

Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Act Environmental Impact Work Group

Draft Scope for Discussion by Work Group

Goal: Identify Specific environmental impact items/issues for which the WG will provide options for RAC consideration.

Orienting Assumptions:

- 1) The WG initially will focus on providing “environmental effect” input to the RAC that is responsive to specific statutory language in the CZCPA. An initial draft list of input “items” derived from CZCPA language is identified in the following subsection of this document, for WG discussion.
- 2) The WG will work to provide as much substantive content on these items as it can to the RAC prior to its November meeting.
- 3) Items not ripe for RAC input prior to the November meeting will be provided to the RAC prior to its December meeting.
- 4) Interactions/requests from the RAC will guide how the WG proceeds after providing initial input to the RAC.
- 5) The Environmental Impacts WG will need to coordinate with the Offsets and Economic Effects WGs, to help ensure that input on offsets provided to the RAC reasonably reflects and is integrated with input on environmental impacts.

Suggested Items for WG to Address in Upcoming Meetings:

- 1) Provide RAC with options for determining the “existing or previous use” for which the “environmental impact” must be estimated by the Applicant.
- 2) Present the RAC with options for identifying specific assumptions, sources of data or other information to be used by the Applicant to develop environmental impact estimates for “existing or previous use”.
- 3) Provide RAC with options for identifying specific assumptions, sources of data or other information to be used by the Applicant to develop environmental impact estimates for the “alternative or additional heavy industry use or bulk product transfer activity”.
- 4) Provide RAC with options defining how Applicants should estimate “the net environmental improvement inherent in the alternative or additional heavy industry use or bulk product transfer activity as compared to the most recent heavy industry use engaged in at that site.”
- 5) Discuss whether options for modifying current CZA environmental impact requirements relevant to Conversion Permits should be offered to the RAC, in areas such as (but not limited to):
 - a. Focus on emissions/releases vs. anticipated impacts on receptors.

- b. Consider explicitly addressing/integrating human health, recreation, aesthetics and quality of life issues.
- c. Sequencing of environmental impact assessment vis a vis issuance of other required permits (and determination of associated permit limits and potential mitigation).