTEE OF THE DEBORAH DIBENEDETTO TRUST, DATED MAY 3, 2007 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Main Channel of Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 16562 Somerset Lane, Huntington Beach, Orange County; for an existing boat dock, access ramp, and cantilevered deck. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3246; A2411; RA# 2019228) (A 72; S 34) (Staff: L. Fino)
DAVIS HUNTER DOTY AND DANIELLE MARIE DOTY; DAVID HUNTER DOTY AND ANNGRETE DOTY; BRADLEY OLSON AND GENEVIEVE OLSON (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease No. PRC 9281.9, a General Lease - Protective Structure Use, and application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use of sovereign land located in the Colorado River adjacent to 1207 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for existing riprap bankline protection, and the installation of a floating boat dock, walkway, access ramp, and stairway. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9281; A2839; RA#2020108) (A 33; S 16) (Staff: L. Pino)

APOLLA FARTHING, ART ACOSTA, AND MICHELLE ACOSTA (LESSEE); WILLIAM ARMSTRONG AND AMANDA ARMSTRONG, TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM AND AMANDA ARMSTRONG REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 13, 2020 (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease No. PRC 9136 and issuance of a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1150 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for two planter areas with rock and concrete block retaining walls and electrical and irrigation appurtenances, concrete stairs, concrete patio, riprap bankline, an aluminum stairway and gangway with railing, and a floating boat dock. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9136; A2761; RA#2020060) (A 33; S 16) (Staff: L. Pino)

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the dry lakebed of Owens Lake, Inyo County; for two monitoring towers, a data collection and transmission box, and a solar power collection station. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9031; RA# 2020125) (A 34; S 17) (Staff: D. Simpkin)

ALAN ZIMMER AND DIANA ZIMMER (ASSIGNOR); SOTW GROUP LLC (ASSIGNEE): Consider assignment of Lease No. PRC 9503.1, a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1240 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for an existing concrete stairway with rock retaining wall, raised planter area
with concrete retaining wall, and riprap bankline protection. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 9503; A2854; RA# 2020095) (A 33; S 16) (Staff: L. Pino)

School Lands - No Items

Mineral Resources Management

37 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (PARTY): Consider approval of qualifying miles for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 subventions to the Cities of Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, located in Orange County; and to the City of Long Beach, located in Los Angeles County. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (W 4848.1, W 4848.4, W 4848.8) (A 70, 72, 74; S 33, 34, 37) (Staff: N. Heda, R. Wurster)

38 ROBERT G. WETZEL (APPLICANT): Consider application for an extension of a prospecting permit for precious metals other than oil, gas, geothermal, sand, and gravel, Assessor's Parcel Number 0570-051-24, State Parcel Number 202-017, located within Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 10 East, SBBM, approximately 3 miles northwest of Interstate 15 Halloran Springs Exit, San Bernardino County. CEQA Consideration: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts. (Permit 9305; A2852; RA# 2020098) (A 33; S 16) (Staff: R. Lee)

Marine Environmental Protection - No Items

Administration - No Items

Legal

39 U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (APPLICANT): Consider Cession of Concurrent Criminal Legislative Jurisdiction pursuant to California Government Code section 126 over lands adjacent to Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (WO 24484) (A 5; S 8) (Staff: P. Huber)

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40 SAN FRANCISCO PORT COMMISSION, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION, INDIA BASIN INVESTMENT, LLC (PARTIES): Consider a Title Settlement and Land Exchange Agreement involving parcels located within and adjacent to India Basin and the San Francisco Bay, in the city and county of San Francisco. CEQA Consideration: statutory exemption. (G11-01) (A 17; S 11) (Staff: R. Boggiano, A. Kershen)

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42 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (INFORMATIONAL): Presentations by the Ports of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego on their COVID-19 Pandemic response. CEQA Consideration: not applicable. (A & S: Statewide) (Staff: J. Lucchesi, S. Pemberton, R. Boggiano) 76

43 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION: Consider sponsoring legislation in the 2020-21 legislative session that would repeal obsolete school land statutes and recast or modernize other school land statutes. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (A & S: Statewide) (Staff: S. Pemberton) 134
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At any time during the meeting the Commission may meet in a session of Government Code section 11126, part of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

A. Litigation.
The Commission may consider pending and possible litigation pursuant to the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and privileges provided under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).

1. The Commission may consider pending and possible matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(A), concerning adjudicatory proceedings before a court, an administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, a hearing officer, or an arbitrator, to which the Commission is a party. Such matters currently include the following:

- California Coastkeeper Alliance, California Coastal Protection v. California State Lands Commission


- Eugene Davis v. State of California and California State Lands Commission
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2. The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(b), under which;

   a. A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the Commission, on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission, or

   b. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Commission is meeting only to decide whether a closed session is authorized because of a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission.

3. The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(C), where, based on existing facts and circumstances, the state body has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.

B. Conference with real property negotiators. The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(7), under which, prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for the Commission, the directions may be given to its negotiators regarding price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease. At the time of publication of this Agenda, it is not anticipated that the Commission will discuss any such matters; however, at the time of the scheduled meeting, a discussion of any such matter may be necessary or appropriate.

C. Other matters. The Commission may also consider personnel actions to appoint, employ, or dismiss a public employee as provided for in Government Code section 11126(A)(1).

Adjournment

Reporter's Certificate
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: I call the meeting of the State Lands Commission to order. I am Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. Welcome to our completely virtual State Lands Commission meeting.

Ms. Lucchesi, will you please call the roll of the Commissioners in attendance.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly. Good afternoon.

State Controller and Commissioner, Betty Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner and Director of Finance representative, Commissioner Gayle Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Here.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: And Lieutenant Governor and Chair, Eleni Kounalakis?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Present.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair, we have a quorum present. In addition --

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Oh. In addition, I would like to identify the members of the staff of the Commission and the Attorney General present for this virtual meeting. I am Executive Officer Jennifer
Lucchesi. I am here with Chief Counsel Seth Blackmon, meeting liaison Kim Lunetta, Assistant Executive Officer Colin Connor, Supervising Deputy Attorney General Andrew Vogel, and our zoom co-hosts Grace Kato, Katie Robinson-Filipp, Mike Farinha, and Phil Schlatter.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you, Ms. Lucchesi.

For the benefit of those joining us virtually, the State Lands Commission manages State property interests in over five million acres of land, including mineral interests. The Commission also has responsibility for the prevention of oil spills at marine oil terminals and offshore platforms, and for preventing the introduction of marine invasive species into California's marine waters. Today, we will hear requests and presentations involving the lands and resources within the Commission's jurisdiction.

We recognize that the lands we manage have been inhabited for thousands of years by California's native people and take seriously our trust relationship with these sovereign governments. I want to take a moment to honor the California Native American communities all across the state for persisting, carrying on diverse cultural and linguistic traditions, and sustainably managing the land that we now share.

Native people have maintained a constant presence
on the landscape for many thousands of years and they are essential stewardship partners, whether along the coast, along our rivers and valleys, or in our fragile deserts. We thank California Native American communities for participating in this Commission's activities and for their essential role in maintaining and adding to our state's rich cultural legacy.

The next item of business will be public comment. Before I open public comment period for items not on the agenda, first, let me thank everyone, especially our stakeholders and members of the public for taking the time to join a virtual meeting. While these virtual meetings are becoming more routine, this is still a relatively new experience for most of us, and we appreciate your support and patience as we work together on this virtual platform.

Now, I want to turn it over to Ms. Lucchesi to quickly share some instructions on how we can best participate in this meeting, so that it runs as smoothly as possible.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Thank you, Chair Kounalakis.

First, everyone, please make sure you have your microphones or phones muted to avoid background noise. For members of the public, if you would like to speak either during our pub -- open public comment period or
during a public comment period that is part of an agenda item, you will need to do so in one of two ways. First, if you are attending on the Zoom platform, please raise your hand in Zoom. If you are new to Zoom and you joined our meeting using the Zoom application, click on the hand icon at the bottom of your screen. When you click on that hand, it will raise your hand.

Second, if you are joining our meeting by phone, you must press star nine on your keypad to raise your hand to make a comment. If are you calling in to view the meeting, including the PowerPoint presentations, please view the meeting through the CAL-SPAN live webcast link. There will be a slight time delay, but it will avoid an echo or feedback from using the Zoom application and your phone.

If you emailed us with a request to speak, please also raise your hand, so we don't inadvertently miss you. We will call on individuals who have raised their hands in the order that they are raised using the name they registered with or the last three digits of their identifying phone number.

After you are called on, you will be unmuted so you can share your comments. Please also remember to unmute your computer or phone and identify yourself. Remember, you have a limit of three minutes to speak on an
item. Please keep your comments respectful and focused. We will mute anyone who fails to follow those guidelines or at worst dismiss them from the meeting.

Finally, every now and then, you will hear me refer to the meeting host. Our Commission staff are acting as hosts for the meeting behind the scenes to ensure that the technology moves the meeting forward smoothly and consistently.

The Commission has also established an email address to compile public comments for our meetings. Its address is csle.commissionmeetings@slc.ca.gov. We have received various emails from parties that have been shared with all the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

If there are any emails during the meeting, they will be shared with the Commissioners and be made available on our website, www.slc.ca.gov, along with the public comment emails we have already received.

Chair Kounalakis, that concludes my virtual meeting instructions. We are ready to move to the general public comment period.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you, Ms. Lucchesi. Our next order of business is the public comment period. If anyone would like to address the Commission on any matter not on today's agenda, please raise your hand and you will have three minutes to do so.
Grace, please call on the first person who would like to make public comment.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Thank you, Chair.
We have Scott Maloni.

MR. MALONI: Good afternoon, Chairwoman Kounalakis and members of the Commission. Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes.

MR. MALONI: Great. My name is Scott Maloni. I am the Vice President of Poseidon Water and the project manager for the proposed Huntington Beach seawater desalination plant. And I just want to take a few minutes to give you an update on the proposed project.

As the Commission is well aware, in 2010, 11 years ago, the State Lands Commission granted us a lease to construct and operate the seawater intake and outfall facilities necessary to operate the proposed desalination facility. At our request in 2017, the Lands Commission amended the lease to allow us to build modified and enhanced technology for the intake and discharge that complies with the State Water Board's new Ocean Plan amendment and the Lands Commission also certified a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Since 2017, we have worked very closely with
State agency staff, including your staff at the Lands Commission to satisfy a condition of our Water Board permit that requires us to mitigate for any unavoidable impacts to marine life.

Last year, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a permit and recommended approval. And after three hearings at the regional board, we were asked to take our pencil back, and sharpen it, and see if we can do better on our proposed mitigation package.

Last week, the Water Board issued a revised permit that includes an Enhanced Coastal Habitat Restoration Plan, as we call it, that nearly doubles the number of mitigation projects from three to five and quadruples the amount of acreage from 21 to 84 acres. And of the five projects, four of them will occur in Bolsa Chica, which I know is near and dear to the Lands Commission's heart.

So on the screen is an exhibit that I just want to share with you. The four mitigation projects that will be a condition of our Water Board permit include a requirement that Poseidon assume responsibility for the ocean inlet dredging, which will keep the Bolsa Bay -- 300 plus acre Bolsa Bay flush with nutrient-rich water and ensure that the restored habitat continues to flourish. That's one project.
The second project is identified as the intertidal shelf restoration. It's roughly 25 acres that we will be responsible for restoring. That will include various different and new habitat. And finally, there's two projects in the muted tidal basin, a restoration of two parcels, as well as the design and development of a water circulating system that will allow the muted tidal basin to flood and drain with the tides, and therefore enhance the habitat value.

Those four projects are being augmented with a fifth project outside of Bolsa Chica that is an artificial reef that was requested by the Coastal Commission staff.

Finally, I want to let the staff know that the permit that came out last year requires us to assume ownership or operation, I should say, of the ocean inlet before the operation of the desal plant commences. We propose to move that date up to 12 months from when we secure project financing, which means we'll take over that responsibility at least three or four years earlier than initially contemplated.

So we're excited about this. We expect the regional board to make a decision on the permit in April. I just want to thank your staff for all their hard work in helping us develop this proposal.

Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.
Grace, are there -- is there anyone else who
wishes to comment -- make a comment?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Yes. Thank you.
I'd like to call on Jennifer Savage followed --
following Jennifer will be Alison Madden.

MS. SAVAGE: Hi. Jennifer Savage, Surfrider
Foundation. Good afternoon, Chair Kounalakis and
Commissioners. Just a quick note, I really appreciate how
well the Commission is running these virtual meetings. I
know it's not easy and you guys are all doing a great job.

For my official comments. It is time for
California to take action. Global plastic production is
approaching one million tons per day negatively Impacting
our climate beginning with the miss -- beginning with the
extraction of fossil fuels. It also harms our communities
and ecosystems with waste mismanagement resulting in
plastic waste accumulating in our cities, on our beaches,
and resulting in more than eight million tons of plastic
waste winding up in our oceans every year.

After two years of attempting to pass a
comprehensive solution to this problem through the State
Legislature, we have put this in the hands of the public
and we're asking for your support. A ballot initiative
known as the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, sometimes shortened to Plastics Free California, aims to reduce the impact of plastic pollution on the State's lands, waters, and communities. The initiative was approved by the Attorney General's Office on January 8th last year. And on August 11th of last year, supporters of the initiative submitted over more than 870,000 voter signatures to qualify for the ballot. We anticipate an announcement of qualification coming in the spring for the next general election ballot. This important measure will source reduce the amount of single-use plastic packaging and foodware sold in the state, ensure that what remains is truly reusable, recyclable, or compostable, and collect funds from plastic producers to deal with their waste at the end of its lifecycle.

We would invite -- or we do invite the Commissioners to endorse this important ballot initiative and support a healthier cleaner California in the years to come. And happy to provide more information, if you would like to support this important measure.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, will you please call the next person who would like to address the Commission.
LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Yes. Thank you, Chair.

The next speaker will be Alison Madden followed by Patricia Miller.

MS. MADDEN: Hi, Grace. I would just like to comment right now -- can you hear me?

The timer isn't going down.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can hear you.

Go ahead.

MS. MADDEN: Okay. I wasn't sure if I needed to press the timer. I'd just like to comment that the timer is taking up the entire screen and it interferes a little bit with the visual participation, you know, of attendees. So at the introduction, we could see the whole Commission and now I can just see a big blue screen with timer. So it would be nice if that was otherwise.

But I would like to say thank you, first of all, for having public comments first. And I would also like to thank Jennifer and Kim Lunetta for accepting my email comment yesterday. I presented a very long email and I can't read it all. It would consume the entire three minutes, but it is only of the essential information pertaining to this issue.

And I wanted to report back on the jurisdiction lawsuit that has been going on in Redwood City pertaining
to Docktown. And it was at the superior court through many rounds of demurrers -- what's called demurrers, and then it went to the First District Court of Appeal. And there, the justices held that a very basic and introductory section of the Public Resources Code, which is Section 6009.1(c)(13), which states just a very basic principle -- a general principle of fiduciary agency law, which is that if the entity that has jurisdiction under a grant is going to subcontract any part of their fiduciary oversight of the grant, they need to -- they need to maintain oversight and control.

And the -- I don't think that this is a position that the AG or the SLC took, and that's why we're here asking for your support. And I don't even think Judge Miram below believes that he ruled on this basis, and that is that the First District Court of Appeal gave the worst possible outcome and found that that very basic general subsection preempted the city charter, and held that the City of Redwood City, that the voters actually of the State, when they adopted their charter in 1937 that they could not create an independent port authority.

And all of the ports, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego, Long Beach, Stockton, everywhere, they are independent ports, mostly by charter -- some have a little statutory input, but almost all by charter. This is an
absolute disaster for Redwood City. I don't believe it was anyone's intention, other than the outside firm for Redwood City, and I believe it was result oriented and also cynical.

And we are going to be shifting our activity to a 501(c)(4), which is advocating to our legislators, the senators and assembly members, to clean this up and to have some kind of very short legislation that says this section doesn't mean that. And it likely won't be retroactive. And it probably won't change the outcome of that particular case, but it has such incredible import for the future, including, you know, the efficient constitutional operation of Redwood City, which has been solid for almost a hundred years now.

And I'd like to say that Dan Slanker is with me. We didn't realize we would have to sign in under different users. And so he is here and would like to speak, if I'm still being heard. I know the counter ran out.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: We can hear you. If he can raise his hand and register as a speaker, we have several other speakers who will go -- we'll call everyone in the order that they signed up.

MS. MADDEN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, can you call the next speaker, please.
LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Chair.

Our next speaker will be Patricia Miller followed by Susan Cummings.

MS. MILLER: Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you so much for letting me sit in the meeting with you. I really appreciate you guys.

And I must let you know that I did -- I'm calling regarding the issue up on Little Slate Creek Road in the Lakehead delta burn fire area and the cleanup of the dead forestation.

And I'm happy -- I was very happy the other day to get a call from Randy Collins informing us that there's actually some pretty good news, as far as I'm concerned, about the potential for some -- a reduction of hazard of the dead trees. He stated to me that a bid was put forth, and was actually accepted, and may be approved by the Finance Department to cut back 130 feet off of our property line.

And I just wanted to hear a little bit more about that potential solution. I'd be thrilled just to get them cut down and laid down, just so they're not falling all over the place, and less fire hazard. So I wondered if you could give me any further information on that.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Jennifer, would you like
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yeah, I'm happy to respond. Thank you so much for participating today. And I think just in the interests of time, we will have Randy give you a call back to provide updates on the securing the contract to pursue the hazard abatement on the school lands adjacent to your property. But he'll have much more detail than I can provide now and it would provide for a much better relay of information and exchange of ideas.

MS. MILLER: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Okay. Have a good day.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, would you please call the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Thank you, chair.

Our next speaker is Susanne Cumming followed by Christina Ku.

MS. CUMMING: Good afternoon, esteemed Commissioners. My name is Susanne Cumming. I'm speaking as an individual and as a member of Sierra Club, and a fan of Ballona. The State Lands Commission owns 60 acres in the Ballona Wetlands, but has hard -- largely been left out of the planning. Please get involved. I'm asking you
to stop the bulldozing plan for the Ballona Wetlands and place on your agenda a vote to support the gentle restoration alternative 20-point plan and public access now.

Option one, the bulldozing plan, runs directly counter to our Governor's directives, and climate change, sea level rise, biodiversity, and equitable access. It will put more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, because emissions for construction and disturbed soil and vegetation will outweigh any blue carbon benefits. Note that the State certified restoration plan openly acknowledges extensive loss of critical wetlands habitats due to sea level rise. Please see pages 271 to 275 of the 1,242 page Draft EIR. The wetlands will disappear over time.

Also, the EIR used improper flood risk standards. Thousands of wild animals and plants living there would be obliterated. The monarch butterfly habitat that so many groups and other places are working to develop would be destroyed.

You've seen pictures of the private keep out signs on this publicly owned land managed by California Department of Fish and Wildlife. As you know, a large amount of public money already has been spent on improvements for public access. Again, please support the
20-point plan. There are a lot of thoughtful great ideas here. It's a nature-based solution.

Mindful public access can happen soon. We owe it to our children, and grandchildren, and future generations to protect this precious place.

