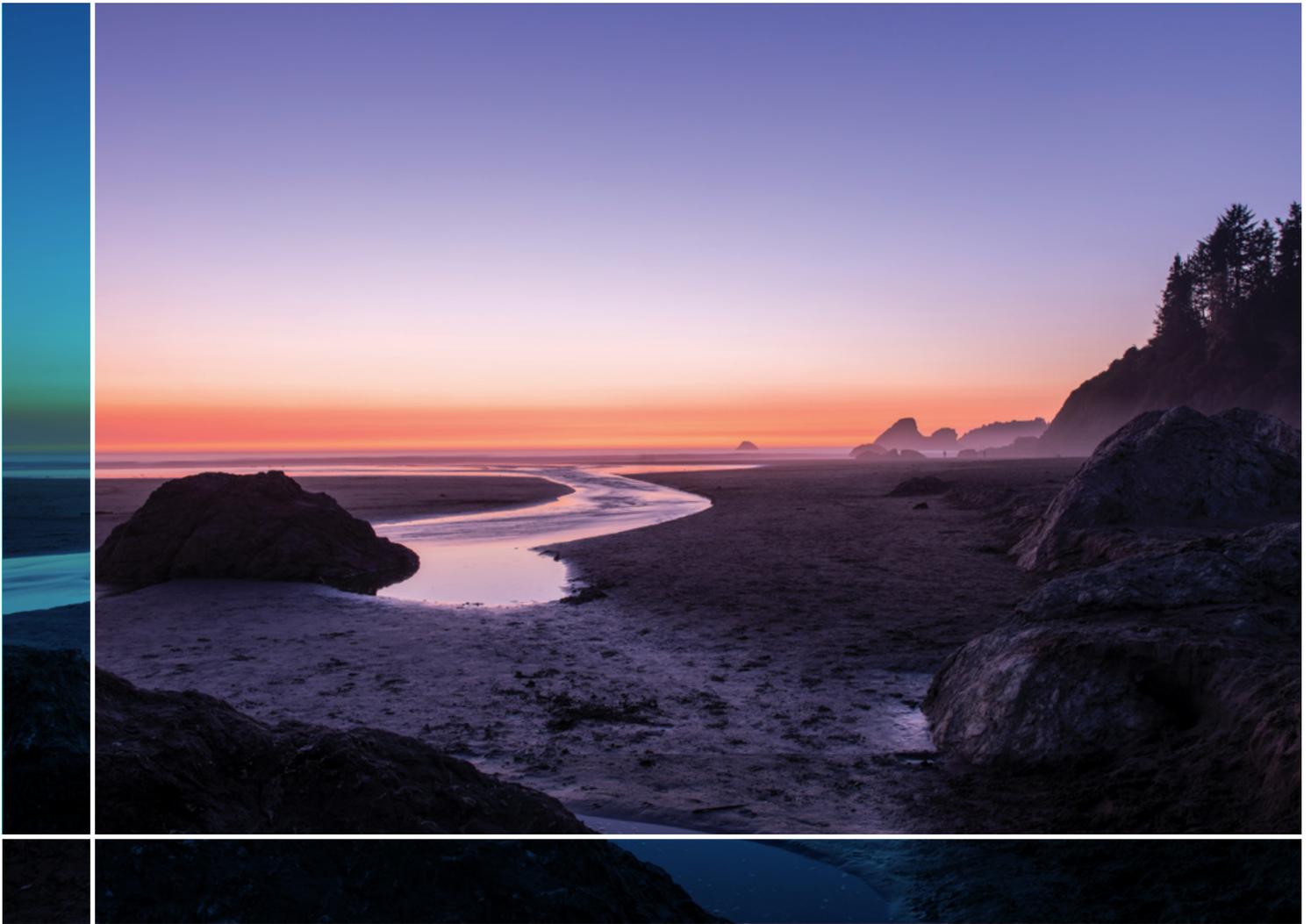


# COAST

## 2021 Annual Report



Covering activities from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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# A FORCE FOR CHANGE

Many of us in marine and coastal fields have known for years that our disciplines lack racial and ethnic diversity, as well as representation from other historically excluded groups including, but not limited to, women, LGBTQIA+ community members, students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged and individuals with disabilities. Despite decades of well-funded programs intended to increase diversity in STEM, the problem persists in many fields, including those that are central to ocean and coastal research.<sup>1</sup> To address this persistent inequity, the CSU Council on Ocean Affairs, Science & Technology (COAST) has made a conscious and deliberate decision to address issues ranging from unconscious bias to structural and systemic racism in our community.

