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DEDE ALPERT

FORMER STATE SENATOR AND SPECIAL ADVISOR

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Dede Alpert represented the San Diego region in the California Legislature from 1991-2004, serving three terms in the Assembly and two in the Senate. She is still widely recognized as one of the Legislature's foremost experts on public education. Currently, Alpert is a Special Advisor on Public Policy and Strategic Planning for Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller, and Taylor. She serves as a board member of Sharp Healthcare, the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, and Gompers Charter Middle School among others. Governor Schwarzenegger has appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Education Excellence which she will devote the next year to advising him on the needed educational reforms.

ELLEN ARONSON

REGIONAL MANAGER

PACIFIC OCS REGION, MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE



Ellen Aronson has about 30 years of experience in energy policy, most of which has been with the Federal offshore oil and gas program. In her present position as Regional Manager of the Minerals Management Service Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, Ellen is responsible for managing the day-to-day administration of the MMS program for federal lands offshore California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawai'i. Under her direction, the Region conducts environmental studies on potential and actual effects of offshore energy and non-energy mineral development and regulates existing oil and gas operations offshore of southern California to ensure energy resources are extracted in an environmentally safe manner. The Region continues to be an important contributor to the nation's energy inventory, with over 1.15 billion barrels of oil and 1.51 trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced since the late 1960's. With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, new alternative energy as well as alternate use of OCS facilities have been added to the MMS responsibilities; such activities offshore the Pacific States will fall within the purview of the Pacific Region.

BRIAN BAIRD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OCEAN AND COASTAL POLICY

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY



Brian E. Baird is the Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy with the California Resources Agency. He has served as the Manager of the California Ocean Resources Management Program under Governors Schwarzenegger, Davis, and Wilson. He represents the State of California as the Chair of the Coastal States Organization and was previously Chair of its Ocean Policy Committee. Mr. Baird was the chief writer of the statewide strategy for protecting and managing the State's ocean resources titled, *California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future (Ocean Agenda)* and was recently the chief writer of Governor's Schwarzenegger's 2004 strategy titled, *Protecting Our Ocean - California's Strategy for Action*. Mr. Baird has served on panels and advisory committees with the John H. Heinz Center, the National Research Council, the National Sea Grant Program, the National Marine Sanctuary Program, the National Ocean Service, the National Ocean Data Center, and the Army Corps of Engineers. He has authored or co-authored papers on ocean management, liquefied natural gas facility siting, archaeological resources, oil spill contingency planning, marine managed areas, and coastal economics.



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DR. ANN BULL

CHIEF, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE



A Southern California native, Ann was brought up on the ocean and worked as a deck-hand for her father during commercial fishing and charter boat operations. She received her Bachelor's degree in both Biochemistry and Biology from University of California, San Diego and went on to obtain a master's and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University and the Marine Biological Laboratory Woods Hole. Her post-doctoral work at Johns Hopkins University centered on the health of fish populations and their responses to anthropogenic degradation of their environments. A career employee for the Department of the Interior in environmental assessment and research, she worked over a decade for the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in the Gulf of Mexico Region and has been with the MMS Pacific Region since 2001. Ann Scarborough Bull is presently the MMS Chief of Environmental Analysis, Pacific OCS Region.

DR. ROBERT BYRD

PRINCIPAL
TWACHTMAN, SNYDER & BYRD, INC.



