

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION –
OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS
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ITEM 8

SUBJECT

INTERACTIVE “AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE” (ASBS) MAP/VIDEO
INTERNET PAGE

DISCUSSION

The Water Board this month released a new interactive map and video page introducing the state's Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). Developed by the Office of Information Management and Analysis (OIMA) in conjunction with the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) and Division of Water Quality, the page includes a clickable map featuring background information on each ASBS, including species lists and other links of interest. The page also includes a ten-minute video, produced by OPA, introducing the ASBS program and the Water Board's efforts to protect those areas. The video includes optional English and Spanish subtitles. The ASBS map/video page URL is

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/asbs_map.shtml

POLICY ISSUE

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None

This item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 by enhancing and improving accessibility of data and information.