Thanks for listening to me.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Grace, can you please call the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Thank you, chair.

Our next speaker is Christina Ku followed by Marcia Hanscom.

MS. KU: Hello. Hi there. My name is Christina and I support the protection of the Ballona Wetlands in Los Angeles. There actually is a petition out where at least 10,000 people have signed a petition objecting to the heavy machinery approach digging up all the life-filed soils, and removing the water, and wildlife, and 1,700 different kinds of species of animals, and plants from this wonderful, beautiful place.

And they think that they can recreate this and somehow all the animals, and wildlife, and life there will just come back magically. So this is just so disturbing to learn this. I mean, there are dozens of species of California listed species of special concern and seven...
endangered species who rely on Ballona Wetlands right now. And they -- we cannot disturb them. I think as just, you know, general laypeople, and citizens and, you know, members of the public, this logic is just so simple. I would never dig up anything, and remove their home, and expect that somehow they're just going to magically reappear.

I mean, there have been lawsuits filed and we just don't want any more money spent on this excavation, you know, process. And it's a thriving wetlands. And we just hope that there is some kind of forensic audit that will be completed, so that we can see where all this money will go to, and what it's doing exactly.

And there have been so many false assumptions made about this bulldozing plan for the Ballona Wetlands that are based on. I mean, they've just gotten so many crucial matters, scientific matters incorrect. And I mean, one of them is that, you know, they're saying that there are -- you know, there are actually meandering sloughs throughout the ecological reserve and they will be destroyed if bulldozing of soil proceeds.

And the wetlands is not dead. I've walked through there many times. I live close by. It's thriving and it's just abundantly full of biodiversity. And I think the -- yeah, there have been some new science
reports that's been published about the wetlands that just
have been ignored. And instead of taking all the science
and all the facts that are put -- you know, put forth and
proven, the State Coastal Conservancy and the Bay
Foundation have just, it seems like, deliberately avoided
and ignored all this.

So this is all really disturbing to the general
public who, you know, we're supposed to put our trust into
all these folks who are supposed to be, you know,
guardians of our wetlands and wildlife. And I find out
that we can't do that. And that's why I force myself to
take time out from work to join this, to speak up.

And also, if you just look again at the map that
the lady previously mentioned, I looked at that too,
because I didn't understand it. What do you mean the
wetlands will be destroyed if you spend $180 million to
help it? It actually -- the map showed due to sea level
rises and climate change, it will be destroyed, and you
can see it yourself.

Thank you for listening.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much.
Grace, please call the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Our next speaker is Marcia Hanscom followed by
Sabrina Brennan.
MS. HANSCOM: Honorable Commissioners and staff, can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MS. HANSCOM: Okay. Great. Marcia Hanscom. I'm assistant Vice Chair of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter. I also Chair the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Committee. And back in 2003, when I was on the national Sierra Club Board of Directors, I sat in Governor Gray -- then Governor Gray Davis' office and we -- he helped us just months before he was recalled unfortunately. He helped us to get this land put into public ownership. The State spent $140 million for this land, because it was important ecologically.

A couple of years later, the Fish and Game Commission created an ecological reserve there and most of the land that we had acquired was put into that ecological reserve, including some of the land that the State Lands Commission owns. And, let's see, it's February 23rd, 2021. February 28th, 2020, we actually had one of your Commissioners out to the wetlands. It was our last tour we took officially before the pandemic prevented such tours.

And we also had Chairwoman Kounalakis out in December the year before. Well, since your last meeting, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife has certified a
year later, after they announced the Final EIR, they
certified it. And it's a hugely flawed environmental
document. Of all the documents I've seen in 30 years of
doing this work, I just can't believe how flawed it is.
And maybe the result that you see, there are four
different lawsuits that were filed as a result.

We would love to see if we could just solve this
problem and get to what has been called a gentle
restoration, not this big mechanical upheaval. And I want
to say that since the land was purchased, three endangered
species have returned with no big bulldozing or
excavation. And one of those is actually -- has actually
been documented numerous times visually and with audio
documentation. And it's the light foot -- the Ridgway's
light-footed Clapper Rail. That bird almost went extinct.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had to put
these birds into captive rearing. They're now back in
several places and they've returned to the Ballona
Wetlands at -- on your land. So we believe you have
jurisdiction to intercede and we would really like to see
you do so. Please help us to really protect and defend
this land.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.
Grace, have -- may we have the next speaker,
LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

The next speaker is Sabrina Brennan followed by Robert van de Hoek.

MS. BRENNAN: Hi. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm here representing Surf Equity and also Sport Equity. And I'm the co-founder of the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing.

And I wanted to speak today a little bit about San Mateo County. In 2015, I asked the Coastal Commission to correct decades of gender discrimination by requiring that women be included in a big wave surf competition held at Mavericks in San Mateo County. I received support for a coastal development permit condition requiring the inclusion of women going forward.

By the way, there is a slide presentation with this. Don't know if that's available to you all.

Subsequently, the Coastal Commission voted unanimously to require the inclusion of a single heat for women in 2016 and 2017. In 2018, they unanimously supported requiring a multi-heat women's division with equal prize money at each participant level.

In October 2018, the State Lands Commission approved a lease requiring the inclusion of multi-heat women's division and equal pay for all competitors.
regardless of gender. This was a precedent-setting victory for equal pay in sporting events held on State property.

In December 2020, you approved a lease to a women-owned company for future Mavericks surf competitions. One of the conditions of the new five-year lease requires a coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission.

Currently, the Mavericks Surf Awards is running from December 1st to April 15th, 2021. The event is held on every surfable day for 4.5 months. Men are competing for 80 percent of the prize money and women are competing for only 20 percent. Please address this lack of parity.

The Mavericks Surf Awards is running without a State lease and without any permits. Event organizers should be required to apply for a State Lands lease, so the Commission can review the contest to ensure that State land is being used fairly without impeding public access or jeopardizing public safety. The Mavericks Surf Awards event has transformed the entire surf season into a multi-day contest. A website describes the event as a performance-based video contest that lasts all season long. Some may describe this as a digital format. However, the contest is an actual competition that uses state lands, state waters, public beach, and public
facilities.

The density and intensity of use has dramatically increased, because the event runs every day waves break at Mavericks, as opposed to the traditional format that includes one contest day per winter season and requires a State Lands lease.

Please consider requiring a lease for the multi-day Mavericks Surf Awards. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much and the Commissioners have received a copy of your presentation.

Grace, please call the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Chair.

Our next speaker is Robert van de Hoek followed by Dan Slanker.

MR. VAN DE HOEK: Good afternoon. My name is Roy, nickname, Robert Jan van de Hoek is my full name. And the letter "V" in van in traditional Holland is pronounced like the letter "F" like in having fun. So you would say van de Hoek, like saying the last name "Luke" or the boy's name "Luke", "Hoek".

Okay. So I'm an environmental scientist.

Pleasure to speak to this -- to you as the Commissioners, Lieutenant Governor, and State Controller, and the State
Governor's representative.

I want to speak about the land that you own, the State Lands Commission owns, at the corner of Jefferson and Lincoln in Los Angeles County at the Ballona Wetlands, not the other State agency that owns land, but the land that you own. And I've had the honor of giving the Lieutenant Governor and State Controller a tour there. And it's very important to know that this land hasn't been being managed correctly.

It's been under State Lands Commission for approximately 20 years and it's had the same manager running it. And this manager and her company have major issues in terms of being professional and doing -- falsifying their reports. And I would like to ask you to do some due diligence finding an independent scientist. I'm not asking you to trust me necessarily as an environmental scientist, but not to trust the manager of the land.

The homeowners across the street at Playa Vista are not happy with what's happening there. The general public who comes there is not happy. There's false statements in the signage alone along Jefferson Boulevard. It says this is the fresh water marsh of Playa Vista. Well, it's not owned by Playa Vista and it's not managed by Playa Vista. It's the State Lands Commission, and your
logo and your name is not there. And you're invisible as the owner. And so the public doesn't really know how to contact. And when they do, they contact Playa Vista or they contact the scientists and they aren't hearing the truth about what's happening there.

Where do I begin? You heard Marcia Hanscom mention the light -- a bird called the Clapper Rail, as an example. And this is just one of a hundred examples of what's going wrong there. That bird federally endangered as a miracle almost migrate -- not migrated, but dispersed from Bolsa Chica or down south in Newport and colonized the area when the reeds were really tall and luxurious, cattails and tules.

Then they were mowed. And a female and a male were both there. And experts on the recovery team documented it with recordings and visual sightings. And if I could just have a few extra seconds please. I know my time has run out.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Go ahead.

MR. VAN DE HOEK: Oh, thank you. That's to say that the reeds were all mowed down to ground level. And the very next time a visit was there to look for the Rail, both the male and female Rail were gone. And we had lost an opportunity that only comes by once in a while for a recovery colonization of the habitat. And so there's many
more examples, but I'd ask for a report or an
investigation to be done starting, you know, soon. And I
also like to ask you to write a report -- or letter that
you do not consider doing the EIR -- approve -- that you
disagree with the findings of the EIR, the certification
at the State of Cal -- Department of Fish and Wildlife on
your letterhead.

    Okay. Thank you for the extra time. Much
appreciated.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you. Thank you.
Grace, would you please call the next speaker.

    LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
    Thank you, Chair.
    Our next speaker is Dan Slanker followed by a
call-in number, the last three digits 084.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Slanker?
    MR. SLANKER: (Inaudible.)
    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: We're having trouble
hearing you.

    EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Maybe I could
suggest, Chair Kounalakis, if he wants to call back in.
Maybe hang up and call back in and maybe we'll get a
better connection.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, Grace. Mr.
Slanker, we cannot hear you. If you can perhaps try to
call back in. Grace, can you please call the next speaker and hopefully Mr. Slanker will call back.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Chair.

Our next speaker will be a dial-in caller. The last three digits of their number is 084.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Speaker with the phone number that ends in 084, if you are with us, if you could state your name and begin.

MR. DAVIS: I'm here. I'm here. Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. DAVIS: Okay. Great. Hi, everyone. My name is Ryan Davis and I'm the founder and creative director of America's Greencore. We are a newly formed 501(c)(3) not for profit that is commissioning the transformation of Platform Holly into the Hutash Lighthouse maritime monument. This is intended to be a gift to the Chumash people and to honor those who served on the frontlines.

We are proceeding with this art and science proposal and would like to add that the design of our green lighthouse will not only improve local water quality by creating a rock mass filter that sits atop the seeps, but it would also be equipped with coastal lightening mitigation technology, a 360-degree HD fire weather cam,
as well as maritime research notes.

The Hutash Lighthouse will exhilarate the sea
gazers and serve scientific benefit for the Santa Barbara
community and UCSB. The Hutash Lighthouse beautifies --
beautifies the skyline and puts many members of the
community to work in the process of its construction.

Complete removal does little to nothing to repair
and/or improve the water quality of the local beaches.
And it is our position that the Hutash Lighthouse creates
more benefits for the community.

Thank you so much for considering our proposal.
And check out our short video pitch and contact us at
projectfirstlight.net.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much.
Grace, are we able to -- actually, it looks as
though we might have more speakers. Could you please call
the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Chair, I believe we're going to have Dan Slanker
through Alison Madden's last line. So, Dan.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay.
Dan, if you can hear us, please proceed.
MR. SLANKER: Yeah. Can you hear me okay?
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.
MR. SLANKER: Hello.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can hear you.

MR. SLANKER: Okay. Yeah. All right. Good afternoon and thanks for the opportunity to speak, Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis and Betty Yee. My name is Dan Slanker. I'm a registered professional engineer with 20 years at Mercury Marine, and the last standing president of Redwood Creek Association and a member of San Francisco Bay Marinas For All.

I'd like to talk some more about Docktown. And I'd like to point out that displacement is second only to the loss of a loved one. And that's exactly what's happened at Docktown. Right now, we are down to the most vulnerable residents that are there. If this is something that's starting to sound familiar to you, it should. I've presented this to you almost half a dozen times and what I'm saying is almost exactly the same.

My family is definitely one of the lucky ones at Docktown and still yet it has been financially and emotionally a real strain on every member of our family. And I feel very strongly and likely have data that what most people want is simply to be able to stay, to be able to keep our homes, the place that they live with fair terms.

As far as most if not all residents there, they
really have nowhere else to go that is even reasonably close. Docktown has been here for 75 years and I am extremely perplexed at how that does not fall into the status quo of things. That's a really long time. There are lawsuits still active and possibly more that could reemerge from what I understand.

The whole ordeal has been very odd and sociopolitical bizarre things. Certainly something doesn't seem right when we step back from it. I'm going to skip through some to make sure I have time here.

As I have said before, residents are being made homeless as a result of the Docktown plan. And it's still current today even more. There are still people living in their RVs and trailers right outside the property. These were people that were actually able to provide for themselves for 10 or 15 years at Docktown prior to the Docktown plan. They had two jobs, very hard working people, but cannot afford property or even traditional housing in the Silicon Valley area.

I don't think this is SLC's intent. I hope that you can help us out in any way you can. Housing continues to be a big priority. Being a registered professional engineer for Mercury Marine, I would have to say that there have been some very poor assessments of the vessel conditions at Docktown in the past. Most likely, these
assessments were misguided. I know from many of the vessels that we have here that do conform to Public Trust manners, whether historical means or by means of navigation. Some of them have been awarded some of the biggest trophies in the Bay Area.

We are just looking for a chance to work it out, whether it's to stay or -- as is or legislation. As far as legislation, we would certainly like to keep it simple, one line legislation like De Anza looking for something that says it's settled. It's important for it to say that it's settled as far as SLC and the litigations that are active today.

We have new counsel today and new possibilities.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Is my mute off, Gayle? Can you -- Grace, can you hear me?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Yes, we can -- I can hear you clearly.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Sorry. My mute button went away there.

Okay. Grace do we have anymore speakers who would like to address the Commission?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Chair, we have no hands raised for additional
public comment at this time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you, Grace. That concludes our public comment period.

The next item of business will be the adoption of the minutes from the Commission's meeting of December 17th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve the minutes and a second. Commissioners, please raise your hand in Zoom, if you would like to make a motion and a second.

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: I'll move, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you. We have a motion by Commissioner Miller and a second by Commissioner Yee.

Ms. Lucchesi, will you please conduct a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Kounalakis?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes unanimously.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: The next order of business is the Executive Officer's report. Ms. Lucchesi, may we please have that report.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I hope to make my report brief today as we have a very full agenda.

I will first provide an update on our two oil and gas decommissioning projects at Rincon and Platform Holly. I will also provide an update on the Chevron oil pipeline leak and response in Richmond, California. I will conclude by remembering some very special colleagues we recently lost and acknowledge the retirement of another.

My written report includes a much more comprehensive summary of all the initiatives and projects Commission staff are leading and I encourage everyone to take a look at it.

We have reached some significant milestones in the Rincon well abandonment project in Ventura County. Our well abandonment contractor DrilTek completed the abandonment of the last 50 wells on Rincon Island and onshore 24 of the 25 state wells have been abandoned. The one remaining onshore well is an injection well used to inject water recovered from the island tank, sump, and cellar cleaning operations on the island. It will be plugged and abandoned after these operations are finished.
Removal of the onshore storage tanks and other production-related equipment is in progress.

The decommissioning work is divided into three phases. The primary component of phase one, which was the plugging and abandonment of 74 wells is now complete. The remaining phase one work consisting of site clearance activities is underway and anticipated to be completed later this year.

Phase two is to develop a feasibility study and complete an analysis under the CEQA, which will inform a decommissioning plan for Rincon Island, the onshore facility, and the causeway that connects the artificial island to the mainland. This work, which will include extensive public outreach and engagement, will begin soon as -- and is anticipated to complete in 2022.

As part of our commitment to outreach to the community, we will be hosting a town hall event in March to update the community. The Commission will continue to perform necessary maintenance work and provide security onshore at the causeway and on Rincon Island during phase two and until a decommissioning plan is executed.

Phase three is -- includes executing a decommissioning plan and will start when phase two is complete.

This operation is one of a handful of remaining
offshore oil facilities in State waters and on State lands. Decommissioning these facilities is a significant part of California's transition from fossil fuel production and toward a clean energy future.

The Platform Holly decommissioning project remains suspended due to COVID restrictions and space limitations on the platform that limit physical distancing practices. Staff continues to maintain and monitor the platform and onshore facilities to ensure public health and safety.

ExxonMobil and Commission staff in conjunction with the city of Goleta are currently developing the project description to decommission and remove the oil piers as part of the lease PRC 421. And we expect to begin the CEQA process within the next couple of months. The Commission will be the CEQA lead agency and applicant for the project, which will include robust stakeholder input. The CEQA process is anticipated to take 12 months to complete.

The access across private property to the State's Ellwood Pier ended on December 1st due to the expiration of an existing access agreement with the surface landowner and ExxonMobil. Both Exxon and Commission operations have currently relocated to other operating piers in the Santa Barbara Channel while negotiations to regain access to the
Ellwood Pier continue. However, the pier is still available to transport and evacuate personnel and supplies to or from Platform Holly in the event of an emergency. Staff is also in coordination with the City of Goleta to host a virtual town hall on March 10th prior to the release of the Notice of Preparation for the removal of the oil piers on Haskell's Beach. This -- the purpose is to update the community on the status of these various projects associated with the overall decommissioning project and to present a high level overview of the pier removal process.

Next, I'll update the Commission on the Chevron Richmond oil pipeline leak. On February 20 -- or excuse me, on February 9th, the Chevron Richmond Refinery reported a leak from a pipeline at the Richmond Long Wharf in the Bay Area. According to OSPR, laboratory analysis and technical review indicate that approximately 500 to 750 gallons of diesel and flush water mix were released.

The response is being managed by the unified command comprised of representatives of the United States Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Contra Costa County Health Services Department, and Chevron. Marine Spill Response Corporation, or MSRC, conducted sensitive site protection as well as containment
and recovery efforts. Protective booming of two Environmentally sensitive sites were deployed. And after no sheen was observed outside the immediate cleanup area, the boom was removed on February 13th. An additional 600 feet of boom remains deployed around the long wharf as a protective measure.

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment determined that no fisheries closures were warranted in response to this incident and there have been no reports of wildlife impacts to date.

OSPR, the Coast Guard, and Contra Costa Health Services are conducting investigations into the cause of the leak. The Chevron Long Wharf facility is located on lands managed by the Commission and subject to a 30-year lease authorized by the Commission in 2006. Staff is working with OSPR and the other agencies to provide information as part of the investigatory process.

I'm sorry to report that a long-time colleague and friend of the commission, Alan Hager passed away in December of last year. Alan spent his career, over four decades, with the California Department of Justice. As a Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Alan represented State agencies, including the Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, and CalGEM, what was then called the Division of Oil and Gas.
He became one of the State's most trusted legal experts in the regulation of oil and gas and was admired by his colleagues as a thoughtful, kind, and ethical public servant, as well as a brilliant legal writer. He mentored many young attorneys and -- on the practice of law, and the importance of seeking justice rather than winning for the sake of winning.

I was personally lucky enough to have worked with him and learned from him for over ten years while he represented the Commission. He was a kind friend, a collaborative colleague, an important mentor to many of us.