Dr. Byrd is a Principal at Twachtman, Snyder & Byrd, Inc., of Houston, Texas, where he is responsible for engineering and consulting services. He is a former U.S. Coast Guard officer. He has over 30 years of experience in the offshore oil and gas industry in a variety of different capacities. For the past 12 years he has focused on offshore platform decommissioning. He has developed decommissioning plans and cost estimates for many of the platforms offshore California. Dr. Byrd received his B.S. in Marine Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, where he was a Hans Albert Einstein Fellow and recipient of the National Sea Grant Award for applied marine research for work on the effects of earthquakes on offshore structures. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

PETER CANTLE

MANAGER OF THE ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



Peter Cantle is the Manager of the Engineering and Compliance Division with the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District. A native of San Pedro, California, he received his B.S. and M.S. in Ecology from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. From 1978-1985, he was employed by the Hydril Company (an oilfield equipment manufacturing firm) and Shell Mining Company in Houston, Texas. He left Shell in 1985 to work for Santa Barbara County's Energy Division, managing the environmental review, permitting, construction oversight, and compliance of major oil and gas development projects. He has been a Division Manager with the APCD since 1988, working in the areas of engineering, permitting, compliance and enforcement, innovative technologies, and air toxics. His tenure with Santa Barbara County has provided ongoing experience with both the installation and decommissioning of State Tidelands and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas development projects. He is married and the proud father of two young men - the elder a photographer and videographer for two well-known motorsports magazines, the younger a UCSD/Salk Institute researcher working toward a Ph.D. in neurobiology.



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DR. ERIC CRECELIUS

LABORATORY FELLOW

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LABORATORY



Dr. Eric A. Crecelius was previously the Group Manager for Marine Chemistry at the Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory. He has over 31 years experience in freshwater and marine geochemistry with emphasis on the concentration, speciation, and fate of trace elements in marine ecosystems. Dr. Crecelius has studied the distribution of contaminants on the continental shelf near oil and gas platforms for eight years with the CAMP II study in California and the Beaufort Sea Monitoring Program. He served from 1996 to 2002 on the Outer Continental Shelf Advisory Board, Scientific Committee, U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. In 2002 he co-authored an MMS report entitled *Mercury in the Gulf of Mexico: The Role of Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Activities*. More recently he has conducted research on the solubility of mercury in barite. Dr. Crecelius has been instrumental in the development of EPA methods for the analysis of the speciation of mercury and arsenic in environmental samples. He is frequently an invited participant or session chairman for workshops or scientific meetings that deal with arsenic speciation, marine monitoring, and the fate of contaminants in coastal waters. He has authored or co-authored nearly 80 journal articles and nearly 75 technical reports that apply geochemistry to diverse environmental issues.

KIT DAHL

STAFF OFFICER

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



Christopher "Kit" Dahl is a staff officer with the Pacific Fishery Management Council in Portland, Oregon. His duties include environmental compliance and highly migratory species management. He holds a B.A. in Marine Biology from Duke University, an M.M.A. from the School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington; and a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

DR. SYLVIA EARLE

EXPLORER IN RESIDENCE

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Former Chief Scientist for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Dr. Earle is author of more than 125 scientific and popular publications, including a 1995 book, *Sea Change*. Her research places special emphasis on marine plants and the development of technology for access and research in the deep sea. She played a key role in a decision in early 1999 by the Clinton Administration to double the budget of the U.S. National Marine Sanctuaries. Dr. Earle works with the National Geographic Society on projects involving her passion—most recently as Project Director of the Sustainable Seas Expeditions. Sustainable Seas was a five-year project of the National Geographic Society and NOAA, which administers the 12 U.S. marine sanctuaries, the underwater equivalents of national parks. The objective of the initiative was to explore and photo-document the geology and creatures in the deep waters of each of the sanctuaries. Sylvia also has written three books for the Society, two children's titles, and *Wild Ocean: America's Parks Under the Sea*.

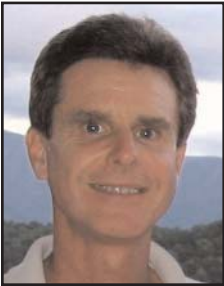


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GREGG GITSCHLAG

FISHERIES BIOLOGIST

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

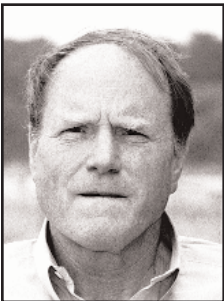


Gregg Gitschlag has worked at the National Marine Fisheries Service Galveston Laboratory for more than 20 years. He received a B.S. degree in Zoology from the University of Michigan and an M.S. degree in biological oceanography from Florida State University. His research interests include migration of sea turtles and shrimp, survival of tagged and released red snapper, distribution of sea turtles and marine mammals at offshore structure removals, and fisheries impacts of underwater explosives used in platform salvage.

