

REVISED AGENDA
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting
 July 7-8, 2005
 Veteran's Memorial Hall
 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442

PRIMARY MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. Review and provide targeted feedback toward refinement of draft Regional Profile
2. Review and revise preliminary draft regional goals developed by work team
3. Provide updates to RSG members on communication protocols and information development
4. Convene work teams; begin preparations for August RSG meetings

MEETING AGENDA

Day 1 – Thursday, July 7, 2005

Time	Agenda Item
9:30 AM	<i>Arrival, refreshments, greetings</i>
10:00 AM	Welcome, agenda review, and update on RSG membership (Handout 1)
10:15 AM	Review and discuss working draft Regional Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present draft Regional Profile (Attachment 1, Handout 2) • Provide targeted feedback • Identify next steps to revise Regional Profiles
12:15 PM	Ground Rules Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and adopt ground rule for guiding public comment
12:20 PM	Public Comment
12:35 PM	<i>Lunch (on site)</i>
1:35 PM	Briefing on communication protocols (Handout 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss characterization of the media ground rule • Review protocol for making information requests • Describe process of bringing RSG science/policy questions to SAT/BRTF • Review protocol for submitting alternative proposals from non-RSG members for MPAs along the central coast
2:05 PM	Status Reports from Work Teams and Update on Information Gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Work Teams (goals/objectives, information scoping, data presentation) • Status of other information gathering efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Socioeconomic research (Attachment 2) ○ Internet Map Service (IMS)
2:30 PM	Review and discuss: "How is your MPA doing?" (Handout 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Dr. Charlie Wahle, National MPA Center
3:45 PM	<i>Break</i>
4:00 PM	Review and discuss preliminary draft goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review guidance for developing goals/objectives (Attachment 3) • Report back from work team on goals • Review preliminary draft goals (Attachment 4) • Discuss and approve regional goals • Wrap up—Identify next steps to develop objectives
5:20 PM	Preview of August RSG meeting topics
5:30 PM	<i>Adjourn</i>
6:30 PM	<i>RSG Dinner (Dockside Restaurant)</i>

Day 2 – Friday, July 8, 2005

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 AM	<i>Continental breakfast</i>
8:30 AM	Review agenda for Day 2 and Questions from Day 1
8:45 AM	Work Session Activities (informed by Day 1 discussions) Convene work sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goals and objectives• Information scoping Conduct information gathering workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Map “unfishable areas” (north)• Map “unfishable areas” (south)• Map “dive sites”
12:30 PM	<i>Adjourn</i>

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Regional Profile (text and color maps)
2. Status Report on socio-economic research on fishing
3. Guidance for developing Goals and Objectives
4. Preliminary Draft Goals

LIST OF HANDOUTS

1. Updated list of CCRSG members
2. DFG’s Living Marine Resources book
3. Communication Protocols
4. IUCN’s “How is your MPA doing?” guidebook

Key Outcomes Memorandum

Date: Prepared July 19, 2005 ; Revised August 2, 2005

To: Members, MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

From: Scott McCreary and Eric Poncelet, CONCUR, Inc.

Re: Key Outcomes Memorandum – July 7- 8, 2005 Meeting

cc: MLPA Initiative Team

Executive Summary – Key Outcomes and Next Steps

On July 7-8, 2005, the MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (CCRSG) participated in a meeting in Morro Bay, CA. The primary objectives for the meeting were to: 1) review and provide targeted feedback toward refinement of draft Regional Profile, 2) review and adopt regional goals, 3) provide updates to CCRSG members on communication protocols and information development, and 4) conduct work sessions to begin preparations for the August CCRSG meetings.

Key outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

- Reviewed and commented on draft Regional Profile
- Reviewed and adopted regional goals
- Reviewed and discussed several communications protocols, including an approach for recording and responding to science questions
- Received briefing on guidance for evaluating MPA effectiveness
- Heard public comment on the CCRSG process
- Convened four work sessions on the topics of: draft regional objectives, data presentation needs for future meetings, socioeconomic information scoping, and gathering additional information on the topics of low and no priority fishing sites, kelp beds, and important dives sites for mapping.

