

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.  
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 2010**

**AT CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12.00 noon**

The meeting venue is the City of Sydney, Council Chambers, Level 1, Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street Sydney. Delegates are to enter via the George St. Main Entrance, where the Commissionaire will direct delegates to the Council Chambers. Some very limited parking is available under the building (this must be pre-booked). Alternative parking is available in the various parking stations on Kent Street, however public transport is recommended.

**The SCCG encourages delegates travel by public transport or car pool with delegates from adjacent Councils.**

**A lunch will be provided by the City of Sydney prior to commencement of the meeting.**

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| 1.   | <b>OPENING</b>  |                      |
| 2.   | <b>APOLOGIES</b>  |                      |
| 3.   | <b>DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</b>   |                      |
| 4.   | <b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>  |                      |
| 4.1  | <b>Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 9 April 2011 at Waverley Council</b>   |                      |
|  |   | (Attached) <b>1</b>  |
| <p><b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 9 April 2011 at Waverley Council be confirmed.</p>  |   |                      |
| 4.2  | <b>Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 April 2011 at the City of Sydney Council.</b>  |                      |
|  |   | (Attached) <b>15</b> |
| <p><b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 April 2011 at City of Sydney. Head be received and noted.</p>   |   |                      |
| 5.   | <b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>   |                      |
|  | Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports.   |                      |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including: <i>“Prof Thom keep the Group informed of activities of the Australia Coastal Society and general activities of the Commonwealth.</i></li> </ul> |                      |
| <p><b>Recommended that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the Business Arising be received and noted</li> <li>2) Prof Thom provide a review of current Commonwealth activities</li> <li>3) Prof Thom be congratulated on his recent appointment as Chair of the National Coasts and Climate Change Council.</li> </ol> |   |                      |
| 6.   | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> (summary report attached)   |                      |
| 6.1  | <b>Sent and Received Correspondence</b>   | (Attached) <b>28</b> |
| <p><b>Recommended that</b> the circulated “sent” and “received” correspondence be received and noted.</p>  |   |                      |

## 6.2 SCCG correspondence from the last meeting (including responses where available)

### a) Beachwatch Program (Beachwatch Advisory Committee)

The SCCG to formally write back to the Director of Sustainability Programs with cc to the NSW Minister for the Environment noting the desire to retain the BAC to meet at least twice a year to address issues including but not limited to:

- Ongoing review and improvements to communication of the Beachwatch program activities and outcomes to Sydney residents and visitors through existing and additional communication processes and technologies.
- Addressing ongoing technical issues with improvements to monitoring techniques, equipment and processes.
- Ongoing advise, training, coordination and communications with Local Governments.
- Specifically addressing 'sanitary risk' profiles and processes and developing associated remediation action plans with all relevant land and infrastructure managers.
- Provision ongoing review and support of the Beachwatch program

### b) NSW Reforms to Coastal Management

The SCCG meet with Warringah and Pittwater Councils to develop a joint letter to the Minister to address issues including: preparation of Emergency sub plans, and referrals to the Coastal Panel and other immediate implementation issues as identified.

### c) Coastal Information and Policies for the 2011 NSW State Government Election

Write to new NSW Premier, all relevant state Ministers and each of the 18 local members contained within the SCCG region congratulating them on their recent success and highlighting the Group's desire to work productively with them over the next electoral term to achieve SCCG aims and objectives. Also providing them with a copy of:

### d) SCCG Funding Guide

The final guide be formally sent to member councils for their utilisation and placed on the SCCG web site for more general access;

### e) Developing a Sydney Adaptation Strategy

The SCCG provide in-principle support to be involved as a key project partner and member of the project steering committee. (plus letter to OEH)

**Recommended that** the SCCG correspondence from last meeting be received and considered.

## 7. PRESENTATION – 'Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation –

Dr Matthew Inman – Program leader (CSIRO) Ecosystems Sciences Urban System program

### Briefing Notes

As resolved last meeting the CSIRO Dr Inman) will present an overview and update regarding the SCCG – CSIRO project "Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation".

In 2009 the SCCG secured grant funding under NDMP to undertake the project. This project maps areas of risk, utilising sophisticated modeling together with Councils own information sources (eg LiDAR technology) to determine risk and develop consistent model planning and management responses in consultation with relevant state government agencies and the broader community.

### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting.
- 2) Mr Inman be thanked for her presentation.

