

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE WORKSHOP REPORT

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) received a presentation from Mr. Jonathan Star on the results of the Climate and Communities Initiative workshop held January 22-23, 2020 in Garden Grove, CA. Mr. Star reviewed the purpose of the scenario planning exercise, presented the four scenarios that emerged from the workshop, and asked for feedback on the scenarios and next steps.

The workshop report proposes four scenarios that define sets of biophysical and social conditions that may be present in the future. An important consideration should be the effect of future conditions on Council and/or management partners' decision-making. This should include specific strategies. The next stage should also include consideration of institutional changes that may be required as biophysical, social, and economic conditions change. If the Council identifies legal or other constraints in how they can respond, then it may be useful to consider what would happen if these constraints changed. Mr. Star indicated that the range of possible decisions and decision-making processes will be a primary focus of the next stage of the scenario planning process.

In general, the proposed scenarios seemed appropriate and useful. The SSC provided some feedback for the Initiative Core Team to consider. The economic and social factors described in each of those scenarios do not vary in a systematic way and in some cases only amplify the effects, either good or bad, of biophysical characteristics. It would be useful to consider a fuller set of interactions. Also, as the scenarios are developed in more detail, it may also be useful to have expert review to validate plausible future conditions.

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