Key **next steps** include (other next steps are shown in section IV below):

- CCRSG members to validate accuracy of list of science questions shown in Attachment 1 by COB, July 22, 2005. Please send your responses to ccrsgcomment@resources.ca.gov.
- Participants in work session on Regional Objectives to participate in teleconference on July 26, 2005 from 2-5 PM.
- Work Team on socio-economic information scoping to schedule and convene teleconference for the week of July 18, 2005.

The next CCRSG meeting will take place on August 10-11, 2005 in Monterey.

I. Introduction and Outline

On July 7-8, 2005, the MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (CCRSG) participated in a meeting in Morro Bay, CA. This Key Outcomes Memorandum summarizes the meeting's main results. The memorandum is organized as follows:

- I. Introduction and Outline
- II. Workshop Objectives, Participants, and Materials
- III. Key Outcomes
 - A. Presentation of Draft Regional Profile
 - B. Review and Approval of Regional Goals
 - C. Guidance for Evaluating MPA Effectiveness
 - D. Status of Appointment of CCRSG Alternate Members
 - E. Updating of CCRSG Roster
 - F. Review and Revision of Ground Rules to Guide Public Comment
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. Characterization of Media Ground Rule
 - I. Briefings on Communications Protocols
 - J. Overview of Science Questions Posed during the Meeting
 - K. Day 2 Work Sessions
- IV. Next Steps

II. Meeting Objectives, Participants, and Materials

The primary objectives for the meeting were as follows:

1. Review and provide targeted feedback toward refinement of draft Regional Profile
2. Review and adopt regional goals
3. Provide updates to CCRSG members on communication protocols and information development
4. Convene work sessions and begin preparations for August CCRSG meetings

Thirty-six CCRSG primary and alternate members attended the meeting. They included one newly appointed primary member and six newly appointed alternates. Catherine Reheis-Boyd participated representing the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Doyle Hanan, Linwood Pendelton, Rick Starr, Dean Wendt, and Mark Carr participated as Science Sub-Team (SST) members.

Meeting materials may be found on the MLPA website at:
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/meetings.html#centralcoast>.

III. Key Outcomes

A. Presentation of Draft Regional Profile

Mary Gleason and Paul Reilly (MLPA Initiative staff) presented an overview of the draft Regional Profile (dated June 30, 2005). Staff referenced but did not review the Profile's appendices in detail. Staff reiterated that the purpose of the Regional Profile is to assist in the establishment of regional goals and objectives, evaluation of existing MPAs, and development of proposals for new or revised MPAs.

CCRSG and SST members asked a number of clarifying questions and offered wide-ranging comments on the draft Regional Profile. These included specific factual corrections, requests to include additional data, and suggestions regarding potential additional information sources. CCRSG members and Initiative staff discussed the merits of striving for an approximately symmetrical level of detail across topics. Staff noted the importance of giving particular weight to the topics identified as germane to the MLPA.

Among the comments made, participants noted the challenge of accurately portraying trends, given that older information sources may have been collected using different (and possibly obsolete) data gathering methods. Participants suggested that additional information be included in the Profile on such topics as socioeconomic factors, the role of ecosystem resiliency, the role of marine predators (otters and sea lions) as a potential factor affecting the status of particular species, identification of unique habitats, and the abundance of habitats in the region relative to the entire state. Participants requested more information on the progress of rebuilding efforts (e.g., for lingcod) and greater integration of information from the Nearshore Fishery Management Plan. Participants also requested clarification of "intrinsic value."

During the meeting confirmation was received from NOAA Fisheries that lingcod is still formally considered to be an "overfished" species.

CCRSG members were invited to submit additional comments on the draft Regional Profile to Initiative staff at ccrsgcomment@resources.ca.gov by 5:00 PM on July 15, 2005. Initiative staff will review the comments and revise the regional profile as appropriate and practicable. A revised version of the Regional Profile will be sent to CCRSG members in advance of the August CCRSG meeting.

B. Review and Approval of Regional Goals

CCRSG members discussed two proposals for regional goals developed by the work team on goals and objectives. Both proposals were versions of the state MLPA goals customized for the central coast region. In their discussions, participants requested scientific clarifications from SST members and policy clarifications from Initiative staff. Participants also proposed alternative goals that incorporated elements of both initial proposals.