It is also with great sadness to report that our dear colleague and friend Noel Saito passed away unexpectedly in January. Noel was initially hired with the State of California in 1992. Over his almost 29 years with the State, he worked for EDD, the Department of Corporations, DTSC, and Cal (inaudible). He spent over 18 years of his State career with the State Lands Commission.

Noel was an incredible colleague. As an Energy and Mineral Resources Engineer in the Safety Audit Program, Noel worked on safety audits for offshore platforms and assessing the condition of equipment, vessels, and piping, and other oil and gas infrastructure. Noel also managed oil gas onshore and offshore leases in
Santa Barbara county and geothermal leases and permits in the geysers in Northern California and Imperial County to the south. He was a key member in our government -- he was also a key member in our Government Alliance on Race and Equity team.

Importantly, he was such an amazing colleague, friend, father, and human being. Losing him is tragic to our State Lands family. He was loved by so, so many of us. We will remember Noel as a beacon of light, kindness, and generosity in our State Lands universe.

And finally, on a happier note, it is an honor to acknowledge the retirement of our beloved colleague Lori Pett. After 40 years of service to the State, Lori will be retiring at the end of this month. Starting in December of 1979, she has held a variety of positions, such as word processing technician, office services supervisor, and a program technician, (inaudible) and division.

Recently, she has been assisting in the critical statewide effort related to COVID tracing and investigations. This is a testament to her incredible service to the people of California. Over her long tenure with the Commission, Lori has worked for 31 Commissioners, seven Executive Officers, and seven Governors.

The Commission has benefited from her attention
to detail, her dedication to working behind the scenes, her elaborate party planning and decorating skills, and her willingness to help out in all areas of the Commission's work.

Her absence will be felt throughout the entire organization. And while selfishly we will miss her terribly, we are so excited and happy for her to embark on her retirement life. We thank her for making the Commission a better agency over the years, and wish her all the best in her future adventures.

That concludes my Executive Officer's report.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much, Ms. Lucchesi, and in particular for remembering members of the State Lands family, and friends, and colleagues. It's very important at this time when we can't be together in person to make sure that these passages are recognized by everyone in the community and the people who make this Commission great, and who work together every day with a shared purpose are recognized.

Commissioner Yee, do you have any comments or questions?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Ms. Lucchesi, for the report. No. I just want to echo your comments, Madam Chair, about just acknowledging
the State Lands family and all of their contributions. But I think what's emblematic of just the commitment, dedication of the staff is the remainder of Ms. Lucchesi's report. And I just want to give a shout-out to the amazing work that continues to get done under some very extraordinary circumstances, and particularly the tremendous progress on the plugging and abandoning of the wells on Rincon Island. So just really a great accomplishment and obviously in partnership with the Department of Conservation.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Commissioner Miller, do you have any comments or questions?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: No, I don't. I just wanted to share Ms. Lucchesi's thoughts and prayers for the friends of State Lands Commission and also congratulations to Lori on decades of service. And we're really, really grateful. And it is -- it's that service that makes a huge difference I think in California. So thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: The next order of business will be the adoption of the consent calendar. Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Miller, are there any items that you would like removed from the consent calendar?

COMMISSIONER YEE: I don't have any.
ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Next, I call on Ms. Lucchesi to indicate which items, if any, have been removed from the consent calendar.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Consent item 3 is removed from the agenda and will be considered at a later time.

And consent item 10 is moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda and will be heard at the end of our regular agenda items.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Is there anyone joining us virtually who wishes to speak on any item remaining on the consent calendar? If so, please raise your Zoom hand or dial star nine, if joining by phone, now.

Grace, has anyone registered to speak on items on the consent calendar?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. There are no hands raised on the consent agenda.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. Then we will proceed with the vote. May I have a motion to adopt the consent agenda and a second. Commissioners, please remember to raise your Zoom -- your hand in Zoom, if you'd like to make a motion and a second.
COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll move the consent calendar, Madam Chair.

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: And I'll second it.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: We have a motion from Commissioner Yee and second from Commissioner Miller.

Ms. Lucchesi, will you please conduct a roll call of the vote?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: The next order of business will be the regular calendar.

Item 41 is to consider the adoption of the Commission's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. May we have the presentation, please?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair, our Environmental Scientist, Katie Robinson-Filipp along with our consultant, Lisa Beutler, will be providing staff's presentation.
(Thereupon a slide presentation.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Wonderful. Please proceed with the presentation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. My name is Katie Robinson-Filipp. And I'm an environmental scientist at the Commission. Today, I'm excited to present a brief update on the final implementation year of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, followed by a presentation from Lisa Beutler with Stantec introducing the proposed 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: The Commission adopted its current strategic plan at its December 18, 2015 public meeting. The plan was the culmination of robust stakeholder input and collaboration to guide the Commission's stewardship of public lands and resources and promotion of public access. The strategic plan enables the Commission to adapt to emerging challenges, while creating a meaningful and rich framework to effectuate State policy, goals, promote public access, generate revenue for the State's general fund, and for benefit of California's State Teachers' Retirement System, and enforce the protections of the Public Trust Doctrine.
Last year marked the final year of the implementation for the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. It was also a year defined by challenges, including the ongoing global pandemic and racial inequities, and one of California's worst wildfire seasons on record. These challenges are not isolated to a single year, but rather reflect emergency -- emerging challenges that require urgent, far-reaching, and forward-focused action.

The Commission quickly adapted to 2020's challenges and made strides in implementing the final year of the strategic plan. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission shifted quickly to hosting virtual public meetings in April 2020.

The Commission's Information Services Division was also quickly able to provide the technical -- technological resources needed to increase staff's teleworking capability. The number of staff teleworking either part or full time went from approximately 40 percent at the start of the pandemic to over 90 percent. The Commission also maintained a successful trend of monitoring oil transfers at marine oil terminals in a pandemic-challenged work environment.

Additionally, the Commission advanced renewable energy and approved the first solar energy project on school lands, a 128 -- sorry, a hundred and twenty-eight
megawatt facility in Kern County. This facility will contribute to achieving the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and will generate revenue for the California State Teachers' Retirement System, CalSTRS.

The Commission also facilitated a historic transfer of a 40-acre school land parcel to the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation to preserve and protect tribal cultural resources.

The Commission has also made major progress in its commitment to public health and safety, completing the plugging and abandonment of all 50 offshore island wells and 24 of the 25 onshore wells at Rincon Island, all ahead of schedule and under budget.

The Commission also finalized an addendum to the EIR for the Becker and legacy well abandonment and remediation project, and then successfully plugged and abandoned the Treadwell 10 and Northstar 805 legacy wells located off Summerland Beach in Santa Barbara County.

The Commission's perseverance through these challenges and responsiveness to change lays the groundwork for the next five year update. The final proposed 2021-2025 Strategic Plan affirms the Commission's commitment to respond to emerging challenges through meaningful action and inclusive engagement.

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ENVIROMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: The 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is intended to be an aspirational document that is forward-looking and based on the input and comments we received through robust tribal, stakeholder, and public engagement. The strategic plan builds on the Commission's progress since the adoption of the previous plan and identifies the emerging challenges and opportunities the Commission is committed to addressing over the next five years.

The proposed plan presents an updated mission, shown here with the new text in orange that reflects the Commission's commitment to responding to emerging challenges through meaningful action and inclusive engagement.

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ENVIROMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: The proposed plan also outlines the core values that serve as a lens through which the Commission will view all its activities, inclusivity, accessibility equity, environmental justice, sustainability, visionary, responsible economic growth, and integrate Native American perspectives.

Additionally, the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan also
responds to stakeholder input by adding new guiding principles, public health and safety, and stewardship. The public health and safety principle is rooted in the Commission's responsibility to prioritize and embed public health and safety in every decision and action. The principle stewardship emphasizes the Commission's critical role of balancing competing uses with long-term protection of lands and resources.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: The Commission responds to the need to address emerging challenges with seven strategic focus areas, and accompanying goals: One, leading climate activism; prioritizing social, economic, and environmental justice; partnering with sovereign tribal governments and communities; meeting evolving Public Trust needs; leveraging technology; committing to collaborative leadership; and building a reimagined workforce.

Commission staff have worked with consultant Stantec to facilitate a comprehensive and inclusive engagement outreach effort to inform the development of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, which we are excited to present today.

This document reflects the input, ideas, and
comments from stakeholders, tribal engagement, public meetings and comments, Commission staff, and recent comments submitted on the draft strategic plan, into a final proposed 2021-2025 Strategic Plan that will be presented today.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP: And now I'd like to welcome Lisa Beutler from Stantec to provide a summary of the comments we received on the draft strategic plan and to present an overview of the structure and content of the final proposed 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you for that excellent presentation, Katie. Great job.

And Lisa, please go ahead.

MS. BEUTLER: Thank you so much. I'll go ahead and just start off talking a little bit about our role. So as your consultant team, our job was to gather information from your staff, from stakeholders, and others to pull together and provide a faithful reflection of what the collective view was about the strategic perspective of the Commission and the direction that you might be headed. So what you see reflected we hope you view as more a transcription than any particular product from your
consultant team.

So moving forward, I wanted to talk a little bit about not just what we -- what we are presenting to you today, but also a little bit about what we heard from stakeholders.

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MS. BEUTLER: The job of a strategic plan is to really be aspirational. It should be forward-thinking. It should serve as a compass or a lighthouse. It's providing something of a direction. I think it's important to understand what a strategic plan does. As you hear what the comments might have been and how you -- what you see reflected in this plan, that's going to be focused on the idea that this is what a strategic plan is.

When we pull together the strategic plan, what we asked was where has the organization been, where is it now? That created some context for your plan. We wanted to understand what the drivers of change would be, so that the Commission could be strategically positioned to respond to those drivers. We asked what might the optimum responses be to help you address those challenges and then learned what might make sense in terms of strategies and actions that would advance the direction that you want to go.
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MS. BEUTLER: We heard a lot from members of the public, stakeholders, tribal governments. And we just wanted you to know that in your comment period, you received 51 different organizations and individuals' comments. You'll see a plus at the end of each of these numbers. That plus stands for the staff. Something that was a really wonderful part of this process is that the management team went back to each of the staff programs and asked them to think about this plan in the context of how they might actually implement it. What would it look like as they incorporated it into their day-to-day work. And so everyone of those pluses is a reflection of lots and lots of input from the staff as well as from the public.

There were 30 unique submissions. So what the means is there were a couple of letters that were provided or comments that were provided by multiple parties signing one letter. And then of those, within those letters, there are 118 plus discrete comments where -- and they were quite specific. You might remember in the draft plan, there were line numbers. And oftentimes, people would say, okay, on line 662, I want to talk about this particular word.
So of those, I would like to really give a major shout-out to Katie. She was the keeper of the spreadsheet that had all of these listed. So she -- she was quite remarkable and we just cannot thank her enough for her organizational skills.

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MS. BEUTLER: We heard a range of perspectives. This is just a list. This is two sides. I wanted you to get a sense of who actually sent in comments. And as you'll see, there isn't one distinct type of a commenter. There are a lot of different people that had different ideas.

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MS. BEUTLER: And I would just kind of note the kinds of letters that we got. They were -- those that had multiple signatories were ones that tended to be around an area of advocacy. Those would be things that you're already familiar with. So, for example, you've heard about seabed mining and things like that. So those kinds of letters, they tended to surround around that type of a content.

The other letters that were really wonderful to read and really exciting. They talked about -- they
didn't view this as a -- as somebody else's plan. They were not neutral about the plan. From the perspective of these writers, your business is their business. They felt that they had a role in this, that this was about how they wanted to know how they could create alignment. And several different commenters said, you know what, this really aligns with this thing that I'm doing right now, and I really see how we might work together to do this.

This is really exciting, because this is actually what you want from a strategic plan. What you want from a strategic plan is the ability for others to co-create and collaborate with you in moving to the future that you're looking for. So that was the very, very fun thing about this.

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MS. BEUTLER: I wanted to talk a little -- also about the tenor. These were very thoughtful and I'm -- as a person who's spent most of my life in government, I can tell I've read lots, and lots, and lots of comment letters. And I was just really struck by the tone, how thoughtful they were, how discerning they were, how careful the word choices were. There was just so much thoughtfulness in all of that.

A lot of the record -- of the comments were very
encouraging. People just liked the direction you're going. They wanted you to know how they supported it. They -- in fact, if anything, a lot of times people felt you had not gone far enough. And that was -- that was kind of a funny piece as well for us.

We felt when you saw -- when you saw the first draft, that it was actually a very bold plan. And we actually had commenters say, gosh, you just weren't bold enough. You could have gone -- you could have gone further than you did. So that was again kind of a fun and exciting thing that we heard.

It was largely hopeful. It was like these are things that you can do that could really make a difference, and also, very generous. Just a lot of graciousness in the tone and the way that people offered their best thoughts.

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MS. BEUTLER: I wanted to share a little bit about how we ended up laying out the plan. So as you recall -- and for those who have not yet seen the full plan, the Commissioners set the stage. They write an introductory letter. And each of the Commissioners have signed it, so I won't need to cover that with the Commission, but just setting the stage, talking about why
this is important, and explaining what they are hoping to receive from this plan.

Then the mission statement, executive highlights is just a summary of the overall plan, and then about the Commission. And this just kind of sets the stage. Katie did a nice job. She laid out for you some of the vision and values, the guiding principles, mission. That was in -- that's in this section of the plan.

Reflecting on the accomplishments, it was a collection of the things that you've heard in your reports every year, that were pulled together and summarized, so people could understand what happened during the last five years. And then there was a lot of discussion of the drivers of change.

In terms of comments, some people actually offered some additional insight about those particular drivers of change. More, we may have made some minor adjustments based on that input. If there was anything factually that needed correction or an emphasis that was appropriate, that might be the type of thing that was reflected in between the draft and the final.

The call to action, again, this is what the Commission has been called to do. Once again, if anything, most of the comments had to do with asking you to be bolder.
And then finally, the strategic focus areas.

I'll spend a little bit more time on that in just a bit.

The additional resources, we set that up as a link. Originally, we were looking at this being an appendix of some sort, and then we realized it would be really important to be able to refresh this information, and also some of it was evolving. So now it's going to a dedicated website that your management and staff team have set up for you, and people will be able to go in. It will always be refreshed and that's going to be a great option.

Also, throughout the plan, you'll see some absolutely gorgeous photos and we want to make sure that the people who took those photos get credit. So at the end there's a list of those.

The thing that you see next is the map of the Lands Commission. This looks like a very, very simple drawing and I want to tell you, it absolutely is not. In fact, if Colin wanted to talk, I'm sure he'd be happy to jump in and share with you. Representing the Lands Commission scale and the jurisdiction that you have is no small feat. And we just wrestled with this map. We had one version that looked like the State had measles, which didn't -- didn't really work visually. We had other versions that the color combinations were not clean enough, so that people who were visually impaired could
use it.

I might comment on that as well briefly. One of the things that we really tried to do with this document was make it very ADA compliant. So there was some -- we gave up some of the things that you might do visually with the plan in order to ensure that it was very readable to a PDF reader. So that was one of the goals when we looked at this. So as you're looking at this though, we do hope it represents this extraordinary jurisdiction and the way that the -- that you as a Commission have to think about the State, and just every level and type of property.

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MS. BEUTLER: As mentioned, I wanted to focus on the strategic focus areas and goals. And this is where the vast majority of the comments that we received where they came. So as you look at leading climate activism -- activism, there was a great deal of interest in this. People offered very specific suggestions, suggested some fine-tuning. Many, many people felt that you could have gone bolder with this. I will say that the reconciliation of the notes on this, once again things were fine-tuned, tightened up a little bit.

It is largely though what you've seen here. And I pull back again. The reason that it hasn't changed a
lot is because of the purpose of the strategic plan. So there was really this tension between what is a strategic plan, and what is a tactic, or what might you do as a specific action.

One of the things that the staff will be doing is they're -- they have now -- all of these comments, they've been pulled together and they will be utilizing that as they develop workplans, programs, things like that. So the comments that were made were not lost in any way. Those are things that are just moving forward. This just wasn't the place where they showed up. So I wanted to provide some perspective on that.

In terms of the area of prioritizing social, economic, and environmental justice, a great deal of support for this section of the document. There were two areas that people asked us to look at, which was really be thoughtful about managing the tension between jobs and the environment, not to look at just simple job creation at the expense of the environment and how that might be something that could accidentally be inappropriately addressed in this area. So they want -- they wanted a caution on that.

The other one kind of comment that we received was to think a little bit bigger. So, for example, there was a comment about transboundary issues, for example, the
Tijuana River and environmental justice with regards to Tijuana River pollution. So those are really helpful things. Once again, those weren't -- aren't specifically pulled out here in this plan area. That has all been pulled in to future work that the Commission will be looking at.

We then move on to partnering with sovereign tribal governments and communities. Once again, a huge amount of support for this. A lot of people very excited to see this. We also received some thoughtful comments from tribal representatives. Those are reflected in this version. One really wonderful letter that was received had to do with the overall plan, and it was a very thoughtful encouraging letter. And they also suggested that you take a look, that when you use the word "sustainability", that you consider possibly accelerating that word to thrivability. And Jennifer is nodding -- nodding yes. We actually went back to the document and tried to figure out how we could work that word in. It was -- we were really excited and that was again came from a comment letter.

The next part has to do with meeting evolving Public Trust needs. And this is again an area where we did receive a lot of comments. One thing that people wanted pulled out -- and you can go ahead and flip to the
MS. BEUTLER: One thing that people were hoping for was very, very overt statements about public access. And that was something that it didn't quite fit here. It -- there was no -- those kinds of comments were not in any way disagreed with. It was just what was the role of that comment relative to this document.

So once again, that has been pulled into some other places in the Commission's work. The other kind of comment we received from this section had to do with the balance of the normal triple bottom line equation, so how do you balance the economy, how do you balance the environment, how do you balance justice and social equity. So those kinds of things, as you thought about how you might implement this, that would be the thing they would ask you to look at. You'll see that more reflected, I think, when you start seeing workplans and actions, rather than in the actual document that you see here. Once again, this is a higher level piece.

Another exciting and fun thing was the comments we received on technology. And for that one, people really saw that it was integrated with nearly everything else. But one area of emphasis that was very important, we heard lots and lots about maps, and the need for
geographical information systems. And the other piece of technology we heard about was the importance of technology with making sure that you can remain connected to your public and making -- these -- so the types of things that you're doing right now with these meetings, that was something that was important to people.

The last one was committing to collaborative leadership. And once again, that is a place where people jumped in. They wanted to share their thoughts about how they might be part of that. Many suggestions about how you might move forward with this particular item. So an area where lots of support and additional ideas for how you might move forward with this item.

So moving into the last page, which is the next slide --

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MS. BEUTLER: -- is building a reimagined workforce. And there was one heartfelt letter that was received. And this was a person that was really asking to make sure that no one be -- would be left behind in this kind of a conversation, that there is a transition -- there's a transition and skill sets, and making sure that everybody in the workforce would be able to see themselves in this reimagined place, so whether we did make some adjustments to this section just to ensure that that
message was really carried through.

I already mentioned in the discussion of the table of contents about additional resources. This is what that page looks like.

And that pretty much sums up the strategic plan. So with that, I'll turn this back to --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Hi. I will just make a couple of concluding remarks before turning it over to you, Chair Kounalakis.

