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Dear Chris,

Terry Burnes wrote to me that the MCCC should get project referrals, which come at the beginning of the process, and hearing/decision notices, which come at the end. He then wrote:

"I discussed this issue with Chris McComb at one of the coastside meetings on the coastal initiative a few weeks ago. We decided that the problem was not lack of notice but the short deadline stated on the referrals. If I'm not mistaken, when we send out the referrals to other agencies at the beginning of the permit process, we include a deadline for response, usually 2-3 weeks away. That is appropriate for other technical agencies that have input to the permit process but is too short for community groups such as the MCC. Chris said that, because they couldn't meet the dealine, they often didn't respond at all.

I suggested to Chris that deadline needn't apply to them, that we could get their input at any point in the process up to the point of decision, but that the earlier we get it the more likely it is to have some effect. . . .

My suggestion would be that you simply delete the dealine from the referrals which to to the three councils and deal with their input whene3ver it is received. If received early in the process it could be treated like that from other agencies, if received later it could simply be addressed in or attached to teh staff considered at the hearing. Unlike the other technical agencies, they are under no obligation to respond before the official public review period ends, which is usually when the public hearing is closed. "

I figured you would want to hear this (I couldn't figure out how to attach this to the letter via computer, so I typed quickly while on the phone with constituents. Sorry for all typos, but the idea is clear

-- Matthew Greenberg