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Subject: Comment Letter California Ocean Plan Amendments

Regarding the proposed amendment to the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) related to the State Water Board Resolutions 2010-0057 and 2011-0013:

The Cambria coastline is protected by State Parks Department and as a California Coastal National Monument. It is federally protected by the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a Marine Protected Area and a National Marine Sanctuary and your agency as well. All these agencies cite protection of the site as their responsibility and goal.

Currently no intake or outfall pipelines exist in the Pt. Piedras Blancas, Cambria State Marine Park or White Rock Conservation Marine Protected Areas. The creation of new intake and/or outfall pipelines in these areas will have a negative impact on these protected areas. Such pipelines are not congruent with protected areas. I join with Greenpeace in supporting the establishment of a new category of State Water Quality Protected Areas (SWQPAs) that would protect natural water quality within MPA and other areas designated by the State Water Board.

I support the Staff Recommendation: Amend the existing process described in Appendix IV of the Ocean Plan for designating Areas of Special Biological Significance to include SWQPAs-GPs.

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