First, I want to emphasize the visionary nature of the strategic plan. I know we've talked about it a lot today and a lot over the past couple of meetings, but really want to emphasize how visionary this document is. And we will soon be getting to work as a staff on developing workplans, operational plans, implementation plans. We're not sure what we're going to call it yet, but it's really putting the meat on these bones, on this foundation, on how we're going to achieve the vision that the Commission has set out for us.

If -- you know, 2020 has taught us a lot. But what it has really instilled in us as a staff is that we need to be adaptable and flexible to the State's priorities and to the public's needs, and those can change very quickly. And so having annual or every two-year workplans or operational plans that really reflects what
the State's priorities are, what the people's needs are, is important for us to accomplish the vision that you set out for us.

And finally, I just want to take a moment to express my gratitude for a number of different people. First, I want to thank Lisa and her team, Christy, KC, and Gill. I don't know how we would have done this, accomplished this kind of document during 2020 without them. Just the amount of time, and energy, and thoughtfulness that they put in to conducting interviews, and surveys, and outreach, and engagement with all of our stakeholders, along with our staff. It was incredible and I'm just grateful, because it allowed us as the lead -- as the staff leaders of the Commission to be able to focus on making sure that we continued to run the Commission's business through the pandemic. And so I -- I'm just eternally grateful to Lisa and her team for their work.

I also want to thank our staff leadership for this project. Bob Stoddard, who really helped keep us on track consistently, almost annoyingly --

(Laughter.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- but he kept us going and meeting all the deadlines that we needed to meet and would not (inaudible) without meeting those deadlines. And this was while he was taking care of his
grandchildren, his family during the pandemic. And I'm just grateful for his time and dedication to this project.

We've talked a lot about Katie. She is phenomenal. I want to just add, in addition to everything that Lisa said about her, that she is -- has also been preparing to defend her master's of science thesis on Thursday, in addition to all the work and commitment that she's put in to not only the strategic plan, but all the various other things that she's doing for us at the Commission. She is -- I don't know where she gets all of her energy, and organization, and keeps us all on track as well.

And finally, Colin Connor, our execute -- our Assistant Executive Officer, who was leading our staff team on all this. Again, this was as he was managing our staff and our teams during the pandemic, and making sure that we kept this project and this effort on schedule to the best of our ability. And I can't thank his leadership enough on this effort.

Finally, our stakeholders, and our public for the time and energy that they took to participate in this effort. Everybody's time and energy was stretched so thin last year and continues to be so. And I just am grateful for their attention to our strategic plan and what they would like to see us do to help serve them.
And then final, final, thank you to our Commissioners. Commissioner Yee, as Chair last year, who led this effort, Chair Kounalakis this year, who is going to bring it home hopefully, and Commissioner Miller, thank you for just your -- just -- for empowering us, for giving us the foundation and the vision to succeed at this. And we just hope that you're as proud of us strategic plan as we all are as staff.

So that concludes my remarks, Chair Yee. Thank you -- or excuse me, Chair Kounalakis. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Ms. Lucchesi, I think we should probably all start in thanking you as you went through the long list of everyone to thank. You as the Executive Director, you have been an incredible leader in this very big, broad effort to create a strategic plan for the State Lands Commission, and your many years of service, and your expertise, your collaborative approach, your leadership with your team, and the consultants you brought on board, and then, of course, your ability to balance all of the issues, and the questions, and the ideas that were raised by our many, many stakeholders. So than you, Ms. Lucchesi for your incredible work in getting us here.

And I will turn it over to Commissioner Yee, but also echo, as you said Jennifer, Commissioner Yee's, first
and foremost, her leadership as a catalyst of creating a strategic plan for State Lands Commission and then, of course, her leadership last year in 2020 when so much of the work was done.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

This is really something I think we all should feel very, very proud of, just the fact that we got this accomplished. And I share in the thanks for everyone who was responsible for getting us to this point. But, you know, I've seen a lot of strategic plans. The one thing I want to just say about this one, in addition to what Lisa and Katie shared with us about just the tenor of the engagement with so many of our stakeholders, is that it's a really intelligent plan, but it's not so aspirational as to not be realistic about what our challenges are ahead.

And I really so appreciate that, because we know what work we have ahead of us, and -- but just the idea that we recognize that we are living in a changing -- ever changing evolving world, in which we are carrying out our responsibility -- our stewardship responsibilities and so much more.

But what really makes this, I think, really special is the stakeholder involvement, you know, from the
very beginning, so that we're not, you know, really looking at those relationships when we actually have to, you know, deal with those relationships, and that there, I hope over time, is a trust that's being established with all of our stakeholders, even when there's disagreement, that the idea that we are here because we know that we all share in the fulfillment of the promise of the Public Trust.

And so I'm just really grateful for all the work. And to Jennifer especially, thank you for allowing us to even have a strategic plan after so many years without one. And I'm just really proud of this work product. And, Madam Chair, looking forward to you as -- as Jennifer said, to take this over the finish line with our business plans going forward.

    Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Commissioner Miller, do you have any comments or questions?

    ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just also congratulations. And I do love the community input that's included in the strategic plan, including the pictures and everything, from the work we do with the ports, to people really enjoying our State lands. I think it's really special.
And I do especially like the understanding of the challenges ahead. And I love the fact that we're including not only reimagining our workforce, but kind of within that making sure that the entire community sees themselves within the strategic plan. I think that was really incredibly difficult to do and I think accomplished really well. So congratulation to the whole team.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Grace, do we have any public comments? And if anyone would like to comment, please raise your Zoom hand now.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Our first commenter on Item 41 will be Jennifer Savage followed by Tom Rudolph.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Please proceed.

MS. SAVAGE: Thank you. Sorry. The timing is always so weird with Zoom. Good afternoon. Again, Jennifer Savage, Surfrider Foundation.

First of all, we commend staff for the development of the draft strategic plan, particularly in light of last year's singular challenges. And we appreciate the Commission's ongoing commitments to public access, resource stewardship, and environmental justice as described in the plan.

Listening to the list of accomplishments read
during the presentation, I am struck again by how vast the Commission's work is and how consistently staff excels at accomplishing that work.

With that in mind, we still do ask for one addition to the draft strategic plan. We outline this in a letter that we submitted. It's not even really in addition, so much as a return of language that was used before. Primarily, we're still concerned by the lack of mention of the state's marine protected area network. The Commission's stewardship role was explicitly referenced in the 2016-2020 strategic plan within the Public Trust section. And we just strongly urge you to incorporate that language into this guiding document as well.

The increased efforts to preserve biodiversity through Governor Newsom's 30 by 30 Executive Order and the potential inclusion of the network on the IUCN Green List underscore the importance of California's marine protected areas, but their success depends on thoughtful management. And this includes consideration of the MPA network and individual MPAs during the Commission's planning and leasing practices. We, therefore, encourage you to add language reflecting this into the new strategic plan.

And finally, we congratulate the Commission and the staff for all your accomplishments over the past four
years. The Commission's dedication to public access equity, the prevention of oil spills off our coast, preserving our beaches by embracing proactive climate change adaptation principles is well documented.

We look forward to supporting the Commission's ongoing stewardship of our shared Public Trust Lands into the future.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Grace, may we please have the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Chair.

We will start with Tom Rudolph followed by Sabrina Brennan.

MR. RUDOLPH: Good afternoon, Chair Kounalakis and members of the Commission. My name is Tom Rudolph and I'm here representing the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Can you all hear me okay?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. RUDOLPH: Okay. Thank you. On behalf of Pew, I want to say thanks to you and to all the Commission staff and contractors that worked so hard to develop this new strategic plan and to offer our support for its adoption today. In particular, I want to thank you all for incorporating our request to commit Commission time
and effort to consideration of changes to your policies and regulations on seabed mining for hard minerals.

Over the past year, we've greatly appreciated the Commission's willingness to devote time and attention to our concerns about marine mining and our recommendation that the Commission move assertively to safeguard the marine ecosystem by withdrawing submerged lands from the mineral leasing program.

We were proud to join 20 other organizations on a letter submitted earlier this month expressing support for the draft of the new strategic plan and its proposed approach to addressing concerns about seabed mining. We're pleased that the Commission has envisioned and committed to convening a dialogue with other agencies, with stakeholders, and with California tribes to examine broader issues of extractive and renewable uses of State Lands in the context of the Public Trust Doctrine and that this review will encompass next steps in your consideration of seabed mining reform.

We want to offer our wholehearted support for the Section 4A collaborative dialogue and we very much look forward to participating.

In conclusion, this new strategic plan is thoughtful and responsive and I sincerely congratulate you on your successful efforts to develop it during a year of
unprecedented challenges. We support approval of the plan today and thank you again for the opportunity to participate in its development.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Grace, will you please call our next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Thank you, Chair.

Our next speaker is Sabrina Brennan.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Ms. Brennan, are you there?

MS. BRENNAN: Sorry about the delay. I just got the unmute message.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay.

MS. BRENNAN: I'm here. So Sabrina Brennan representing Surf Equity and Sport Equity. Very impressed with this plan. It's outstanding. And I have looked at a lot of strategic plans and I think this one is one that many public agencies in California should be aware of, because it may help them with their strategic planning process. Also, I wanted to say that we're thrilled with key priorities that include social, economic, and environmental justice, as well as inclusive management. And the addition of public health and safety as a core value is timely and necessary.

So I definitely want to thank everybody that was
involved with creating this plan and I look forward to reading it in more detail in the future.

And I did also want to support the request of Surfrider regarding the MPAs. So I did think that was a really valuable comment.

And I just really appreciate the work that your staff has done and the work of the Commission.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Grace, can you please call the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Yes. Our next speaker is David Helliwell.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Helliwell, please proceed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: He may need to unmute himself.

MR. HELLIWELL: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: We can hear you now, yes.

MR. HELLIWELL: Okay. I think may have raised my hand at the wrong time, because I'm going to speak I believe on Item 10 about RTI.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, that's a different item. Could you please raise your hand when that item comes up for public comment?
MR. HELLIWELL: I will. Thank you very much.

Sorry to bother you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you. No problem.

Grace, anyone else in line to speak?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Chair, we have no other hands raised at this time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. May I have a motion to adopt staff's recommendation and a second. Commissioners, please raise your hand in Zoom, if you'd like to make a motion or a second.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I proudly move the item, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: I think that that is appropriate. We have a motion by Commissioner Yee --

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Raised hand.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: -- and a second by Commissioner Miller.

Ms. Lucchesi, please conduct a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair?
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes unanimously. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Item 42 is to hear presentations -- and one more time, congratulations, everyone. The State Lands Commission now has a strategic plan.

Item 42 is to hear presentations by the Ports of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego on their COVID-19 pandemic response.

Ms. Lucchesi, may we please have the presentations.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. I will just provide a brief introduction, while we're pulling up the first PowerPoint presentation by the Port of Oakland and their Executive Director, Danny Wan.

I know that as soon as the pandemic broke out last year and the State started mobilizing to respond, I quickly became impressed by how all of our ports with their own unique situations, with their unique expertise, geographic locations, and unique assets quickly mobilized to help their regions and the state as a whole. And I continue to be impressed by their operations to this day.

And I thought it was important in collaboration
with Chair Kounalakis and Commissioner Yee to really hear
the from the ports just in terms of how they were able to
really leverage their teams and their assets to really
make meaningful progress in their response from everything
from helping, you know, the cruise ships arrive safely in
the beginning, to the logistics around the PPE, to really
helping people who were experiencing homelessness stay
safe, and fed, and sheltered, to testing and vaccinations.
And it's just a -- I could go on and on.

But we are here to hear directly from the ports,
because I think it's important to hear from them, not only
what they have been through over the last year, but also
any opportunities and challenges that they see in the
years ahead due to the CO -- due to the pandemic.

So without further ado, I will turn it over to
Executive Director Danny Wan. Thank you.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: And he should be
promoted as a panelist there. Danny I -- Director Wan, I
think you just need to unmute yourself.

There you go.

MR. WAN: Good. Thank you. Commissioners and EO
Lucchesi thank you very for this opportunity to talk about
the Port of Oakland and its role in the response to the
pandemic, as well as some of the future challenges. And
in this presentation, I will go over some background for the Port just for the general public, how we're putting the Trust land in service of the public in many ways, and then we'll go over what we did during the pandemic, and then future challenges.

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MR. WAN: So just an overview. We're a department of the city and established in 1927 as an independent department. We have a separate budget from the city. We have no local tax revenue for annual operations. And as a landowner, we manage portions of nearly 20 miles of waterfront from the Oakland Airport to Jack London Square and the seaport in the City of Oakland.

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MR. WAN: And this is a map rendering of our entire trust land responsibilities in the City of Oakland on behalf of the State Lands. And you can see we have everything from maritime operations to seaport in the purple, commercial real estate, aviation operations, and then we have also parks and open space that we provide to the public as well.

And talking about the pandemic response, I need to point out that we are just not a seaport that got into
the act, but also the aviation operations as well.

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MR. WAN: It is important to note that during this emergency that we still continue to provide 84,000 jobs in the region, supported by combined port activities. In this economy -- economic crisis, we are proud that we continue to support about $5.6 billion of personal income on local spending and we continue to be the basis of many taxes -- State and local taxes, to the tune of about $700 million.

So this is not a -- remember, this is not just a health crisis, but also economic crisis. And I keep pointing out to our local officials and now to the Commission that we are also a player in sort of -- in getting us out of the economic crisis. As I am fond of saying that we are the economic and jobs engine in the Bay Area.

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MR. WAN: Of course, our seaport continues to be operating, humming along right now. We are currently at about the same level as last year. We -- when the pandemic started, we saw a fairly significant dip in volume. But as many other ports have experienced, as
consumers needed more personal goods, more appliances, as they stayed home, and as well as the increased buying of goods that are imported, that we -- our volume have seen a steady increase. However lately, we've experienced congestion. And so the last monthly report, our volume actually has dipped by a double digit, because -- mainly because of canceled -- canceled and diverted ship lines because of the congestion problem that we're experiencing.

I think it's something that is unique, however, with the Port of Oakland, is that we continue to be a 50 percent export port -- about 50 percent of our volume in export, so that way we are very much a port that the agricultural Central Valley community depend on to operate efficiently even through this pandemic. They've experienced some challenges through this whole period, in terms of getting enough containers to actually get their goods exported. And they are also facing the same challenges everybody else is, which is the uncertainty of scheduling their container cargo as congestion problems compound.

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MR. WAN: In terms of our -- of course, this is an extraordinary year. Officer Lucchesi had mentioned that this pandemic started, for me, it hit me right on the
head with a request from the State to disembark the Grand
Princess cruise ship passengers in the beginning of this
pandemic when nobody was quite sure what it was about.
And there was a great deal of fear in terms of the folks
who were infected on that cruise ship, and whether
allowing them to disembark in Oakland, and what kind of
effect that would be.

We overcame that with a lot of good public
information and community building in about two days time
before the ship between the notice and when the ship
actually pulled up. And we had to do a lot of moving
around of our port. Remember, the Port of Oakland is not
a cruise ship port, so we had to sort of jointly solve with
the State and the federal government simple things like,
well, how do you get the passengers off the ship onto the
ground when there's no passenger facilities at the Port of
Oakland, to moving the containers out of that portion of
the land that you see there in about a day's time, 24 hour
notice.

And after the ship pulled up is quite a -- what
is it, ten days of trying to figure out logistics from
getting the people off the ship, to how do we set up
medical operations. And the fed -- federal government and
the State government came in and did that quite well.

However, then we had to solve the problem about,
well, how do we get the people from that dock over to the airport, which the -- luckily, we had the -- we also operate the Oakland International Airport in terms of figuring out how many people need to go where. We had people going back to locations in California, as well as the rest of the United States, but also a very -- a lot of international destinations. We had to figure out how to get those planes chartered in order to get those folks onto the plane counting the run -- the number -- the right number of people, bus them over, and then go through the airport, which also had its own concerns about protocols about how to handle the virus, and get the folks onto the plane, and then coordinating with their destinations, coordinating with some of the international countries' own airlines about whether they can provide the airlines, how big of an airplane.

So I am so proud that the Port of Oakland staff, both on the seaport as well as our health officers, our emergency responders, as well -- and airport staff really came up, and stood up, and supported the logistics of transporting these folks from the ship down to the ground, through a bus, to the airport, getting on a plane, and getting off, and even though the federal and State officials were very good at the medical aspects of it and also getting the ship into the dock. From thereon, the
land logistics really a lot of it fell on the Port.

We also, in addition to that, when -- at that time with masks were quite rare. Around the supply was short. We managed to con -- get in touch with our contacts in the shipping and commercial industries and get the masks shipped to the Port of Oakland. And not only do we take care of our own dock workers and our employees, but also donated a lot of masks throughout the community, at the time when masks were in shortage.

So -- but that was not the only emergency. As you know, the Port of Oakland also faced -- well, I'll talk about the airport in a little bit, but also faced the electrical grid shutdown. The Port had to quickly adjust its energy mix from electricity to other, unfortunately petrol-based, energy forms, in order to save energy for the -- to the State grid and we did that, also reacted quickly.

On top of that, as I mentioned, it is also a budget and economic crisis for the Port. We had seen a $60 million downward swing from our budget from our 40 million surplus before the COVID virus to a $20 million deficit, all because of the airport.

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MR. WAN: I think I went through all of that.
Transformed maritime. Oakland airport served the hub. And so we went through all of that bullet points on this slide. But you can see the -- in the picture that -- the setup at the -- at the emergency site. And as we all sat in the emergency looking at the TV broadcast all throughout the world as to what we were doing.

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MR. WAN: So the budget emergency that we as your trustee faced during this time came mostly from -- mostly from the airport side. As you can imagine, the fear of traveling on the airplane took a drastic toll on the airport. We joined the early months when the disease emerged, our passenger load dropped to about 10 to 12 percent of our normal passenger level. You can see that red dot line, that steep drop.

And -- and when we were budgeting for this, we thought, well, you know, this is unfortunate, but it is inevitable, but we projected that maybe we will start having upward trend in passengers by this time frankly of March of 2021, but unfortunately that has not really materialized. Our passenger trend still continues to be really depressed. We are still only at about 30 percent of normal passenger level and this is quite devastating to our airport.
As you know, the pass -- the airport makes its revenue from passenger counts, passenger facility fees, as well as people spending at our concessions, or when the rental car companies pay their fees as rental cars, or parking facilities making parking revenues. Those are our sources of revenue. And they're all dependent on the number of passengers pass through the airport.

And because of that, we saw drastic, like I said, $60 million downswing in our budget. And so that has caused quite a bit of consternation and a whole lot of budget adjustments and belt tightening measures, including a freeze on spending and hiring. And our employees -- a majority of our employees actually did take a furlough of eight days during that time, and as well as we've suspended all travel and other things. And we have saved a lot of money by simply stop spending on a lot of items that we could put off, but we are going to have additional repercussions. As we put off this spending on infrastructure, we're going to have to catch up.

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MR. WAN: Commercial real estate. Pam Kershaw is here. Do you want to talk about that a little bit, our Commercial Real Estate Director.