A key issue discussed was whether the central coast's MPAs should be designed and managed, to the extent possible, "as a component of a statewide network" or "as a network" in itself.' RSG members expressed a range of views as to whether the text of Goal 6 should specifically call for an independent Central Coast network or "subnetwork". Some felt such text would be advantageous; others felt this more detailed language was not necessary to meet the terms of the MLPA.

The gist of advice from both senior policy analysts (John Kirlin) and scientists (Mark Carr) was it would not make a meaningful difference if Goal 6 included text calling for a "component of a statewide network" or not; the actual network of MPAs would be the same under either scenario.

With this advice in mind, RSG members adopted a concise version of Goal 6. The full set of goals adopted is shown below.

Adopted Regional Goals

1. To protect the natural diversity and abundance of marine life, and the structure, function and integrity of marine ecosystems.
2. To help sustain, conserve, and protect marine life populations, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
3. To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal disturbance, and to manage those uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.
4. To protect marine natural heritage, including protection of representative and unique marine life habitats in central California waters for their intrinsic value.
5. To ensure that central California's MPAs have clearly defined objectives, effective management measures, and adequate enforcement, and are based on sound scientific guidelines.
6. To ensure that the central coast's MPAs are designed and managed, to the extent possible, as a component of a statewide network.

Participants recognized that the goals would be further "unpacked" via development of specific objectives for each goal.

C. Guidance for Evaluating MPA Effectiveness

Dr. Charlie Wahle (National MPA Center) presented an overview based on the guidebook "How is your MPA doing?" for evaluating MPA management effectiveness. He highlighted the biophysical goals and objectives specified in the guidebook and described how particular biophysical indicators relate to these goals and objectives. He suggested that the guidebook's discussion of goals, objectives, and indicators might serve as a useful model to help guide CCRSG development of both regional goals/objectives as well as goals/objectives for individual MPAs. He noted that few MPA development and implementation efforts worldwide have been as systematic and intentional about building in evaluation up front as the MLPA effort. He also added that the central coast effort is unique in its network focus.

D. Status of Appointment of CCRSG Alternate Members

MLPA Initiative staff reported that all but two of the CCRSG alternates had been formally appointed. Staff hopes to confirm nominations of the final two alternates soon, pending receipt of background information, and to have final appointments made by the Department of Fish and Game Director and the Blue Ribbon Task Force Chair prior to the August CCRSG meeting.

E. Updating of CCRSG Roster

MLPA Initiative staff will update the CCRSG roster to include references to organizational affiliation.

F. Review and Revision of Ground Rules to Guide Public Comment

Initiative staff indicated their intent to provide opportunities for public comment at future CCRSG meetings. Michael DeLapa (MLPA Initiative Central Coast Project Manager) noted that the MLPA Initiative process provides the public with additional opportunities for comment (e.g., at BRTF and Fish and Game Commission meetings).

CONCUR proposed a new set of ground rule to guide public comment discussions. CCRSG members recommended a number of changes to the draft rules. Several participants recommended that public comment occur at set times during the CCRSG meetings. Many viewed the middle of the day as a reasonable time. Participants also acknowledged the need to balance the importance of providing sufficient time for public comment with the imperative of accomplishing the CCRSG's primary goals.

The revised ground rules for public comment are as follows. Final review and approval of these ground rules will be agendized for the next CCRSG meeting.

Revised ground rules to guide public comment

- Designated times at CCRSG meetings will be agendized for public comment. Efforts will be made to hold public comment at consistent time slots and keyed to important CCRSG work product discussions. At all other times of the meeting, comments and discussion will be only among CCRSG members and alternates, Science Sub-Team members, and MLPA Initiative staff.
- To the extent possible, public comments will be directed toward the work effort, products, or process of the CCRSG.
- Members of the public are encouraged to convey their comments to relevant colleagues who serve as CCRSG members or alternates. Members of the public are also encouraged to submit comments in writing (via email to CCRSGcomments@resources.ca.gov). Written comments will be distributed to CCRSG members.
- Public comments will be limited to up to 3 minutes per individual speaker. The CCRSG facilitation team will exercise flexibility in allocation of speaking time depending on the number of comments.

G. Public Comment

Three members of the public provided comments, primarily about information in the draft Regional Profile.