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 8.1 Renewal of the SCCG City of Sydney Hosting Contract (pending Drafting)

#### Briefing Notes

At the 19 June 2010 SCCG meeting a report was tabled noting that as there had been a number of issues raised by the SCCG and the City regarding the Hosting Agreement between the City and the Group. The City proposed at this time to renew the Agreement for twelve months in order for those issues to be resolved and a new Hosting Agreement negotiated with the SCCG aim of the SCCG to be cost neutral. It is hoped that the revised hosting contract will be tabled at the meeting for consideration.

#### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and noted.
- 2) The draft hosting contract be considered for endorsement.

## 9. REPORTS

### Reports 9.1 – 9.7 FOR CONSIDERATION

### 9.1 NSW Reforms to Coastal Management in NSW (Attached) 33

#### Briefing Notes

The NSW Government has developed the coastal erosion package to provide the State Government and councils with guidelines and tools to deal with the challenges of coastal erosion. The key elements of this reform include the *Coastal Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010* and a series of supporting documents. More information about can be found at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalerosionmgmt.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalerosionmgmt.htm)

The RCEO will provide delegates with an update on the reforms.

#### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and noted.
- 2) Through discussion, the SCCG determine additional actions to address Member Council issues and concerns.

### 9.2 Finalisation of the SCCG Coastal Connections Program and SCCG Community Engagement Strategy (Social Media) (Attached) 39

#### Briefing Notes

In 2010 the SCCG was successful in obtaining a small grant from the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (SMCMA) to deliver the SCCG Coastal Connections Project. The aim of the project was to engage the next generation of conservation volunteers and to increase awareness and participation in coastal management and conservation.

The attached report provides delegates with a summary of the project encompassing the four main components of the project and outputs produced. The SCCG CPO will present the 'Community Engagement Strategy (Social Media)' to delegates, along with the final results and lessons learnt from the SCCG Coastal Connections Project.

**Recommended that** the report be received and considered.

### 9.3 SCCG – Sydney Water – Developing Water Recycling Guidelines (Attached) 41

#### Briefing Notes

Last year the SCCG and Sydney Water partnered to facilitate a workshop for SCCG Member Councils to discuss actions and projects that facilitate water recycling and re-use projects. The forum was the result of a desire from both the SCCG and Sydney Water to work more collaboratively on water recycling and re-use projects.

A Working Group has now been formed who are preparing a “Handbook” to provide SCCG Member Councils with information on identifying, evaluating and developing water recycling projects.

The SCPO will review the development of this plan and workshop with delegates to assist define document structure, topics, case studies etc.

#### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and noted
- 2) The final document be launched at the SCCG AGM in September.

#### **Afternoon Tea Break**

**Brief Delegate Workshop - Capacity Building Activity**

**“Coastal Management Quiz – Facilitated by Quiz Master (Prof. Bruce Thom)”**

### 9.4 SCCG Capacity Building Program and Engagements Report (Attached) 43

#### Briefing Notes

The Secretariat is working with Member Councils to ensure the SCCG Capacity Building Program meets the needs and aspirations of Member Councils. To assist this, a report on the SCCG Capacity Building Program recent and planned activities is a standing item on all Technical Committee and Full Group meeting agendas. The report attached to the agenda papers provides details of current activities in relation to:

- Finalisation of SCCG web site and internet for members
- Underwater Sydney Program Update
- Building for Sustainability forum (up-coming SCCG / UNSW event – 14 July)
- Activities and outcomes of the SCCG Capacity Building / Education Steering Committee
- Capacity Building Program Activities 2011

The SCCG CPO will provide the meeting with a brief review of the above.

#### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) Delegates to make recommendations on any additional capacity building activities / forum topics for 2011.

**9.5 SCCG AUDIT OF SEA LEVEL RISE COASTAL EROSION AND INUNDATION** (Attached) **45**  
**LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

Briefing Notes

The SCCG engaged the Environmental Defender's Office NSW (EDO) to conduct a comparative assessment of Australian State and Territory planning and coastal legislation and policies that address sea level rise, coastal erosion, coastal inundation and storm surge. Furthermore the SCCG has requested an assessment of some strategic analysis of identified regional and international jurisdictions. The final report will be tabled and reviewed at the meeting.

**Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) The SCCG forward the final report to all Member Councils.
- 3) The SCCG provide the final report to:
  - Commonwealth including the relevant Minister's Environment and Climate Change and also to the National Coasts and Climate Change Council.
  - State Government Minister's and relevant heads of Departments

**9.6 Demonstrating Climate Change Adaptation of Interconnected Water Infrastructure** (Attached) **48**  
**Project (Update Report)**

Briefing Notes

In 2010 Sydney Water, DECCW (now OEH) and the SCCG partnered to submit an unsuccessful application to the NCCARF Grants Program for Settlements and Infrastructure to undertake a project titled *Climate Change Adaptation of Water Infrastructure*. Despite this being unsuccessful the project partners are progressing the delivery of the project.

