



**Assembly Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources  
"Aquatic Vegetation as an Ocean Acidification Management Tool in  
California"**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
Room 437, State Capitol  
2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Mark Stone, Chair, Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access To Natural Resources

**State Perspectives**

- California Natural Resources Agency
  - John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources
- Ocean Protection Council
  - Deborah Halberstadt, Executive Director
- State Coastal Conservancy
  - Mary Small, Chief Deputy Executive Officer
- OPC Science Advisory Team Working Group: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Ocean Acidification
  - Karina Nielsen, San Francisco State University and Jay Stachowicz, UC Davis

**Local Perspectives and Projects**

- University of California, Davis
  - Tessa Hill, Professor
- The Nature Conservancy
  - Sarah Newkirk, Senior Coastal Project Director
- California State University, Northridge
  - Kerry Nickols, Assistant Professor

**Public Comment**

**Closing Comments and Next Steps**

- Mark Stone, Chair

*Agenda and panelist makeup subject to change.*