H. Characterization of Media Ground Rule

CONCUR reminded CCRSG members of their responsibilities to implement and enforce the project's ground rules. CONCUR noted an opportunity to provide clarification regarding an editorial that recently appeared in the Western Outdoor News that incorrectly characterized the media contact ground rule as a "gag order." A small group of CCRSG members (Howard Egan, Marla Morrissey, and Steve Webster) agreed to assist Initiative staff in crafting a response.

I. Briefings on Communications Protocols

Initiative staff briefed CCRSG members on a series of communications protocols.

1. Process for recording and responding to science questions

John Kirlin (MLPA Initiative Executive Director) reviewed the process by which CCRSG science questions would be brought to and addressed by the Science Advisory Team (SAT). Following the CCRSG meetings, a small team of Initiative staff and SST members will convene to clarify, validate, and prioritize requests and to coordinate responses from the SAT. Dr. Mark Carr (north) and Dr. Dean Wendt (south) will serve as primary SAT liaisons. Dr. Rick Starr and Dr. Linwood Pendelton will serve as their respective alternates. Graduate students Carrie Kappel and Heather Galindo will assist in collecting the science questions and requests.

John K. reminded CCRSG members that response to science questions will be guided by the overarching CCRSG imperatives of accomplishing its goals in a timely fashion and operating from the "best readily available science." He noted that the standard of "best readily available science" creates a strong bias toward action, noting that Joe Milton (DFG legal Council) interpreted this to mean that the MLPA emphasizes timeliness over quality. John K. also clarified that the SAT, through its SST members, will work to support the efforts of the CCRSG in a co-inventive and iterative fashion (i.e., the SAT will not withhold its scientific judgment until after the CCRSG has submitted MPA proposals to the Blue Ribbon Task Force).

Initiative staff will work with SST members to develop a clear protocol to capture scientific questions during meetings; confirm, validate, and prioritize requests; and generate meaningful responses.

2. Protocol for making other information requests

Michael DeLapa indicated that other information requests (e.g., for data or other information) should be made to Initiative staff via a web-based form at:

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/cc_request.html. General comments and contributions should be sent by email at MLPAcomments@resources.ca.gov.

3. Protocol for submitting alternative proposals from non-CCRSG members for MPAs along the Central Coast

Michael DeLapa noted that non-CCRSG members could offer suggestions for single or multiple MPAs within the central coast study region. To facilitate the evaluation of such proposals, he recommended that they be submitted between September 1 and October 15, 2005 and adhere to the format and guidance provided in Appendix F of the Master Plan Framework. All such proposals will be made public. At its discretion, the CCRSG and the SAT, working with Initiative staff, may assess similar proposals jointly and may judge a proposal as sufficiently at variance with the MLPA to not warrant further evaluation.

4. Work Team communications

Initiative staff acknowledged that work team members may wish to consult with other CCRSG members regarding the efforts and progress of their work teams, but that no ground rule exists to guide such communication. CONCUR recommended that such communications be guided by a “common sense” approach that respects the “inventing without committing” quality of work teams. This includes taking care not to speak for other work team members or prejudice outcomes if doing so might be harmful to the process.

J. Recap of Science Questions Posed during the Meeting

Dr. Mark Carr (SST member) recapped the list of science questions posed by CCRSG members during the meeting. Attachment 1 provides the draft CCRSG questions. Initiative staff will work with SST members to review, validate, and prioritize the requests to help guide SAT responses.

CCRSG members are requested to validate the accuracy of the list of science questions shown in Attachment 1 by COB, July 22, 2005. Please send your responses to ccrsgcomment@resources.ca.gov.

K. Day 2 Work Sessions

On day 2 of the meeting, CCRSG members participated in one of four concurrent work sessions.

1. Work Session on Brainstorming Regional Objectives

Purpose. The purpose of this work session was to brainstorm regional objectives for each of the approved regional goals.

Participants. CCRSG participants in the work session included: Art Seavey, Huff McGonical, Howard Egan, Kaitilin Gaffney, Marla Morrissey, Steve Scheiblaue, Milos Radakovich, Jay Elder, Jesus Ruiz, Mike Osmond, Bob Hather, Ellen Faurot-Daniels, John Pearse, Ray Fields, and D'Anne Albers. SST members

included Mark Carr, Dean Wendt, and Rick Starr. MLPA Initiative staff included Paul Reilly, Maura Leos, and Eric Poncelet.

Key Accomplishments. Work session participants brainstormed over 50 possible objectives for the six approved regional goals.