MS. KERSHAW: Sure. Thank you so much for having
us here today. And I just have to throw out a shout-out to the fantastic working relationship that I have personally had at the Port of Oakland for 20 years now with your staff, who is just so professional. And I've grown so fond of many of them, Jennifer, of course, and Andrew, and Sheri, and Reid. And Grace, I heard you're on the phone. Nice to even hear you're somewhere in the room. So thank you. Thank you for being as wonderful as you've been from my past 20 years working here.

But on to the note hand here. Last year, has kind of told us that we really don't know anything about what the future holds. And so this kind of pallor of uncertainty is resting over us. And, you know that we have a lot of commercial real estate assets that have suffered as many as anyone else have, right? It's hard to go to a restaurant. I don't think I -- even though I'm constantly ordering out, because I'm so tired of making dinner at my house, I hope I'm not alone in saying that statement.

But it's certainly not what it used to be. We used to have this shot filled with people. We had over three million people a year come to Jack London Square alone, just one of our footprint spots, to enjoy outdoor festivals and celebrations, all of which are free to the public, and, of course, visit our restaurants and hotels.
and other things. And this is a very sad but even sadder typical shot now on an average day, where we, of course, have pretty, you know, stringent stay-at-home orders here in the county we're located in, as I'm sure most of us do on this call.

So we were able to -- thankfully to some of these State and federal programs to our smallest local tenants, some of the smaller local owned restaurants in particular, we were able to secure some PPP loans, which have helped them float along. And we had a very tailored concession program for folks for rent relief and deferrals. But that's really kind of waning thin at this point as you read all over about businesses closing forever. And it's a sad thing, as a long-term Oaklander myself, to see that happen to my town and the place I work at.

So we've changed the way we vacation, we shop, we work, and even how and where we live now as a result of this disruptive event. And we're not really sure how much of that is coming back to what it used to be frankly. And so I guess because of this uncertainty, we're going to continue to need your indulgence, and support, and pursuing new flexible ways to use our trust assets, as we kind of navigate our way out of this, hopefully sooner rather than later, and get ourselves to some new version of what is sustainable for us and all of our trust assets,
and -- but also serve the Public Trust, which we do take very seriously. But we know for sure that things won't look the same as they were.

MR. WAN: Thank you, Director Kershaw. And that's a nice segue to the next point and our final point, which is what --

MR. WAN: -- can we do in partnership to really get through this and looking into the future? As we said, we acted early in the pandemic to control costs and stabilize budgets, and including refinancing our port debt, which was very successful. We did also get some fund -- federal funding through the CARES Act for the airport, so that was really helpful, but we are also moving forward, as Pam says. It just seems like the lesson is that we have always constantly to be an emergency provider, and we are playing that role, and also predicting the future. It caused quite a uncertain task, as we face multiple challenges that's going to come forward to us.

One of the things that -- one of the areas that we ask for your partnership, Commissioners, as well as State Lands staff, and I noticed that in your strategic plan, one of the things is you want to be a leader in the climate activism. Certainly, the Port of Oakland and many
ports in California have led in terms of reduction of air emissions. We are the leader in the country, and if not the world, in terms of reducing our emissions and moving towards zero-emissions initiative.

One of the things we do ask of the Commission is that as we move toward that, we need infrastructure support through funding. And we hope to have partnership with the State Lands Commission to advocate -- in talking about activism, to really advocate for funding to be invested at the State Lands properties versus assets that may be moved off of our properties to really invest in your State Lands properties, supporting the electrical infrastructure, to put in last-mile lines to plug in, and to also to explore different alternative forms of energy.

But we do need funding for that and we need a coordinated state approach. And we hope that you are a partner in advocating for a coordinated uniform plan of funding these infrastructure.

I think the last point one I want to make is that as we go toward facing the future, in terms of how to best manage the assets of the state, we need flexibility. We need sort of a view of the world today, that because it is unpredictable, we need to be nimble to face these challenges, that we need, as we work with the State Lands, flexibility in terms of how we use the properties in
innovative and creative ways.

That might be beyond the sort of traditional boundaries of Trust use to really see how we can innovative -- innovate in the ways that we benefit the state as a whole, while we use our -- maintain our properties in the State's control and care.

So that is our presentation. Thank you very much for your time and your indulgence. And that is the last slide of what I just said.

Thank you very much.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you so much, Director Wan for that great presentation. Thank you and your team for all of your hard work. I had the opportunity to engage early on, after you had the passengers of the Grand Princess, we had another challenge of repatriating all the crew, most of whom were international foreign nationals. Very difficult. And your team was just incredible to work with. And most of the --

MR. WAN: And I want to give a shout-out to you, Commissioner Kounalakis, because you have been absolutely very supportive. You've been there since day one in talking to us, as well as Commissioner Yee. You are the two of the folks on the statewide scene who has been
absolutely supportive and been talking to us all along,
and very appreciate your help with that.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Well, thank you. Thank
you. I believe, Ms. Lucchesi, we will move to San Diego,
is that right?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. We will move
to the Port of San Diego. Thank you, Director Wan. Thank
you Pam. It's great to see you both.

And as we're promoting President Joe Stuyvesant.
He's the newly appointed Port of San Diego President, as
well as his colleague Jason Giffen. And we'll be pulling
up their presentation shortly. And as we wait for that,
I'll -- I will just say a little note about Joe. We
worked very closely on some very challenging real estate
transactions involving the Navy and the Port during his
previous life working for the Navy. And I certainly
enjoyed that really collaborative problem solving and
solution-oriented relationship when he was with the Navy.
And I have all the faith and confidence that we will
continue that kind of collaboration and coordination in
his new role at the Port of San Diego.

And so with that, Joe, if you are on, please take
it away.

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MR. STUYVESANT: Well, thank you, Executive
Officer Lucchesi and Commissioners, Chair Kounalakis and all. Welcome to San Diego. As the Executive Officer said, I'm Joe Stuyvesant and I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself to the Commission as the new President. I have less than a month on the job. It's an honor to speak to you today and I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

I'm no stranger to San Diego, as Ms. Lucchesi mentioned, coming from my former position as Executive Director of Navy Region Southwest headquartered here in San Diego. And I'd just like to say that working with Executive Officer Lucchesi, I found her to be open-minded, intelligent, and reasonable in her approach to issues, so I look forward in continuing working with her.

I know firsthand the critical value of strong relationships with our government partners. I come to the Board during one of the most challenging times. I have great admiration for my predecessor, Randa Coniglio, and the Port team for the remarkable work they have done over the past year.

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MR. STUYVESANT: Our agency relies 100 percent on revenue generated along the waterfront and COVID-19 has taken a devastating toll on the Port and our visitor-
serving activities. We've offered rent concessions and
have tightened our belt with a hiring freeze, salary
reductions, and cost-cutting measures.

Hotels and restaurants have been severely
impacted. The airport is quiet. And the Convention
Center that once drew crowds of people to the bay, now
serves as a homeless shelter. And we're happy to be
pivoting our resources, like the Convention Center, to
help those who need it the most in the midst of a
pandemic.

That said, our lost revenue has exceeded even our
original worst-case scenario, and the Port now expects to
have lost over $98 million by the end of September. For a
budget that's normally around 200 million, a shortfall
that size creates a challenge in completing our --
completing our missions.

While I'm cautiously optimistic that we are
turning the corner in pandemic recovery, thanks to the
hard work of the Governor and our county supervisors in
getting vaccines into the arms of Californians,
significant damage has been done to our fiscal
capabilities.

We have been working with Speaker Pelosi's office
to include federal assistance to ports in the form of
transfer language in the pending COVID relief package, and
we'd appreciate your support in helping that aid reach us when it finally arrives to the state. It is critically important to us, because we have received no federal, State, or local financial help of any type to date. During the pandemic, it's easy to see the challenges, and anyone can do that. They are big and hard to miss.

But there are also opportunities for us to come together to solve problems and hopefully come out better on the other side, whether it's opening the Convention Center for those who need a safe place to sleep or longshoremen putting themselves at risk to keep maritime trade and military cargo moving, the Port of San Diego is stepping up in this time of need.

As an environmental champion, the Port is developing a maritime clean air strategy, MCAS, to identify projects that will reduce emissions and improve air quality. The Port has taken a leadership role by using the MCAS to partner with our tenants and terminal operators in transitioning to zero and near-zero technologies.

We are ready to lean in aggressively, but we will need your advocacy as we work with various State agencies like PUC, CARB, Coastal Commission, and CEC as we work to become a greener port. And I echo the comments made by Danny Wan on infrastructure support.
I'd like to say congratulations on the approval of an impressive strategic plan. We appreciate your role of convener and advocate for your Public Trust agents. In the coming months and years ahead, your advocacy will facilitate electrification and clean air strategies.

Thank you for inviting us here today and for giving us a chance to speak to you. I look forward to working with you and coming up to Sacramento to meet you in person, as soon as conditions permit.

I'd like to now introduce Jason Giffen, the Port's Vice President of Planning, Environment, and Government Relations, who will provide some additional highlights of port initiatives.

Thank you.

MR. GIFFEN: Thank you very much, Joe and thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners. It's a pleasure to be joining you all today for this -- today's discussion and to share a closer look at ports and the important roles we serve for California and our region.

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MR. GIFFEN: Partnerships have always proved valuable for us in San Diego, but perhaps never been more important than now. Controller Yee, Commissioner Yee and Ms. Lucchesi saw our partnership in action during their
visit to San Diego in November. In these photos, they're seen touring the San Diego Convention Center that President Stuyvesant just mentioned, which is serving as a temporary homeless shelter providing front-line services throughout the pandemic.

As Joe outlined, historical revenue shortfalls have turned our green port's operating budget a new shade of red. And our board acted very quickly to reduce expenses across the board and iteratively revise revenue forecasts as shutdowns continue to drain resources away.

The majority of the operating revenue losses are in the hospitality and visitor-serving business lines of hotels, cruises, and restaurants as half of Southern California's cruise ship berths are in San Diego. And with the shutdown of the industry and restrictions on tourism, those losses -- those losses will worsen.

Until the San Diego Convention Center reopens to large gatherings and cruises resume, the district will continue to lose 14 million in associated operating revenues per quarter.

Madam Chair and Commissioners, this is our most critical moment since the district was created in 1962. And to date, the Port of San Diego has not received federal relief. As you heard President Stuyvesant explain, we will need State Lands hands-on assistance and
advocacy to ensure federal stimulus dollars make it through to us.

Despite these unusual times, and looking to a more optimistic side under these circumstances, we continue to drive solutions towards some of our most pressing problems, including sea level rise, addressing climate change and air quality, equity for disadvantaged communities that have long lived next door to the port, and facilitating blue technology solutions that bring innovators to clean our bay and develop scientific answers to practical problems.

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MR. GIFFEN: Next, I just want to highlight some efforts underway that we've been leading on during this pandemic. As shown here, ECOncrete, a sustainable solution now being deployed by local contractors providing local work in our north bay will demonstrate how traditional shoreline protection, which account for about 75 percent of our shoreline in San Diego, could yield to nature-inspired shoreline solutions that protect both our important coastal assets, infrastructure, and Public Trust, as well as enhancing ecological value.

The Port is creating pathways for innovation like this through the Port's own Blue Economy Incubator.
Similarly, we are collaborating with our friends at the Coastal Conservancy and U.S Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a native -- a native oyster reef living shoreline in the south bay to support coastal resiliency, and nature-based strategies, and water filtration.

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MR. GIFFEN: To touch on mobility and clean air efforts underway, we're advancing Harbor Drive 2.0, a multimodal corridor project that reduces transportation impacts on neighboring communities adjacent to our working waterfront. The Port is planning this project with regional stakeholders to streamline goods movement between our cargo terminal and the freeway, and reduce emissions from idling trucks. A complementary effort, as President Stuyvesant pointed out, is our Maritime Clean Air Strategy, that is building on our conversations with our portside communities to create tangible and actionable steps we can take to improve quality of life by addressing environmental impacts adjacent to our working waterfront.

We touched on these projects as well as others in our -- in some of our past letters to you on the State Lands Commission's Strategic Plan. So congratulations again on passing that today.

As well as other public assets we're bringing to
the fight, here's a few -- to the fight related to COVID, here's a few more:

Keeping public facilities and amenities open and operating, including our 22 parks, two marine terminals, piers, boat launches, and many more; ensuring public safety, including our law enforcement, maritime firefighting, aviation safety, as well as combating illegal trafficking; upholding environmental quality for our air, land, and water; and keeping the development process open for business.

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MR. GIFFEN: We are standing by our workers and our tenants to make our district truly special. Their lives and livelihoods are part of our public mission. Today, the Port needs stabilization to remain economically resilient, an environmental champion, and be ready to help with recovery for our region and beyond.

We're grateful for the partnership with the State Lands Commission as local trustees, and we have learned a lot, but we have learned mostly that working together we will succeed together.

Thank you very much. That concludes our presentation.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.
Ms. Lucchesi, would you like to wrap-up any
comments on the Port of San Diego presentation before
moving on to Port of L.A.?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. I would just
like to thank them for their presentation and for
participating today. And I really look forward to all the
good work that we'll do together over this next year and
beyond.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: And maybe -- maybe I'll
just add, because I have enjoyed many of the restaurants
and facilities down at the Port of San Diego that
passengers on cruise ships that dock there are typically
enjoying, and my heart breaks for all of the businesses
who are struggling to get through. There is some relief
for small businesses, a great deal of it, in this year's
budget. So I hope that you're able to access information
about those programs, and grants, and get them to your
tenants.

And let me just also say that California will
still be here. We'll still be a great destination for
tourism as soon as we're through this. And so helping
those businesses bridge the gap until we can make it into
a more normal existence, and welcome back visitors from
around the world.
MR. STUYVESANT: Thank you, Madam Chair. We agree.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. And we're moving on next to the presentation from the Port of L.A., Los Angeles, is that right?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: That is correct. And I'd love to introduce Deputy Director David Libatique and his colleague Avin Sharma.

And their presentation will be pulled up.

MR. LIBATIQUE: Thank you --

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: David, go ahead.

(Thereupon a slide presentation.)

MR. LIBATIQUE: Thank you so much.

Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners, Executive Officer Lucchesi, and State Lands staff. Gene Seroka could not be here. I am David Libatique, Deputy Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. And I am joined by Avin Sharma, Director of Labor Relations and Workforce Development.

Thank you for offering this opportunity to provide a report on the Port's contributions to the state's COVID-19 response and discuss related economic impacts. While these are two highly related issues, I will focus my comments on describing the supply chain impacts of the pandemic and Mr. Sharma will discuss our
COVID-19 response.

From the start of the pandemic, our first priority was to keep cargo moving. This was neither easy nor automatic. It was thanks in large part to longshore labor and our terminal operators who quickly adopted new cleaning protocols so that terminals remained open. And throughout the pandemic, we're happy to report the port has remained fully operational.

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MR. LIBATIQUE: Still, 2020 was one of the most erratic and unpredictable years in recent memory. We experienced huge shocks to global trade. In early 2020, China halted factory production to control the pandemic. Then, there was a drop in U.S. consumer activity as America shutdown its economy. The maritime shipping industry responded with a large number of canceled sailings.

As you can see, port volumes plummeted by 19 percent in the first half of 2020. This had a jobs impact. By August, the complex had 234,000 fewer longshore shifts year-to-date than at the same point in 2019. But in the second half of the year, Chinese manufacturing resumed, and U.S. retailers started to replenish depleted inventories. Consumer demand for goods
more than rebounded. Driven by a shift in personal consumption expenditure from services to goods, we are seeing an unprecedented surge in cargo volumes.

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MR. LIBATIQUE: Under the weight of this surge, the overall supply chain has been strained. Warehouses are full. Terminals are packed. And since late last year, we have seen a steady climb in the number of ships at anchor outside San Pedro Bay. As of this morning, 48 ships at anchor, including 32 container ships.

In normal time, when an import container is picked up at the port, it takes three days for that container to be devanned and returned to the port as an empty container. Presently, the cycle is taking about ten days. As a result, the system as a whole is experiencing a shortage of containers and chassis. The container shortage has knock-on effects. As emptied or prioritized to cycle back to Asia in order to pick up the next round of imports, we are seeing impacts on our agricultural and manufacturing exports.

With that, please advance to the next slide and I'll pass the presentation on to my colleague Director Sharma.

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MR. SHARMA: Thank you, David. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. My name is Avin Sharma and I'm the Director of Labor Relations and Workforce Development at the Port of Los Angeles. I'm also a board member on the California Workforce Development Board. This afternoon, I'll quickly cover four areas that address what the Port has done in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

First, as you recall, almost a year ago, local, State, and federal officials were moving quickly to put in place stay-at-home orders that -- and other guidelines that specifically identified and defined essential workers. David, and our colleague Jennifer Cohen, our Director of Policy and Leg Affairs, worked closely with officials to make sure that supply chain workers were included in all the definitions of essential workers.

And what we really had to emphasize that it wasn't just longshore workers, but for example mechanics that repair the large and complex cargo handling equipment, port workers that work inside the terminal offices, truck drivers, and all the ancillary related industries to trucking as the movement of cargo was so critical at that time.

Second, almost immediately, at the start of the pandemic, thanks to generous donations from organizations...
like Operation U.S.A. and companies such as Harbor Freight Tool, we were able to donate masks and gloves to your various essential workers at the port.

In another example, right in March, we learned that there was a shortage of cleaning solution to our terminals and they weren't able to properly clean the thousands of pieces of cargo handling equipment at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. We at the Port of L.A. worked closely with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and LADWP provided us with tubs of industrial strength bleach. Our construction and maintenance teams at the port with able to safely dilute that down into and -- cleaning solutions, which we bottled ourselves at the port and immediately got out to the terminals, so that they were able to safely clean cargo handling equipment and work stations.

Third, in addition, from March 27th to May 15th, 2020, the Port of Los Angeles had the honor of hosting the U.S. Navy Hospital Ship Mercy. The ship's mission was to support our area hospitals by treating non-COVID related patients, so as to relieve the pressure on our hospitals in Southern California. We're all incredibly grateful for all the work the men and women aboard the Mercy did for our -- for our communities and our hospitals in Southern California.
Lastly, I wanted to spend a couple minutes just talking about our successful initiative, Logistics Victory Los Angeles. Right at the start of the pandemic, L.A. Mayor, Eric Garcetti, tapped our Executive Director, Gene Seroka, with the additional role in addition to being the Executive Director at the port, he also became the Chief Logistics Officer for the City of Los Angeles. Utilizing the port and the expertise of the Port staff, we were tasked with Gene's appointment with also working to make sure our health care workers had all the supply of PPE that they needed.

We were all familiar with the images from hospitals on the east coast with hospital health care workers not having the adequate PPE. So working with two dozen port employees who volunteered their time, along with procurement experts in the city's General Services Department, the Office of Finance, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, we created Logistics Victory Los Angeles, or as we call it LoVLA.

With over 200,000 unique customers that utilize the Port of Los Angeles each year, we used the existing relationships that we had to identify trusted and reliable sources to acquire PPE. For example, we entered into an arrangement with the Honeywell corporation to purchase 24 million NIOSH certified N95 masks over a 24-month period.
for a cost of $0.79 a mask.