ZEKE GRADER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS



William F. "Zeke" Grader, Jr. was raised in the commercial fishing industry along California's north coast. His father was a fish processor in Fort Bragg and was active in fish politics and a leader in many of the state's early efforts at salmon restoration. Zeke worked in and later managed fish processing plants while in high school, college (B.A. from Sonoma State University) and law school (University of San Francisco). After passing the California Bar and graduating law school, Grader went to work in 1976 for the newly-formed Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA). Created just prior to the passage of HR 200, the Fishery Conservation and Management Act (FCMA), PCFFA was intended by its founders to unite local port and fish marketing associations along the coast giving working fishing men and women a strong and single voice in state, regional, and national fishery issues.

LINDA KROP

CHIEF COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER



Linda Krop is the Chief Counsel of the Environmental Defense Center, a public interest environmental law firm headquartered in Santa Barbara, California. EDC represents environmental groups throughout California's South Central Coast in a variety of issues regarding protection of our coast and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and environmental and human health. Linda specializes in coastal resource protection and offshore energy issues. She has represented dozens of organizations concerned about the potential environmental, safety, legal, and financial implications of allowing oil companies to abandon their oil and gas platforms at sea. She began her work in this area in 1996, when Chevron sought permission to avoid its obligation to remove four platforms located offshore Summerland in Santa Barbara County. To this date, Linda and her clients seek to enforce laws requiring Chevron to clean up the debris left behind when the platforms were removed. EDC also helped lead the statewide effort to defeat three bills that would have established a Rigs to Reefs program in California.



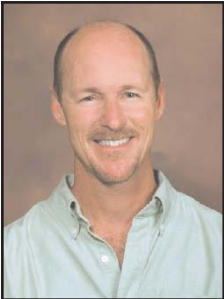
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DR. MILTON LOVE RESEARCH BIOLOGIST MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE



Dr. Milton Love is a Research Biologist at the Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara. He has authored or co-authored over 70 papers and two books on the biology and ecology of Pacific Coast fishes. Beginning in 1995, Dr. Love and his associates have conducted research on the role that California oil and gas platforms play as fish habitat.

DR. CHRISTOPHER LOWE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MARINE BIOLOGY CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH



Dr. Christopher Lowe grew up on Martha's Vineyard, where he spent a vast majority of his youth fishing and diving. Coming from a long line of commercial fishermen, he chose to cross over to the dark side and go to school for marine biology rather than fish for a living. He received a B.A. in marine biology at Barrington College, M.S. in biology at Cal State Long Beach, and a Ph.D. in Zoology at the University of Hawai'i. He was hired as a Professor of Marine Biology at CSU Long Beach in 1998. He has been studying the movements, behavior, and physiology of elasmobranchs and other gamefishes over the last 20 years using state-of-the-art tools like acoustic and satellite telemetry. Much of his recent research has focused on quantifying the ecological importance of offshore petroleum platforms, the effects of catch and release practices on gamefishes, and techniques to optimize MPA design.

TOM RAFTICAN PRESIDENT UNITED ANGLERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Tom Raftican is a lifelong recreational angler and diver. He has been actively involved in sportfishing restoration, education and promotion since the eighties, first with United Anglers of California and the Santa Barbara Salmon Enhancement Association. These early efforts included the first plan to raise and release salmon in Southern California marine waters. At this same time Tom chaired the SB Kiwanis kids fishing program and ran Santa Barbara's summer Halibut Derby. Tom has also chaired the Santa Barbara Maritime Museums Sportfishing Committee. Keeping the fishing public informed has been one of Tom's priorities. Tom produced and hosted "South Coast Reel News," a weekly television show dedicated to a broader knowledge of Santa Barbara/Ventura angling and diving from 1994 through 1998. After the successful run of "SCRN" he followed up with "On The Water," a television show that focused on both fishing and boating. In 1999 and 2000 "On The Water" was broadcast weekly to nearly a half million homes along the South Coast. All in all, Tom has produced and hosted some 200 shows on recreational angling and continues to keep the public informed as co-host on the syndicated, weekly "Fish Rap" radio show, syndicated throughout California.