Planned Next Steps.

Work session members will work with Initiative staff to produce a draft set of proposed regional objectives for consideration by the full CCRSG at its August meeting. Interim work steps include (dates are provisional):

- 1) Work session members will provide additional brainstormed regional objectives to Initiative staff by COB, July 15, 2005.
- 2) MLPA Initiative staff will compile a new full list of brainstormed objectives. MLPA Initiative staff will then review and reconfigure the brainstormed proposals to produce a "menu" of possible objectives. Initiative staff may consolidate some of the proposed objectives or propose new ones, as appropriate. Staff will base its review of the draft objectives on information present in the draft Regional Profile. Staff will transmit this "menu" to Work Team members by close of business on July 21. Staff will also transmit the full list of brainstormed objectives for reference.
- 3) The Regional Objectives Work Team will meet via teleconference on July 26 from 2-5 PM to discuss further clarifying or refining the list of draft objectives.
- 4) Drawing from Work Team discussions and the outcomes of the July 26 teleconference, MLPA Initiative staff will revise the list of draft objectives. Staff will transmit these revised draft objectives to CCRSG members on or around August 3 with the August meeting packet.
- 5) The full CCRSG will address the draft objectives at August 10-11 meeting in Monterey. A key objective of this meeting is to approve a set of Regional Objectives.

2. Data Presentation Work Session

Purpose. The purpose of this work session was to identify which data needed to be mapped to best assist in the development of CCRSG work products. In particular, participants were asked to focus on which maps they might use outside of meetings to discuss issues with their constituents. Participants were also asked to focus on which items in the Regional Profile would require small-scale maps.

Participants. Contributing CCRSG members included: Eric Endersby, Ron Massengill, Kris Lindstrom, Tom Hafer. They were assisted by John Ugoretz and Rita Bunzel (MLPA Initiative staff).

Key Accomplishments. Participants requested that maps be developed and printed out (with appropriate background image and scale for each) for the upcoming CCRSG meetings as follows:

August meeting

- Habitats – smaller map sections with larger scale. These should include kelp beds, bottom contours w/ depths, ocean processes (currents, upwelling).
- Existing MPAs and “other closures” – e.g., Essential Fish Habitat no trawl areas, existing MPAs, rockfish trawl restrictions (permanent), power plant closures, etc.
- Dive sites and coastal access (private land, commercial skiff fishing boat access). This map may separate or combined with a map on existing closures and research sites (PISCO research sites, TENERA sites, Intertidal research sites).

September Meeting

- Commercial catch, Nearshore fish and spot prawn with separate colors on same map – possible addition of halibut – check due date for data.
- Recreational catch – check due date for data.

Potential Additional Maps

- Existing and proposed point source discharges (if possible)
- Proposed oil leases (may not be able to map)

Participants also identified additional questions and requests to be addressed. These included:

- 1) Can we make kelp layers different color to show year comparisons on the IMS site?
- 2) Can we map blocks of kelp and show harvest tonnage by block?
- 3) Is it possible to show online the type of kelp administrative block open/leased/closed? [Note: All kelp in the State is managed for commercial use within discrete "administrative beds". These are not specific biological areas, but are evenly distributed areas. Each bed is either open (any permitted kelp harvester can use it), leased (only a specific harvester has rights to use it), or closed (no commercial kelp harvest allowed).]
- 4) How is the recreational fishing effort set-up? Specifically, how are the data collected, and how does this relate to total effort vs. those people interviewed?
- 5) Is it possible to get Central Coast Region 2004 kelp area maps?
- 6) We need to make sure that spot prawn maps maintain privacy of individual's locations (there are only 4 fishermen between Pigeon Pt. and Lopez, making this difficult).

Planned Next Steps.

Initiative staff will make available the maps identified above to CCRSG members in the timeframes noted. Staff will also address the questions raised and report on this at the next CCRSG meeting.

3. Work Session on Socioeconomic Information Scoping

Purpose. The purpose of this work session was to get regional stakeholder input on what: (1) baseline socio-economic data needs to be collected, (2) socio-economic data would be useful, (3) areas will have gaps, and (4) are existing sources of socio-economic data related to the MLPA Initiative.