With our program when we purchase PPE, we turn around and provide that product at that exact price we purchased to the hospitals with no markup. This slide here mentions five million. I just checked our report, before joining this call, and as of just a short time ago, we had provided 5.8 million units of PPE to nearly 40 hospitals and 170 skilled nursing facilities across Southern California.

Lastly, thanks to generous donations, LoVLA has also provided PPE items to essential workers throughout the supply chain from dock workers at the ports all the way out to the farm workers in the fields here in California. Last summer, as I'm sure all of you remember, there was the dual challenges of COVID-19 and the terrible air quality as a result of the smoke from our -- the wildfires that were up and down the state. I worked closely with Teresa Romero, the President of the United Farm Workers, and was able to provide 75,000 N95 respirator masks for free to farm workers working on farms in the Central Coast and the Central Valley. Her staff came and picked up the masks on a Thursday afternoon, drove them immediately up to the Central Cost and were on -- were being used by farm workers in Salinas on that next Friday morning.
So those are just some of the examples of how the Port of L.A. has worked directly to support our goods movement workforce, our port community, and our state during these challenging times.

And I'll turn it back over to David.

MR. LIBATIQUE: Thanks, Avin.

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MR. LIBATIQUE: Looking ahead, we see a need to ensure a full complement of workers to deal with the cargo backlog, so we recommend expedited vaccination for waterfront workers. Also, ports have been passed over in COVID relief packages, so we recommend advocating for federal funding towards the Maritime Transportation System Emergency Relief Program in order to support ports and their tenants, especially those hardest hit and those that are heavily reliant on waterfront commercial and tourism.

We also hope we can work toward -- together towards advocating for more investment in our ports here in California. Federal investment in west coast ports has trailed investment in other coasts by a factor of ten to one. That's over the past ten years.

Finally, we hope that a competitiveness dialogue can be initiated in California. The long-term viability of these state assets hinges on our ongoing
competitiveness and system resiliency. The last time we faced these issues in 2014-15, some of the solutions that were arrived at at that time have never really been fully implemented. What's clear, however, is that the supply chain challenges we face are garnering increased national attention and will require systemic solutions developed with input from all stakeholders. We look forward to working with you on these important issues, and we're happy to address any questions you have.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. That was excellent. And let me just thank you right off the top for the incredible work that you all have been doing. People are always surprised when I tell them that 40 percent of all the containerized goods that come into the United States come through California's ports. And the Port of LA and Long Beach together make up the largest port complex in North America. And so your immediate response not just to be able to continue to keep the flow of goods moving and the remarkable bounce back in the third quarter, but to keep your workers safe, to, more importantly even, go beyond just your own operations to help bring PPE to health care workers and essential workers all over the region, and, of course, working between the federal and State government to bring the
Naval Ship Mercy to Southern California as part of the immediate response in the early days of the pandemic when we really did not know how -- how rapidly the disease would spread, and how many people would end up in the hospital. So thank you for all of that and for that excellent presentation.

Ms. Lucchesi, do you have any other comments or do the Commissioners have any questions?

Ms. Lucchesi.

MR. LIBATIQUE: Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: I just wanted to thank David and Avin for their presentation, and for participating, and just again for the collaborative working relationship that we have with the Port of LA. Lots of challenges, but lots of opportunities ahead, and we look forward to working with Executive Director Seroka's team in the next year and beyond.

And so with that, I'd like to introduce Deputy Director Dr. Noel -- I'm going to mispronounce your last name. I'm so sorry -- Hacegaba with the Port of --

DR. HACEGABA: You got it right.

(Laughter.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- with the Port of Long Beach. Welcome.

DR. HACEGABA: Thank you very much.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. We're pulling up your PowerPoint right now. Thank you. (Thereupon a slide presentation.)

DR. HACEGABA: Well, good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. Thank you so much for the opportunity to address you. And as Executive Officer Lucchesi said, Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Executive Director in representation of our Executive Director Mario Cordero. And I want to thank you for the opportunity to present on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite one of the most disruptive events ever to impact the end-to-end supply chain, California's ports adapted and responded.

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DR. HACEGABA: Thanks to our dock workers, truck drivers, terminal operators, warehouse workers, and all of our supply chain partners who masked up, went to work, and kept the cargo moving at our ports. The supply chain kept moving and supporting our economy. And despite the disruption of corresponding headwinds, the Port of Long Beach ended 2020 with our best year on record, as you will see on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: Our container terminals handled 8.1 container units, representing a year-over-year
increase of 6.3 percent. But the final tally doesn't capture the pandemic-induced volatility that we saw during the year. In the first quarter of 2020, our cargo volume sustained steep declines as the pandemic halted manufacturing overseas, effectively paralyzing the supply chain. And the declines continued through the second quarter as the pandemic spread to the U.S. impacting consumer demand.

But then in July, as you can see on the chart, in a sudden shift, we welcomed the start of the strongest cargo surge in port history that catapulted us to our best year on record. In short, we went from doom and gloom to fast and furious on the turn of a dime.

Now, how we managed this rapid shift in cargo while simultaneously responding to the health and safety needs of our workforce is what I would like to spend the next few moments of this presentation on.

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DR. HACEGABA: When the pandemic spread across Asia, we knew it was just a matter of time before it made its way to America. So we formed a business recovery task force in February. And this task force was internal to the Port of Long Beach. I had the pleasure of leading this group. Basically, we had a five-part mission: gather
and report critical information to the supply chain,
anticipate any operational issues, engage and mobilize
supply chain partners, expedite and prioritize containers
carrying COVID-19 related supplies, and finally,
advocating for ports and goods movement and trade.

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DR. HACEGABA: As part of that, immediately, we
assumed the role of information facilitator for the supply
chain. We created a site on our webpage dedicated
effectively COVID-19.

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DR. HACEGABA: As mentioned, we also partnered
with shipping lines, terminal operators, and dock workers
to prioritize and expedite containers carrying PPE and
COVID-19 related supplies. What you see on this screen is
just one of many customers that we assisted in making sure
that their containers made their final destination to
address this pandemic.

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DR. HACEGABA: We also mobilized to procure and
derive PPE. Now, this photo that you seen on the
screen for mid-January shows Port of Long Beach staff
taking a load of 5,000 masks to our partners at the 
International Seafarers Center. The Port also distributed 
more than 300,000 masks and other PPE to longshore 
workers, terminal operators, truck drivers, and other port 
stakeholders.

We're very grateful for donated masks from the 
U.S. Maritime Administration, as well as the State of 
California, and some of our partner companies, such as 
Costco Shipping and NEXT Trucking. Our terminal operators 
also increased the frequency and intensity of cleaning 
efforts and took steps to limit face-to-face interaction 
at the terminals. They also added an additional hour 
between the first and second shifts to allow for workers 
to clean equipment.

As an additional step to keep our waterfront 
workers safe, we opened a COVID test site in August, which 
you will see on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: This site was brought forward by a 
partnership between the City and the Port of Long Beach. 
It's located within the harbor district to provide easy 
success to our waterfront workers. To date, we have 
administered over 20,000 COVID tests, which has gone a 
long way in helping to test our waterfront workers and 
help to keep them safe.
Now, as we continue our -- to offer these tests, we're also working to prioritize our waterfront workers for the COVID vaccine. Now, thanks to the State of California, 3,000 doses have been allocated to our dock workers. Now, The City of Long Beach is coordinating with the ILWU to administer these doses. It's critical that we continue to do everything we can to vaccinate our waterfront workers.

Now, the pandemic-induced surge also created operational challenges for our port. In order to provide immediate relief to your terminals and supply chain partners, we made 40 acres of vacant land available on a temporary basis at Pier S for an operation we call STOR, which stands for the Short-Term Overflow Resource. And you'll see a picture of that on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: Now, since October, this site has served an overflow yard and keeps the distribution and transload yards fluid. We, as ports, recognize that we're just part of a broader system. And in order to improve the flow of cargo, we need to make sure that every segment along the supply chain is fluid. This operation, this piece of land helps to facilitate that.

Just to give you an example, within days of opening, we had over a thousand containers on site. And
it gives our retail partners greater control and flexibility in delivering containers to distribution centers and transload yards across Southern California.

In order to provide greater visibility on the status of inbound containers, we also launched a new online dashboard called a WAVE, which stand for Weekly Advanced Volume Estimate. You will see a sample of that on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: WAVE provides customers and goods movement stakeholders with forward-looking data that they need to better cope with surging cargo volumes and other challenges.

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DR. HACEGABA: Now, given the unprecedented nature and impact of the pandemic on our surrounding community, we also stepped up our efforts to help the most impacted by the pandemic, including community organizations. Our award-winning community sponsorship program provides an effective means for the Port to inform the community about our programs, projects, and policies. But it also helps us reach a significant portion of the diverse communities that need to know about the port and its impact on Southern California and beyond.
Recipients are non-profit organizations across the south land. They hold programs and events that reach many members of the community and via sponsorships we're able to share that in that outreach.

In fiscal year 2020, just to give you an example, our Board of Harbor Commissioners authorized 261 sponsored events for a total of $746,195.

Of course, in the past, community events were primarily in-person. Because of the pandemic, community groups had to pivot and find ways to reach their audiences, and we, in turn, adapted our program to continue to reach these audiences in a COVID-safe manner.

We've also gone above and beyond to partner with community organizations. For example, just this past Saturday, the Port joined with the labor community services and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to hold a food distribution event within the Harbor District in West Long Beach. And you'll see an image of that on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: More than 2,000 families received 50 pounds of food donated by the LA Regional Food Bank at a COVID site drive-through event. There were more than a hundred volunteers, include Port Commissioners and staff, who donated their time to make this food distribution
successful.

So even as we pivoted to respond to the immediate needs introduced by COVID, we continue to move our industry-leading capital improvement program forward, recognizing the critical need to keep our ports competitive in the years ahead. Last October, for example, we completed the replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge which touches all 435 congressional districts in the U.S. And you see an image of this on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: Because of its reach across the nation and its positive economic impact, we call this bridge the bridge to everywhere. And I want to thank personally the Lieutenant Governor for being part of our virtual grand opening event again.

Now, we also move forward with the delivery of the nation's most advanced container terminal, Long Beach Container Terminal, which you can see on the next slide.

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DR. HACEGABA: At completion, which is only months away, this container terminal will be one of the cleanest and most advanced terminals in the world, and by itself, will have the capacity of the fourth largest Port in the U.S.
And finally, as shown on the next slide --

DR. HACEGABA: -- we're moving forward with our $870 million Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility, which will be instrumental in helping us move more containers to the largest consumer markets in the U.S. directly on rail.

You'll see an image of this here. Now, each of the projects raise the bar in efficiency and sustainability and they're also significant job generators. As you can see, even during the pandemic, we remain bullish about the future and continue with our industry-leading capital investment program.

In closing, ports are massive economic engines. In Long Beach alone, port activity generates one out of eight jobs, more than 500,000 across Southern California, and two million jobs across the nation.

Goods movement, as I like to say, is literally the economy in motion. This is why we see a role in supporting the state's economic recovery. We see opportunities to support the state's economic development efforts by leveraging the growth of E-commerce, for example, the evolution of digital platforms, the demand for U.S. exports, and the need to support workforce development.

So with this, Commissioners, again thank you for
the opportunity to provide this presentation. Thank you
for your leadership in support of our ports. We do look
forward to collaborating with you and to continue
advocating for our ports at all levels of government to
ensure that we're maximizing the economic and social
benefits of these critical public assets.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much, Dr.
Hacegaba. Did I get it?


CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Hacegaba. Thank you for
that great report. You did a wonderful job really
illuminating the incredible importance of healthy ports to
California, to our economy, to our workers, to the
communities around them. So thank you very much for that
great presentation.

Ms. Lucchesi, I think that we need to take a
short break, is that correct?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Actually, we can get
through the next presentation by the Port of San Francisco
and then we'll take a short five minute break for our
court reporter.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. And then will
there by time for Commissioners to ask questions at the
end of that?
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Oh, definitely, yes.
We'll conclude this item. If it's okay with you, we'll
conclude this item including comments and any by the
Commissioners or any public comments --

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- and then we'll
take a break.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Wonderful. So up
next, go ahead Ms. Lucchesi.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. So as we are
pulling up the presentation for the Port of San Francisco
and introducing Randy Quezada, I'd like to remind the
Commissioners a year ago, we were in Long Beach for our
Commission meeting at the civic -- at the newly
constructed civic center and hearing from the Port of Long
Beach about their climate change and sea level rise
initiatives. And so I just wanted to thank the Port of
Long Beach for participating once again today. Last year,
at this time, seems like decades ago and just yesterday as
well.

So with that, I'll introduce Randy Quezada with
the Port of San Francisco for our final Port presentation.

Welcome, Randy.

(Thereupon a slide presentation.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Randy, are you there?
MR. QUEZADA: Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners, Executive Officer Lucchesi, Commission staff, and members of the public. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief overview of the Port of San Francisco's efforts to support the City and County of San Francisco's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I am Randy Quezada, Communications Director for the Port of San Francisco. And I'll just give a very quick background on the Port of San Francisco and then get into the presentation.

The Port of San Francisco oversees seven and a half miles of the bayside waterfront in San Francisco from Fisherman's Wharf in the north to Heron's Head Park in the south. We're a small boutique port with over 500 tenants. We have restaurants. We have retail. We have, of course, maritime operations. But we are home to some of the region's best loved attractions, including Fisherman's Wharf, as I mentioned, Pier 39, the Exploratorium, and Oracle Park. Our operations exports have remained strong, but cruise - we're home to a cruise terminal. We are a cruising port - ground to a halt.

As you know, about a year ago at this time, the Grand Princess situation that ultimately was resolved in partnership between the State, the Port of Oakland and lots and lots of other partners was initially headed to
its home port here in San Francisco. But the pandemic and
the virus had led us down a different path.

We were actually expecting a record number of
cruise calls last year. We were expecting a record number
of passengers. But all that didn't come to pass. That
said, I am happy and proud to report on the Port's
response to the pandemic and how we've been able to join
the City's efforts to recover and hopefully, as the
momentum of the vaccines comes around, really turn the
corner on the response.

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MR. QUEZADA: So the Port really worked hard in
close partnership with the City's COVID command center to
meet this moment. We stepped up and contributed
generously to the City's efforts to stay one step ahead of
the virus from day one and really to keep our community
safe. Our goal was to do everything that we can to ensure
a safe recovery, along with our partners and colleagues in
the city, everyone from our Department of Public Health,
to the Mayor's office, and really every city department
was mobilized to assist in the effort.

We've been able to support all aspects of the
effort, ranging from providing for health and wellness
needs, to emergency support services, and economic support
for -- for businesses, for our tenants. Port staff and property have been at the center of the City's response providing space specifically for testing, emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness, emergency food distribution, and PPE distribution, like so many other ports across the state.

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MR. QUEZADA: To date, 75 staff members, including myself, and our Executive Director have been deployed to serve as disaster service workers. Some of our staff have had multiple deployments, dozens more have been on several tours and assisted in other responses -- response efforts that directly supported the City's efforts without necessarily being deployed to the command center for direct assistance.

Currently, we have 16 staff that are deployed and we've supported everything from logistics, to project management, to communications. When I was deployed, I served as a public information officer on homelessness and the City's response to homelessness, and any other wide range of opportunities and needs that the City articulated.

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MR. QUEZADA: The first city test SF COVID-19 testing site opened at -- on the -- at the port at seawall lot 330 -- or rather Piers 30-32 on April 6th. Site services were initially limited to frontline and health care workers, but over time, it has gown to provide broad access to testing for San Franciscans regardless of symptoms or exposure.

It provides drive-through and walk-through services and can now accommodate as many as a thousand appointments per day. Tens of thousands of tests have been administered at this site from the beginning of the pandemic. Testing has been invaluable to the City's overall strategy to slowing the spread of the virus.

And if you're familiar with Piers 30-32, you'll remember that it is this beautiful pier right at the foot of the Bay Bridge that we usually operate parking. But we were able to quickly pivot, and port staff was able to prepare all of the utilities necessary to run a very successful testing site that actually became the model for -- for other testing sites. This was the first city test site and now we have several, including community based testing sites and services throughout the city.

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MR. QUEZADA: In addition to providing space for
critical testing, we've also been able to work to provide
shelter and support services to vulnerable people
experiencing homelessness, particularly in District 10.
District 10 is in the city's southeast sector and has been
especially hard hit by the virus. And providing a safe
space for unhoused people in the community at the trailer
site has helped to keep everyone in the community safer,
housed and unhoused. That site opened last May. It has
offered shelter to over 150 vulnerable individuals that
otherwise would have been living in encampments, in parks,
and on streets throughout the District 10. The trailer
site is now fully a part of the City's alternative shelter
program.

Prior to opening the trailer site at Seawall Lot
344, the Port also approved an amendment to the Port's
existing MOU with the Department of Homelessness and
Supportive Housing to modify operations at an existing
navigation center to allow for adherence with new social
distancing guidelines and to be COVID safe.

Similarly, to further bolster the City's capacity
to deal with the ongoing homelessness crisis during the
COVID-19 public health emergency, the Port also approved a
five-year extension for operations at the central
waterfront navigation center, which is near warm water
cove.
MR. QUEZADA: So in addition to providing space for testing and emergency shelter, our port has also worked to provide space for emergency food distribution. As the pandemic wreaked havoc on the local economy and many lost jobs, it also laid bare the significant food insecurity issues in our community.

Last May, the Giants teamed up with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to open an emergency food distribution site at Seawall Lot 337, in close coordination with Command Center. The site is open on Fridays for drive-through pick-up service and on Saturdays for walk-in clients to ensure that all who need food have access. On average, we see about 790 families visit the site each week. And each week, we are distributing over 41,000 pounds of food.

MR. QUEZADA: And now I wanted to shift gears to PPE distribution. Last August, the Port began to offer space to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development for critical PPE distribution for nonprofit partners. The partners distribute the life-saving equipment to local businesses within neighborhoods and communities that have
been disproportionately impacted by the virus, ensuring that essential workers are able to stay on the job and stay safe.

Access to PPE has been and will continue to be a critical part of the City's ongoing strategy to reining in the virus. OEWD, the city partner, ordered approximately 1.5 million face masks, 600,000 face shields, and 21,000 gallons of hand sanitizer from Cal OES. About 600 pallets worth of materials and (inaudible) has already distributed more than two-thirds.

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MR. QUEZADA: The last thing I'd like to add that the Port's generous tenant relief measures have also added to the City's overall effort to respond to the economic consequences of the pandemic. The Port has offered extensive rent relief to waterfront businesses impacted by COVID-19, including rent deferral, repayment programs, and rent forgiveness.

The Port's rent deferral program offer tenants an opportunity to defer rents from March through December. The repayment program is designed to meet tenants where they are and allow them to pay down their balance due on a schedule that works for their business. Similarly, the rent forgiveness program is tailored to meet the needs of
specific port tenants, including our percentage rent
tenor -- percentage rent tenants, our restaurants for
example, our maritime tenants, our qualifying local
business enterprises, and civic impact tenants, our
nonprofits and artists. The Port estimates that we will
forgive up to $13.65 million in rent.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide
this brief overview of our support for the City's ongoing
COVID-19 response. You know, we're proud to serve and
know that there is much more to be done in the days and
months ahead as we all work together to bring an end to
the pandemic, I look for -- we look forward to, you know,
continuing to work with the Commission. We will need your
partnership, your continued creativity and flexibility as
we move -- as we look forward to being able to turn the
corner.