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CATHY REHEIS-BOYD

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION



Catherine Reheis-Boyd is the Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff for the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA). Affiliated with WSPA since 1990, she currently directs the Association's government affairs, assists the President in media affairs, oversees all office and committee operations, manages WSPA's staff and financial resources, and provides strategic oversight of key issues. Ms. Reheis-Boyd was appointed by the Governor as a California petroleum industry representative on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, has served as past President of the Kern County Chapter of the American Lung Association, is a past recipient of the Bureau of Land Management's State Director's Oil and Gas Award for Special Achievement, and a graduate of the Bakersfield and California Leadership Programs. Cathy received her Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and pursued her post-graduate studies in Environmental Engineering at the University of Southern California.

TERRY TAMMINEN

AUTHOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ADVISOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



From his youth in Australia to career experiences in Europe, Africa, and all parts of the United States, Terry has developed expertise in business, farming, education, non-profit, the environment, the arts, and government. A United States Coast Guard-licensed ship captain, Terry has long been drawn to the undersea world, starting in the 1960s with a family-run tropical fish breeding business in Australia and continuing with studies on conch depletion in the Bahamas, manatee populations in Florida coastal waters, and mariculture in the Gulf States with Texas A&M University. An accomplished author, Terry's latest book, Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction (Island Press), is a timely examination of our dependence on oil and a strategy to evolve to more sustainable energy sources. He has also authored a series of best-selling "Ultimate Guides" to pools and spas (McGraw-Hill) and several theatrical works on the life of William Shakespeare. Terry is an avid airplane and helicopter pilot and speaks German, Dutch, and Spanish.

WIN THORNTON

PRESIDENT

WINMAR SERVICES



Win Thornton has 30 years experience in offshore construction and decommissioning projects working as an Operator (OXY), Contractor (Brown & Root) and Consultant. Win has a BSCE from Georgia Tech and an MSCE from the University of Houston. He is recognized as an expert in offshore decommissioning and reuse. Win founded WINMAR in 1997 to specialize in offshore decommissioning. WINMAR offers four distinct service lines that span the lifecycle of an offshore field development: developing new projects with reusable platforms and platform components, quantifying decommissioning risks for selected assets, repairing and decommissioning existing platforms, recovering reusable platforms and platform components at the end of the field life WINMAR champions the environmentally sound and cost effective disposal of obsolete platforms through placement in state sanctioned "Rigs to Reefs" programs.



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BOB WOHLERS

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIVING INSTRUCTORS



Few educators have assisted with the development of a many diver related training materials as Bob Wohlers. With a master's degree in instructional design, he is currently one of PADI's instructional designers and subject matter experts. He has helped guide the development of PADI's educational system since 1979. In years past, Bob taught high school and college marine biology, using his Marine Science degree from California State University, Long Beach. A professional scuba instructor since 1973, Bob also taught scuba and underwater photography at the college/university level and within diving retail and resort environments. In the mid and late 1970's and early 1980's Bob was also a retail dive store assistant manager and general manager at a popular Cozumel resort. Currently, Bob is the Instructional Design and Development Executive for DSAT - Diving Science and Technology. DSAT is the engineering arm of PADI. Primarily, DSAT produces instruction manuals and videos for the recreational diving industry. Through DSAT, Bob also works on curricula materials for Emergency First Response - a CPR/First Aid company and Current Publishing - a company that produces high school marine science curricula.