Participants. Participating members from the CCRSG included: Rick Algert, Gordon Hensley, Tom Mattusch, Linda McIntyre, Marc Shargel, Steve Shimek, and Steve Webster. Astrid Sholz participated from the SST, and John Kirlin and Kirk Sturm assisted as Initiative staff. Trudy O'Brien observed as a member of the public.

Key Accomplishments. Work session participants came to the conclusion that the best opportunity for meaningful socio-economic analysis can only occur after MPA's are proposed. They also concluded that some (not defined at this point, needs further discussion) baseline community profile/inventory needs to be performed in the study area for those areas (harbors, cities and counties) that are adjacent to the ocean.

Planned Next Steps. Key next steps include the following:

- 1) Kirk to review Moss Landing socio-economic study by Monday, July 18, and list key indicators from that study.
- 2) Kirk to generate a preliminary Work Plan to generate the baseline community profile/inventory referenced above.
- 3) Work Team members will continue to identify existing socio-economic data sources (i.e.: 2005? UCSB Economic Study for San Luis Obispo area).
- 4) A Work Team conference call will take place either July 20, 21, or 22.

Handouts from the Meeting. John Kirlin handed out an Assessment Template (with relative scoring). Kirk Sturm handed out a memo with some thoughts on data.

4. Work Session on Collecting Information for Mapping

Purpose. The purpose of this work session was to gather information from Regional Stakeholders on low and no priority fishing sites, important kelp beds, and important dive sites. Stakeholders were provided maps of the central coast region and data logs, and invited to map information from personal experience.

Participants. Contributing CCRSG members included:
Ray Fields - high priority commercial kelp beds
Art Seavey - high priority commercial kelp beds
Neil Guglielmo - Low/no priority purse-seining areas
Eric Endersby - high priority dive sites

Tom Mattock - high priority dive sites/ spear fishing
Bill Diller - low/no priority Dungeness crab sites
Staff participants included: Michael DeLapa (MLPA Initiative staff), Aaron Tinker (MLPA Initiative staff), Chris Ball (DFG staff for MLPA Initiative), and Will McClintock (UCSB GIS/IMS data manager).

Key Accomplishments. Contributors mapped information on low and no priority fishing areas by gear type; commercially valuable kelp beds; and high priority dive sites.

Planned Next Steps. Chris Ball will transfer contributors' data from hand drawn maps to digital GIS data layer. Data on digital maps will then be made available to other Regional Stakeholders to view and validate before posting as final data layers. All unvalidated maps from this effort will initially appear in "draft" folder on GIS/IMS web site.

IV. Next Steps and Schedule

Key next steps for the CCRSG include:

A. CCRSG tasks

1. CCRSG members to provide additional comments on the draft Regional Profile to Initiative staff at ccrsgcomment@resources.ca.gov by COB on July 15, 2005.
2. CCRSG members to validate accuracy of list of science questions shown in Attachment 1 by COB, July 22, 2005. Please send your responses to ccrsgcomment@resources.ca.gov. Initiative staff will then work with SST members to review, validate, and prioritize the sciences questions posed and to coordinate SAT responses.
3. CCRSG to review and approve ground rules for public comment at its next meeting.

B. CCRSG and Initiative staff shared tasks

1. Convene interim Work Team/Work Session meetings
 - Participants from the Regional Objectives work session will meet by teleconference on July 26 from 2-5 PM.
 - The Socioeconomic information scoping Work Team will meet by teleconference either July 20, 21, or 22 (to be determined).
2. Initiative staff to work with a small group of CCRSG members (Howard Egan, Marla Morrissey, and Steve Webster) to craft a clarifying response to the editorial that appeared in the Western Outdoor News.

C. MLPA Initiative staff tasks

1. Initiative staff to confirm nominations of final two CCRSG alternate members, pending receipt of background information. Initiative staff to have final appointments made by the Department of Fish and Game Director and the Blue Ribbon Task Force Chair prior to the August CCRSG meeting.
2. Initiative staff to update the CCRSG roster to include references to resource use affiliation in advance of the August meeting.
3. Initiative staff to prepare a clear protocol to guide process for collecting and responding to science questions.
4. Initiative staff to prepare key meeting materials for August RSG meeting. This will include a revised draft Regional Profile and a draft set of proposed Regional Objectives.

The next meeting will take place on August 10-11 in Monterey, CA.