Our port, like several other ports, like all
ports, really depend on revenues generated from our
tenants and from our waterfront operations. And they've
been especially hard hit, especially for us, who depend on
the hospitality and tourism sectors, which have been very,
very hard hit, and may be the last ones to recover, as we
move forward.

So we will need your partnership, and your
advocacy, and we look forward to working closely with you.
And with that, I will conclude my report.

    Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Randy, thank you very much. As a former San Francisco Port Commissioner myself, I was very interested, but also very proud to see all of the hard work of your team and Elaine's team out there to respond as best as possible.

    I'm going to ask the Commissioners as well if they have any questions or comments. I think for everyone, first of all, let me again say thank you for coordinating your schedules to be here all together at the same time. There are a couple of themes that we have been hearing. Essential work has gone on. And the essential work of California ports is extremely important to the California economy. Twenty percent of California's economy is derived from international trade, from international tourism, and from foreign direct investment.

    The networks of transportation, logistics, and the movement of goods around our ports is extraordinary, and very often, to many Californians, invisible. And yet, all of this activity together, again accounts for about 20 percent of our jobs.

    A couple of things that we've also heard is that while the containerized shipping continues to move forward in the case of Long Beach and LA is hitting record goods
movement, the elements of port health that have to do --
and resilience that have to do with the tourism industry
are just devastated by COVID-19, whether it's Oakland,
which has the airport, which as we heard flight is down
almost 90 percent, whether it's San Diego or San Francisco
that have incredible tourism sites and cruise ships that
would regularly be coming in that have had their revenues
devastated, it's tough.

And so, again, I will point to the budget, which
includes elements of reinvestment and stimulus for our
small businesses. And as we all know, we're waiting for
the federal government to pass what we hope will be
additional stimulus in the American Rescue Act.

So the final thing that I'll just say that is a
common element of all of our ports is really the moving
degree to which you all are engaging with your local
community, whether it's food banks, or it's providing PPE
near and far, it is really extraordinary the swift
mobilization of you, your facilities, and your capacities
to help the communities where you serve.

So thank you for all of that and thank you for
allowing us to highlight the importance of California
ports. I feel like I'm on a soap box every day, and yet
to be able to do it in this public forum is just really
terrific.
So thank you. And with that, I see Commissioner Yee's hand is up. Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I first and foremost also want to add my thanks to all of our ports in California. And just the extra, extra measures that they took during this extraordinary time. You know, so much of what you've just described Madam Chair is really about just how many livelihoods have been affected, you know, during this pandemic. And yet, just what the Port has done, you know, just through its relationships, whether it's with its tenants, or working in partnership with so many of their -- so many organizations with whom they've collaborated over the years, I think it really underscores how -- how value -- how much value they bring because of those relationships that they've had, both in terms of the impacts to our economy and the benefits to our economy, but also the ability to really respond to the urgent nature of what so many in their communities are addressing.

But I couldn't help but think about a role for this Commission, you know, as I was hearing from each of the Port representatives. And certainly I think, as you've alluded to Madam Chair, the added voice in terms of advocacy before the federal government, I think, is something that we certainly can step up on. I have often...
times thought about, particularly over the years that I've worked in local government, about how misunderstood our ports are. And I think it is because so much of what you do is not, you know, just front and center and kind of visible.

But ports have, for a long time, been considered the orphans of local government, and yet their reach is just so global. And I think this is a time now particularly as they've demonstrated how much they have really just stepped up, that we certainly, I hope as a Commission, can lend our voice to any federal advocacy going forward.

So really appreciate all the presentations today and also offer my thanks to everybody who's just stepped up during this really great time of need for so many in your communities, and whether it's food, whether it's shelter, whether it's just basic health and safety, just meeting those needs with, you know, just a sense of urgency, but certainly dedication and commitment.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Commissioner Miller, do you have any questions or comments?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Back to Jennifer Lucchesi. Ms. Lucchesi, are we -- do we have any public
comments actually on this item?

   Grace, has anyone lined up to make a public
comment on this item.

   LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
   Madam Chair, we did have a hand raised from Jake
Mitchell, but that hand has been lowered.

   CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Then with that,
   once again, thank you to everyone from our esteemed ports
   for coming today and giving us those detailed
   presentations.

   And I think, Ms. Lucchesi, we are going to break,
   is that right?

   EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: That is correct.
   We'll take a five-minute break and maybe return at four
   o'clock sharp (inaudible) --

   CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Four o'clock sharp. All
   right. All right. Thank you, everyone.

   (Off record: 3:55 p.m.)

   (Thereupon a recess was taken.)

   (On record: 4:01 p.m.)

   CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. Are we back?

   Okay to resume? All right.

   EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes.

   CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Moving on to Item 43,
which is to consider sponsoring legislation in the
2020-2021 legislative session that would repeal obsolete school land statutes and recast or modernize other school land statutes. May we have the presentation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Legislative Liaison and Chief of our External Affairs Division, Sheri Pemberton will be providing staff's presentation.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF PEMBERTON: Thank you Madam Chair and Commissioners. This legislative proposal that staff recommends the Commission sponsor would help the Commission generate revenue to support retired teachers. Specifically, it will provide the Commission with additional tools to acquire and steward a category of public lands known as school lands that the Commission manages to generate revenue for CalSTRS and facilitate renewable energy development.

Several decades ago, the Legislature created a School Land Bank Fund and designated the Commission as trustee of the fund. The Commission is tasked with reinvesting revenue in that fund, which is from previous land sales that occurred before 1984, to generate revenue for California teachers.

So this proposal would remove some constraints that make it difficult for the Commission to invest in this property, or in additional properties. Specifically, the legislation would clarify that the Commission can pay
routine land acquisition costs, such as escrow, appraisal, title and other costs associated with the land transaction out of the School Land Bank Fund and remove a five percent cap on those -- on those costs. The Legislation would also delegate authority to the Commission's site -- would -- excuse me, would authorize the Commission to delegate authority to the Commission's Executive Officer to make non-refundable down payments to purchase property. The reason for this is to allow the Commission to be on a more level playing field with other participants in the real estate market. Without the ability to make down payments in a timely fashion, the Commission may not be able to effectively invest in property that would be in the State's best interest.

The other couple things that this bill does is remove some obsolete statutes in the school land statutory framework and also gives the Commission some more flexibility in the rare instances where it may sell or convey school lands to not retain an access easement, if that would be in the State's best interest. And the reason for that is we discovered when we conveyed land to the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation last year that there may be instances where retaining an access easement may be damaging for important cultural or biological resources. So we wanted to give the Commission that
flexibility to not always have to retain an access easement.

And that's a summary of the provisions of the proposed legislation. And again, it's intended to give the Commission more tools, so it can better manage school lands and better invest the revenue in the School Land Bank Fund.

And that concludes my presentation and I'm happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much, Ms. Pemberton. Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Miller, any questions on this item?

COMMISSIONER YEE: (Shakes head.)

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Well, thank you for the detailed work that staff put into this to find these areas that are outdated, and that can be changed to allow you to work more efficiently and effectively. Do we have a motion for this item and a second?

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll move that we -- that the Commission sponsor legislation as described.

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: And, Madam Chair, I'll be abstaining from this item, please. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Commissioner Yee, I think you have to hit the raise hand, is that right, for
the record?

No.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: No.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: No. All right. I thought that was the new protocol. My apologies.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. No problem.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: I misread the information.

Okay. Ms. Lucchesi, please call the roll.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: We actually do still need a second, Chair?
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Oh, I will second.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Excellent
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: And actually, let me just ask real quick, Grace, do we have any public comment on this item?
LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Chair Kounalakis, we have no hands raised for public comment on this item.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Ms. Lucchesi, please call the roll.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.
Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE: Aye.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner Miller?
ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Abstain.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Kounalakis?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes two to zero with one abstention.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. The next item is Item 44 to receive an update on State legislation relevant to the State Lands Commission. May we have the presentation, please?

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF PEMBERTON: Yes.

Thank you, Madam -- Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'll keep this brief, given the time constraints. This is really, at this point, an informational update.

As of last Friday, the Legislature has introduced a little under 2,400 new bills in various categories and on issues that we think is of interest to the Commission, climate change, sea level rise, aquaculture, offshore wind energy, plastic pollution, and changes to open meeting laws to allow for equitable participation.

Our staff will be analyzing these bills in the coming weeks. We have about 65 bills that we're monitoring at this moment and then anticipate coming back to the Commission at our April meeting with recommendations for specific bills to either support, work with the author's office on amendments on, or potentially...
oppose.

So we'll do it -- we'll be doing that work in the coming weeks. And just given the time, I won't go into specific details on any of the bills, but I'm happy to answer any questions. And again, the staff report summarizes the different bills organized by category.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much, Ms. Pemberton. Commissioner Yee, do you have any comments or questions?

Ms. Miller?

COMMISSIONER YEE: I do not -- I do not, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Ms. Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, do we have any public comment on this item?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Chair, we have no hands raised for public comment.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Okay. Ms. -- and there is no roll. We all have the report.

Okay. We will move then to Item 10, to consider an application for a general lease of sovereign land in the Pacific ocean near Samoa in Humboldt County. May we have the presentation, please.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. We have two of our colleagues. Al Franzoia and Afifa Awan who will be giving staff's presentation and their PowerPoint should be pulled up now.

(Thereupon a slide presentation.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Al, I'll turn it to you.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOIA: Thank you, Jennifer. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. My name is Al Franzoia and I'm a Public Land Management Specialist in the Land Management Division.

I'm here to briefly present the proposed trans-Pacific subsea fiber optic cable project proposed by RTI Infrastructure, Inc.

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PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOIA: This is RTI's third subsea fiber-optic cable project and Mitigated Negative Declaration in the last two years. Two landing pipes were installed in Manchester in Mendocino County and two were installed in Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo County. One fiber-optic cable coming from Singapore has already been installed in Grover Beach. One fiber-optic cable from Hong Kong is planned to land in
Manchester in the summer of 2022.

The installation of four landing pipes and the first cable landing in the Samoa Peninsula is expected in late summer 2021.

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PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOIA:
Telecommunications requires fiber-optic cables to convey uninterrupted data at faster speeds. RTI proposes to provide a high-speed information highway connecting Northern California and the U.S. with Asia and Australia. This project’s location in particular is being strategically selected to avoid a marine protected area and provide a direct connection to land-based information hubs as part of a broader plan to ensure that statewide telecommunication needs are met.

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PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOIA: The project is located in the Pacific Ocean near Samoa, which is close to Eureka, on the Samoa Peninsula in Humboldt County.

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PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOIA: The
lease is for the installation of telecommunication infrastructure from the ordinary high water mark to three nautical miles offshore. The four landing pipes would exit 3,600 feet offshore. From there, two fiber optic cables would be buried on the ocean bottom to three nautical miles, and beyond that to approximately 23 nautical miles to the edge of the continental shelf at a depth of 1,000 fathoms or 5,905 feet. Beyond the continental shelf, the cables would be laid on the ocean floor.

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PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST FRANZOAIA: The landing pipes would be about five to six inches in diameter. They would be installed by the horizontal directional drilling construction method as explained in this image. These landing pipes would be at least 35 feet below the beach and surf zone, before they exit offshore in about 40 feet of water. The cables would be pulled through the landing pipes to connect onshore.

And now, I'd like to turn it over to my colleague, Afifa Awan, to discuss the Mitigated Negative Declaration and conclude our presentation.

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: Thank you, Al.
Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. I'm Afifa Awan, a Senior Environmental Scientist with the Commission's Environmental Planning -- Division of Environmental Planning and Management.

Today, I will be briefly discussing the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. And at the end, I'll be concluding with staff's recommendations.

As you can -- I'm sorry. Next slide, please.

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: As you can see on your slide, staff consulted with this following -- this following entities as we were preparing the MND. These include fishing associations, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Coastal Commission, Humboldt County, and CalRecycle.

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SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: The MND was published for 30 days from December 11th, 2020 until January 12, 2021. Because of the crab season and the pandemic, staff agreed to accept comments from several fishing associations through January 25th. The project could result in potential significant impacts to several of these environmental resource areas, as you can see on
this slide, which include biological resources, cultural resources, tribal resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology, noise, recreation, and transportation.

And staff also analyzed potential impacts to fishers in the MND's commercial and recreational fishing section. All of these impacts to these resource areas would be reduced to less than significant levels with mitigation measures.

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SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: We received 18 comment letters or emails on the MND both supporting the project and opposing the project. So California Department of Fish and Wildlife -- Fish and Wildlife was concerned about our approach to mitigating for potential hard substrate impacts. But we believe the process in use for more than 20 years is well grounded in the best available science.

And right now, the project's phase one with the first two fiber-optic cables coming is not expected to go through any hard substrate. The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services was concerned about a historic landfill located at the cable landing site in Samoa.
In response, staff revised the MND's Mitigation Measure Haz-1, which is entitled, "Develop and Implement Spill Contingency and Hazardous Materials Management Plans", that would require the applicant to prepare the following two plans before starting any work. These plans are worker health and safety plan, and the second one is soil and waste excavation management plan.

The Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe and the Wiyot Tribe, these tribes -- these tribes shared their appreciation of tribal cultural resources protection measures in the MND.

And lastly, we had 13 comment letters from the fishing community. Four letters were supporting the project and nine were raising -- and nine raised several concerns. Because many of the comments were recurring, staff provided master responses.

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SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: Here you can see the master responses to these comments. I'd like to just highlight three of them. The first one is master response one, which is cable burial and suspensions. We clarified that the oldest -- the older submarine cables are different than the project's fiber-optic cables. These fiber-optic cables are designed to stay buried and
not be exposed or suspended.

The second one I'd like to highlight is master response five, which is cable paths. We clarified that the fiber-optic cable paths would not reduce any fishing grounds.

And the last one is master response seven, which is cumulative impacts. We clarified that at this point in time, all non-foreseeable projects have been looked at, and considered for cumulative impacts, and the project would not contribute to any cumulative impacts.

In response to concerns raised in some of these comments, staff made some minor changes to the MND and the final MND is now posted on Commission's website. Staff also revised the lease provisions about a fishing agreement requiring that the applicant take steps to create a more inclusive agreement of all fishers in the region.

And lastly, staff required -- staff included these conditions in the lease, which the first one is requiring fishing monitoring vessels during in-water work. And the second one is avoiding project work during crab season. And the third one is locating the ocean ground bed components of the project onshore. These master responses and all individual comments and responses are in staff report Exhibit D.
I'd like to conclude with staff recommending that the Commission adopt the MND, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program, and authorize the 25-year lease to the applicant.

That concludes staff's presentation. The applicant, represented by Chris Brungardt, will now provide a brief statement. And we also have Jay Johnson, our expert marine biologist from Applied Marine Sciences available for any technical questions.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you, Ms. Awan. That was a very informative presentation. Good job.

And who -- Chris, is he up, the applicant?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. I believe he will be soon. He does need to be promoted, Katie, or Mike, or Phil. His name is Chris Brungardt.

MR. BRUNGARDT: Okay. I think I've pushed all the right buttons now.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: There he is. There you go.

(Laughter.)

MR. BRUNGARDT: All right. Madam Chair, Commissioners, and staff, my name is Chris Brungardt. I'm Senior Vice President for RTI Infrastructure, the applicant.
I've been working on submarine fiber-optic cables in California for the last 25 years, including the ones that Al mentioned earlier that -- the most recent ones with State Lands, and several in the last few years before that, that landed Southern California.

We've had lot of lessons learned through that process we've been able to bring to bear on this project. This is an important project to us. It's an important project to our country and to California, but I would like to focus on why it's important to Eureka and Arcata in that particular area.

When we bring these cables in, you can't plug directly into them. It's like plugging your cell phone into a high-powered transmission line. It doesn't work. So when the communications data comes ashore to our cable landing station there in that area, we need a local carrier, a local telecommunications carrier to carry our traffic from there to other parts of the state, to other points that have major connection centers where we can access the global networks.

What that will do for the area though is it will be a magnet that will draw additional broadband to the Arcata and Eureka area. Our presence there, the cables will build. As they build capacity over time, there will be a need for more and diverse multiple broadband paths.
So it does, it acts as a draw to bring additional communications to that area.

But what I'd really like -- and you can read -- Al did a great presentation. Afifa thanks for that. You can read about all the rest in the paper. What I'd like to emphasize is just how excellent your staff is. These guys have been fantastic. We've been working together with this group for years. They've been very responsive always. They're very solution oriented, which for a guy that does a lot of permitting around the world, it's a pretty rare characteristic to get that kind of combination. This team seems to have a unique ability to kind of navigate the waters, so to speak, to know where to put the effort.

And most of all, they're collaborative. They are a team. When you can get the engineers, and the environmental folks, and the real estate people to all work together and pull in a direction, that's special. There's a word for that, "family".

(Laughter.)

MR. BRUNGARDT: So, look, with that, when you get the opportunity, I would really appreciate you voting to approve the project.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much for
your comments. And was there one more person, Ms. Awan, who you said was going to be speaking?

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AWAN: Yes. It was Jay Johnson. He would be there if we had any questions. He's the marine expert.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. I do not have any questions on this.

Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

COMMISSIONER YEE: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. So seeing none, then do we have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: I would move approval, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second. I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: And, Madam Chair, before we actually take a vote, we do have a couple of public comments.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Oh, my apologies. Okay.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: No worries.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, can we please move to public comment.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Thank you, Madam Chair. Our first speaker will
be Larry Oakter -- Oetker, excuse me, followed by Ken Bates.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Grace, it does not look like we have Mr. Oetker on the call yet or on the line. Maybe we can move on.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Absolutely. Thank you. I'd like to call on Ken Bates please.

MR. BATES: Well, good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners, and staff. My name is Ken Bates. I'm a third generation coastal California -- Californian residing in Humboldt County. I'm here representing Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association. Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit representing fishermen since 1955.

I appreciate greatly the time that the staff has spent with fishermen concerning this particular item. And I would like to go quickly and just comment on one particular item.

Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association and other fishermen's associations have been working with the State Lands and the Coastal Commission staff since 2019 to address mitigation for cables crossing California's community fishing grounds. We believe that the State agency's goals to mitigate to a level of insignificance,
to include a diverse group of stakeholders, and to provide
for fishing community benefits to the widest extent is the
correct approach.

This goal was reached in the Central Coast Cable
Committee and is the model for the west coast. This did
not happen in the Point Arena Cable Committee where six
troll fishermen captured the mitigation funds for their
personal use for the past 20 years.

We share the State Lands commitment to promote
inclusive -- inclusivity and participation by Coastal
Commission -- by coastal fishing community members for the
benefit of the public interest.

We have carefully studied the SLC lease agreement
language, which describes permit conditions required by
the applicant for the lease and the construction of the
RTI cable project. There are two salient points in the
lease language concerning that fishing agreement and our
continued participation in this process: one, the SLC
mandate for the applicant to achieve greater inclusivity
and participation in the joint committee established by
the fishing agreement; and two, the SLC provision for
allowing amendments to the fishing agreement as a
condition for permitting and construction of the RTI
Eureka cable project.