The project aims to undertake the necessary research to develop information, guidance and capacity building activities to ensure that organisations responsible for managing water infrastructure are able to implement appropriate asset management systems in a changing climate.

The SCPO will provide a brief overview of the project and seek delegate discussion.

**Recommended that** the report be received and considered.

**9.7 SCCG Submissions / Advocacy** (Attached) **50**

- NSW Coal and Gas Strategy – Scoping Paper
- REF – Cronulla Wastewater Treatment Plant – Odour Management Project.
- Sydney Harbour National Park – Draft Plan of Management, 2011

**Recommended that** the SCCG submissions be received and adopted.

**Reports 11.6 – 11.12**  
**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
**(pending inquiry)**

**9.8 Technical Committee Report** (Attached) **66**

Briefing Notes

Delegates are encouraged to consider the attached report providing details of the April Meeting including a summary update on the actions, key agenda items and resolutions.

**Recommended that** the report be received and considered.

**9.9 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. McMurdo**(Attached) **72**Briefing Notes

Delegates are encouraged to consider the attached report providing details of the recent Beachwatch and Harbourwatch monitoring programs.

At the last meeting the Beachwatch Program Manager addressed delegates. As a result of this presentation and a letter received from OEH it was resolved:

The SCCG to formally write back to the Director of Sustainability Programs with cc to the NSW Minister for the Environment noting the desire to retain the BAC to meet at least twice a year to address issues including but not limited to:

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- Ongoing advice, training, coordination and communications with Local Governments.
- Specifically addressing 'sanitary risk' profiles and processes and developing associated remediation action plans with all relevant land and infrastructure managers.
- Provision ongoing review and support of the Beachwatch program generally.

Outcomes of this correspondence to be discussed.

**Recommended by the Beachwatch Advisory Committee representative that:** the report on Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Programs be received and considered.

**9.10 (a) Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority's Update** (Attached) **76****(b) Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's Update** (Attached) **78**Briefing Notes

Update reports prepared by the Sydney Metropolitan and Hawkesbury Nepean CMA are attached for delegate's information. These reports have kindly been prepared by the CMA Support Teams.

**Recommended that** the reports be received and noted.

**9.11 NSW Department of Industry and Investment's Aquatic Biosecurity Report**(Attached) **80**Briefing Notes

The SCCG have requested Department of Industry and Investment's provide the regular quarterly report. This report is attached for delegates' information and comment.

**Recommended that** the report be received and noted.

**9.12 Recent SCCG Grant Program Update**(Attached) **82**Briefing Notes

The report included in the business papers includes details of: a) Current SCCG grant programs underway b) Recent unsuccessful grant applications and c) Recently submitted grant applications (2011). The SCPO will provide further details on above if requested by delegates.

**Recommended that** the report be received and noted.

**9.13 Key Activities Report for April – June 2011**(Attached) **89**

**Recommended that** the SCCG Key Activities Report for April – June 2011 be received and noted.

**10. TREASURER’S REPORT****10.1 Financial Statements for period 30 June – April 2011** (be provided prior to the meeting)

**Recommended that** the financial statements for the period 30 June – 30 April 2011 be received and adopted.

**10.2 SCCG Operational Budget Estimates 2011 – 2012** (to be tabled at the meeting following consideration of the SCCG Executive Committee – **PENDING**)**Recommended that:**

- 1) the SCCG Operational Budget Estimates for 2011 – 2012 be received and considered
- 2) The SCCG Executive Committee be charged with finalizing the SCCG Operating budget.

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 2011 Meeting dates / Next Meeting**

- Saturday 10 September 2011 at 12 noon (AGM) (Manly or Randwick)
- Saturday 10 December 2011 at 12 noon (City of Sydney)

**11.2 Items for Press Release**

**Recommended that** items for press release be considered.

**11.3 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting****As resolved at last meeting 14 April (Waverley Council):**

1. To invite the new NSW Environment Minister to address the SCCG AGM on 10 September to outline the new Government environmental directions and considerations for coastal zone management.

**Recommended that** delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting (AGM) proposed for Saturday 10 September 2011 starting at 12 noon.

**11.4 Next Meeting**

**Recommended that** the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 10 September 2011 at Manly or Randwick Council (pending confirmation).

**A current contact list of delegates and member councils is attached to the back of the business papers**