To those SLC conditions, our interpretation of
the lease provisions allow for the following:

The inclusion within the fishing agreement of the local fishermen's associations of Fort Bragg, Shelter Cove, Eureka, Trinidad, Crescent City as signators to the fishing agreement, and the participation of Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association, Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Association and Shelter Cove Fishermen's Associations of Humboldt County as voting members with legal standing in regards to committee actions and operations.

Those operations would include, but not be limited to, public outreach and notification, fund management, goals and policies, grant fund requests, awards, disbursements, yearly evaluations, federal COLA mitigation adjustments, and the hiring of committee liaison officers.

We share the mitigation goal of the State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission to provide benefit to the widest extent for California coastal fishing communities and the smooth and safe installation and operation of covered cables crossing the public fishing grounds of California.

Thank you for your time for allowing me to comment today.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much.
Grace, is anyone else in line to speak?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. We have Mike Conroy followed by Craig Groucher -- Goucher.

MR. CONROY: Thank you. I think I'm unmuted now. Can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can hear you.

MR. CONROY: Thank you. So my name is Mike Conroy. I'm the Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's associations. We are the largest organization of commercial fishermen and women on the west coast.

For 40 years, we have been leading the industry in assuring that the rights of individual fishermen and fighting for the long-term survival of commercial fishing as a productive livelihood and way of life. PCFFA represents local fishermen's associations on the west coast from Santa Barbara to the Canadian border. PCFFA's members do fish in and around the project area.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to offer comments today on the RTI cable project to be located off Humboldt. As you know, the area is important to California's commercial fisheries independent fishing communities. We submitted a somewhat detailed comment pointing out perceived deficiencies in the MND. For the
sake of clarity, since it seemed to have created some
confusion, never did we oppose the project nor did we ever
request an EIR. We haven't nor are we doing so today.

Our primary concerns focused on the lack of a
cumulative impacts analysis and the lack of transparency
surrounding the required fishing agreement. I don't want
to repeat what you've already heard from Ken and what you
will likely hear from others. I think that what we have
seen recently is definitely a step in the right direction.

As I'm sure you are well aware, there are other
projects currently proposed or likely to be proposed in or
near the RTI project area. To be sure, the history of
fiber-optic cable projects off the state gives us comfort
that the potential for conflicts are very low, but not
non-existent. That is why the fishing agreement is so
important.

These other projects will bring different and
often unknown issues and concerns, which may not be
limited to fishing operations in local fishing
communities. We flag that today and look forward to
engaging in those processes when they become a reality.
Like Ken said, we very much appreciate the willingness of
State Lands Commission staff to engage with the fishing
community in ensuring that our concerns were addressed.
The modifications shown in the MND address those concerns.
Thank you for your time and your staff's time. And if you have any questions, we'll be happy to answer them.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Grace, the next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

I had initially indicated Craig Goucher. I do not see him on our list at this time. So I'd like to call Jake Mitchell followed by George Bradshaw.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Mitchell, are you there?

Grace do you see...

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: If I --

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: He shows --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Oh, sorry. Go ahead, Grace.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: He shows unmuted on this side. Mr. Mitchell, you may need to unmute on your end.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Mitchell, we cannot hear you.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Grace, why don't we move on to our next public commenter and maybe we can
problem solve for Mr. Mitchel.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Absolutely. I'd like to call on Mr. George Bradshaw at this time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Bradshaw, are you there?

MR. BRADSHAW: Yes. Do you get me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. We can hear you.

MR. BRADSHAW: Hello. Thank you. Good afternoon, almost evening now. My name is George Bradshaw. I am a lifelong resident of Crescent City, California, third generation fisherman. You know, and I'm here to represent the Crescent City Commercial Fishermen's Association and kind of echo the same that you heard from Ken and Conroy.

Hold on, please.

You know, and what we're hoping for is this -- that this process and project moves forward properly. You know, we've been working diligently and collectively engaged with the other north coast fishing associations to come up with an amended fishing agreement that we could all agree on and, you know, support.

You know, we agree with, you know, HFMA's response earlier and, you know, not that we are opposing any project. You know, we would like to move forward with
support, and, you know, would like to thank everyone's, you know, work on the process, thank your guys's engagement with the fishing community.

And that's about what I have to say.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much for your comments.

Grace, next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Our next speaker will be Peter Leipzig followed by David Helliwell.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Leipzig, are you there?

There, I see --

MR. LEIPZIG: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead.

MR. LEIPZIG: Okay. It keeps telling me to unmute.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. We gotcha.

MR. LEIPZIG: Okay. My name is Peter Leipzig. And I'm speaking on behalf of the North Coast Fishermen's Cable Committee.

A little bit of background. I retired at the end of 2016 after working 38 years for a group called the Fishermen's Marketing Association. And the FMA
represented groundfish and shrimp troll fishermen in California, Oregon, and Washington. In 2018, that was two years after I retired, the FMA Board of Directors contacted me and asked if I would be willing to provide some assistance to a group of FMA members in the Eureka area dealing with the prospect of a fiber-optic cable coming ashore in Samoa, and I agreed.

And we, as a group, met several times with the folks from RTI. We developed a very good working understanding of what their project was going to be about and what RTI was expecting from the fishermen.

Over the next two years, we accomplished two things. In July of 2019, we founded the North Coast Fishermen's Cable Committee. It's a nonprofit California corporation. And the purpose is to educate the public and particularly mariners about fiber-optic cables, especially those coming ashore in Samoa.

The Cable Committee is governed by a five-person board, all of which are trollers and Dungeness crab fishermen. And I am not a member of that Board, though I am the corporate secretary and the treasurer. And honestly, I look forward to passing that baton on to someone else, so I can begin spending a little more time in my woodshop.

But the second thing that we accomplished was in
July of 2020, we finalized a fishing agreement with RTI. The process of developing an agreement began by reviewing a draft agreement supplied by RTI and also examining the current agreements that other cable committees along the west coast have entered into.

This was, as any negotiation should be, an interact -- an iterative process with going back and forth. And during this process, I and members of the Board consulted with fishermen that had been involved in other cable committees along the coast many times. Those people and the other groups gave us lots of suggestions and insights on how the relationship with cable companies had worked for them, and we tried to incorporate that into our agreement.

In the end, I believe, that we have produced a good agreement that provides protection to the fishing industry and will benefit the industry on into the future. We support this project and encourage you to approve it. And I'd be happy to take any questions you may have.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Grace, our next speaker.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Our next speaker will be David Helliwell followed by Second Wind at Humboldt.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Helliwell, are you there?
Grace, do you -- do you see our speaker?
MR. HELLIWELL: There, did I get it?
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Yes, you got it. We can hear you. Go ahead.
MR. HELLIWELL: All right. Thank you.
Good afternoon, Chair Kounalakis and Commissioners. My name is David Helliwell. I represent Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association and the fishing vessel Corregidor out of the Port of Eureka.
RTI proposes bringing fiber-optic cables ashore through the 150-year old commercial crab grounds in front of Eureka. I do not oppose the landing of these cables, but I do oppose them coming ashore without inclusive and adequate agreements, and procedures in place to address the inevitable interactions that will take place in the process of installation and operation of these cables.
Agreements and procedures that have been industry standard for 20 years are in place in Morro Bay for landing, operation, and maintenance of cables. These agreements and procedures have worked well for the cable companies and the fishing community. This has not been the case above Point Arena.
On July 1st, 2020, while running a 26 fathom crab
string, Tony Burris observed 380 foot survey boat Bold Explorer troll right through across the end of our string. When Tony arrived at the end, the end trap was gone. I was fishing five strings of gear from 15 fathoms to 26 fathoms. The path of the survey was directly across all five strings. Mr. Burris observed Bold Explorer pass through our crab gear eight times on July 1st, four going east and four times west. The result was lost traps and diminished catch.

On July 1st, I contacted CDFW Warden Mike Hampton and reported our missing endmarker and the operations of a towboat and cable in the crab gear. It is illegal to disturb or move legally deployed gear.

On July 2nd, I contacted Humboldt Bay Harbor District and asked if they knew anything about a survey going on in front of Eureka. Assistant Executive Director Adam Wagschal reported no knowledge of a survey. After contact with State Lands, the Coastal Commission, CDFW, and the Coast Guard, the survey crew was finally persuaded to cease operations for two weeks until the end of crab season, when all the gear would be removed from the ocean. In the meantime, damage was done, gear was lost, and catch declined.

There is a rumor that an agreement was formed with a handful of drag boats to address fishing
interactions with cable operations. If this is the case, such agreement has provided zero benefit to the majority of bottom contact fleet nor has the fleet been contacted. I have fished 50 consecutive crab seasons out of the ports of Eureka and Crescent City. Nobody I know knows anything about an agreement to address issues with installation and operation of a cable in local waters. I am not opposed to the landing of a fiber-optic cable at Samoa or Eureka. I support it being brought ashore with agreements and procedures in place to address interactions between the fishing industry and the cable company.

The Morro Bay Cable Committee is in the process of updating their 20-year old agreement with cable companies. The ports of Arena, Fort Bragg, Shelter Cove, Eureka, Trinidad, and Crescent City are participating in this process and expect to bring forward the same agreement with any port-specific additions.

Anything State Lands Commission can do to assist this process and to move forward to an end that is inclusive of all affected fishermen will be appreciated.

I thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Grace, are there any more speakers who would like to address the Commission?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Our next speaker will be Second Wind.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Do you -- do you see someone trying to get in?

MR. GOUCHER: There we go. Am I on?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Please state your name for the record. Yes.

MR. GOUCHER: My name is Craig Goucher. I am representing Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association, which is comprised of 14 members, including myself. We have never had cables installed in our fishing grounds. We are concerned about possible entanglements with our fishing gear.

We're here today asking to be included in the process of accomplishing an agreement between RTI and the fishermen for the installation of these cables. Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association hopes to have a voting seat at the table, so that we can work with RTI to accomplish this agreement.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

Grace, are there any others who have asked to speak?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO: Chair Kounalakis, at this time, I'd like to see if we can get Jake Mitchell back on.
CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Mr. Mitchell, are you there?

MR. MITCHELL: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. MITCHELL: Oh, there I am.

Well, I'll try not to take up too much of your time. Anyway, I'm Jake Mitchell. I'm the President of Shelter Cove Fishing Preservation, Incorporated. We're a 501(c)(3) in Shelter Cove, California.

I -- pretty much what has been said is what I would say as well. And I'd just like to say that, you know, we'd also like to be part of the fishing industry mitigation. And we'd be willing to, you know, sign on to an amended fishing agreement as well. And we'd like to just echo, you know, the sentiments that Ken and Mike said as well. And thanks for hearing what I have to say.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Grace, is there anyone else who would like to speak on this issue?

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:

At this time, I'd like to ask if I could have Larry Oetker raise his hand if he's here as an attendee to speak.

Chair Kounalakis, we do not have any additional hands raised at this time for public comment.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. So we have a
motion on the table and a second. But before we vote on this, Ms. Lucchesi, is there anything that you could say to those who might be engaging in this toward the end of the process about how they can participate and engage in the future?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes, of course. I do want to just acknowledge -- I'm happy to respond to many of the comments that we've heard. It looks like we just had a hand raised by a Mr. Tony Cannia. If it pleases the Chair, we'd -- I'd like to just give him an opportunity to speak.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Sure.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Great.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Grace, can you put the speaker through.

MR. CANNIA: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. CANNIA: Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. CANNIA: Oh, I'm just commenting on the -- oh. I'm just going to make a comment quick. The Eureka, and Trinidad, and Shelter Cove comment. I agree with them.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: You have three minutes, so take a deep breath, take your time.
(Laughter.)

MR. CANNIA: I hate these things. I'm just saying I'm a longtime commercial fisherman. I am the President of the Association of the Salmon Market Association here in Fort Bragg. And over the years I've been here when they installed the first cable over 20 years ago. I was on their board when I had a drag boat and now I've seen that there -- cables been coming in and we never get notified or what's going on, like we should. And I agree with the rest of my colleagues from Eureka and Trinidad, and Shelter Cove.

That's all I have to say.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much. Ms. Lucchesi, you were about to respond to some of the comments.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes, I wanted to thank all the fishers for not only working with our team and letting us know about their concerns for the process, but also contributing and participating in today's meeting. Based on their concerns and requests, we have incorporated a number of lease terms that set up both the applicant and the fishing community to have further discussions about how to broaden and make more inclusive the participation in that agreement that was referenced in many of the comments.
And we will be providing oversight as staff negotiations along with the Coastal Commission staff to ensure the greatest amount of inclusivity, and also to make sure that the terms of the agreement, as may be amended, are complied with and fulfilled by all parties.

And I will just add, in conclusion, that we are very well aware and continue to want to learn and understand about just how the ocean has been changing in terms of additional infrastructure going in or being proposed to go in, especially with the potential for offshore wind, and that the concerns that this raises for the fishing community and their livelihood.

And so we look forward to continuing to engage and learn from the fishing community, particularly in Northern California.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much, Ms. Lucchesi. I see Commissioner Yee you have your hands --

COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, thank you, Madam Chair. I just had a question. And that is, we didn't get into the details of the Mitigation Monitoring Program, and I know that -- I thought I had seen some provisions in there about relating to entanglement, and just wanted to know if some of the processes that are being sought would be
incorporated as we deal with some of the mitigation measures as well.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: I will turn that over to Afifa to quickly respond or, Afifa, if you would like, Nicole or Eric can respond.

Just in regards to the agreement, that does lay out a process for those fishers that may get their gear caught up in the cables for making claims to cover not just the cost of the lost gear, but also lost catch --

COMMISSIONER YEE: Um-hmm.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- as well as a fund has been set up by the applicant, RTI, to fund various projects through a grant process essentially by the fishing community. So there is a number of different terms in that agreement that again, through our lease, is incorporated into the obligation of the lessee, along with a requirement to really broaden the inclusiveness, and seek to broaden the inclusiveness of that agreement to capture additional members of the fishing community.

So with that, maybe I'll turn it to Eric, or Nicole, or Afifa to address the (inaudible) measures.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF GILLIES: Yeah. Thanks, Jen. This is Eric Gillies. I'm Assistant Chief of the Division of Environmental Planning and Management.
I think you covered it pretty well, Jen, regarding the agreement. And they'll have a -- I'll also ask Chris to bring this up, because again set up a website. If gear gets tangled, there's a website that they go to to set up a claim. But I'll turn it over to Chris to explain that as far as what they're having -- and they also have a liaison on-site up in Humboldt at the harbors. You want to elaborate more, Chris, on that?

MR. BRUNGARDT: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, thanks. So the agreement we have put in place is patterned off of those that are working very effectively. As a number of the fishermen have noted here, the agreement in Southern California, the one in the Central Coast, those work very well.

When we worked out this agreement with the mobile bottom contact fishermen, they consulted those other groups, and they got the lessons learned. So, in essence, what we do is, first of all, we will be able to bury the cables. So the idea that they're going to be entangled is extremely, extremely remote. It can only happen if there's some severe weather event that caused the cable to become unburied. They're designed not to do that. They're heavier than water. They'll stay on the ocean floor. The ocean floor here is primarily sandy, muddy, particularly where the fishing happens.
One of the great things just that works out is where fishing happens, we can get burial. Where fishing doesn't happen, in rock, that's where it's hard to bury. Of course, you don't bury it there. So over more than 20 years, there are 23 cables that have landed in California. We have one incident of actual gear entanglement.

It turns out when we did a post-lay survey, that gear was hung up on a rock next to the cable. The cable company asked them to sacrifice the gear, rather than grapnel for it because they were afraid of a damage -- to damage a cable nearby.

But -- so the idea that it could get tangled is very, very remote. But we put conditions in place that benefit all fishermen. So there's an 800 number staffed 24/7. If a fisherman believes they are hung up, we ask that they call. We will then advise please sacrifice your gear or you're far enough away, go head and grapnel for it. Do what you need to retrieve your gear.

If we ask them to sacrifice it, the agreement says we'll pay a hundred and fifty percent of the gear replacement cost.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

MR. BRUNGARDT: So that's in order to accommodate to pay for the gear plus any lost -- lost revenue.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you. That is
extremely helpful information, I think, to the people who made comments. And on that note, I think we actually have someone who raised their hand. Is that -- is that right, Grace? I -- if the Commissioners don't mind allowing one more person to make comment -- give comment on this.

Grace.

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
Thank you, Chair. We have Peter Bogdan who has raised his hand to make comment.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. We'll go ahead and allow that to proceed. Mr. Bogdan, go ahead.

MR. BOGDAN: Hi. Yeah. Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Yes, we can.

MR. BOGDAN: Great. So I'm a fisherman in Point Arena. I've fished Dungeness crab here for 30 years. I was a harbor master for almost 25 years.

And, you know, I'm here to support the idea of a broader based fishing agreement. We are not aware of any kind of fishing agreement with our community -- with our fishing community on this last Point Arena project. And so that is basically in a nutshell what I want to say. I'm supporting a broader based fishing agreement that would include Point Arena fishermen.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you very much.
All right. So, Commissioner Yee, did you have anymore questions?

COMMISSIONER YEE: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. Commissioner Miller, any questions or comments?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Ms. Lucchesi, will you call the roll.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner Miller?

ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay.

MR. BRUNGARDT: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Thank you for everyone who came and spoke on this item and for the presentations, particularly the staff presentations, which were really terrific.

Ms. Lucchesi, what is the next order of business?

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: The next order of
business is our second public comment period.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. If anyone would
like to address the Commission on any matter that is not
on today's agenda, please raise your hand and you will
have three minutes to do so. Grace, please call on the
first person who would like to make public comment.

    LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION ASSISTANT CHIEF KATO:
    Thank you, Chair Kounalakis. We have no hands
raised for public comment at this time.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Thank you, Grace.
That concludes our second public comment period.

    Do any of the Commissioners have any questions or
comments?

    COMMISSIONER YEE: (Shakes head.)

    ACTING COMMISSIONER MILLER: (Shakes head.)

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Okay. Ms. Lucchesi,
next order of business.

    CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: Our next order of
business will be closed session. We will be conducting
our closed session via conference call. Commissioners,
please email me or call me -- call my cell phone if you
need the call-in information. For the Commissioners and
staff participating in closed session, upon adjournment,
please mute your microphone, turn off your webcam, and if
possible go into a different room. This will ensure
confidentiality of our discussion.

AGP VIDEO: Excuse me, Jennifer, this is Billy from AGP Video.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes.

AGP VIDEO: And I'm curious if you'll be doing a report out, if you want us to stay online?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes, we will be doing a report out. So we'll be adjourning into closed session now and then we'll call the meeting back into order.

AGP VIDEO: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Thank you.

(Off record: 4:53 p.m.)

(Thereupon the meeting recessed into closed session.)

(Thereupon the meeting reconvened open session.)

(On record: 5:10 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. I see that we have all of our Commissioners present. So I call this meeting back to order.

Ms. Lucchesi, is there anything to report from closed session?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: No.

CHAIRPERSON KOUNALAKIS: All right. That
concludes the open meeting. Thank you, everyone. It's
great to be back as the Chair. And I will now conclude
the open meeting and see you all next time. We are
adjourned.

(Thereupon the California State Lands
Commission meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.)
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