In the last year, we have implemented a sustained campaign to raise awareness around equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) issues in higher education, STEM, and ocean and coastal science with the ultimate goal of creating a more inclusive community that embraces diversity and is better because of it. We are committed to engaging and supporting students who have been historically excluded from marine science and promoting their professional development. We will help our faculty members become more inclusive mentors, teachers and allies for students and colleagues from historically excluded groups. We believe that the students we train today will be our leaders, teachers and practitioners in the near future, and when we have more diverse perspectives and approaches, we develop better solutions.

To learn more about COAST's efforts to fight structural racism and increase equity and inclusive diversity, please visit the [Anti-Racism and Inclusive Diversity Resources section](#) of our website. We have a number of resources for faculty members and students, including a curated, dynamic list of books, articles, podcasts and other resources to help understand systemic racism in the U.S. and what we can do about it. We welcome your suggestions and input!

We are a year into our EDI programming, and we know we are just beginning. We are working across the CSU and with external partners to leverage funding and resources to make real progress. We know we have a long way to go, and we hope you will join us.



Dr. Krista Kamer, COAST Director

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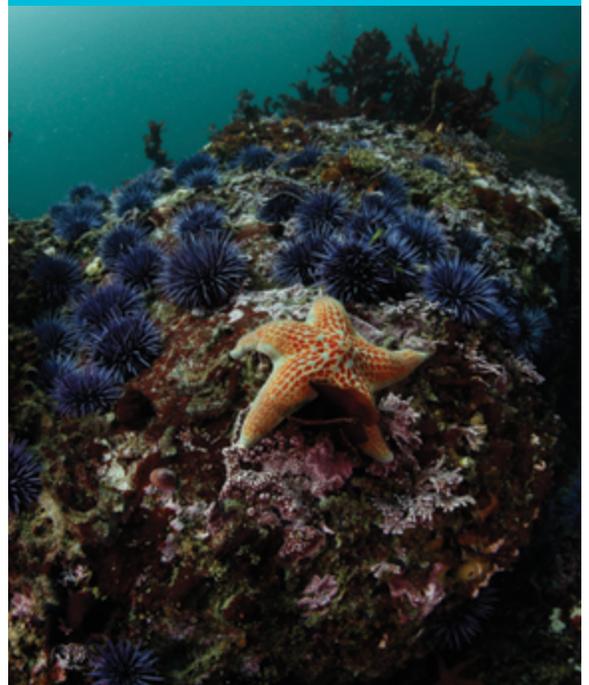
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## OUR MISSION

**COAST's mission is to help the state of California maintain a healthy ocean and sustainable use of coastal resources. COAST coordinates and promotes research and education across the 23 campuses of the CSU to advance our knowledge of marine resources and provide solutions to local, state and national issues. COAST promotes workforce development in STEM and other marine-related disciplines and communicates with California's governments, industries and communities to support informed decision-making and responsible policy development.**

## OUR VISION

**COAST envisions a California that actively and sustainably manages its coast and ocean through the application of scientific knowledge by a well-educated, diverse and environmentally literate workforce and citizenry.**



# AY 2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

In academic year (AY) 2020-21, COAST made significant investments in new research through the State Science Information Needs Program (SSINP) and developed strategic new partnerships that resulted in additional funding from external sources. In total, this led to an investment of \$2.24 million in new ocean and coastal research in the CSU in AY 2020-21. This research will inform policy development and evidence-based decision-making in a timely and actionable manner.

COAST also continued to make significant investments in faculty and student research through its traditional programs and provided new professional development opportunities for both faculty members and students. COAST provided \$392,052 to support basic and applied research and workforce training. Between existing and new programs, COAST awarded over \$2.40 million to 37 individual faculty members and 129 individual students at 21 campuses. These awards constituted 83 percent of COAST's expenditures in AY 2020-21.

In addition to supporting research, COAST provided critical equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) training opportunities and resources to faculty members and students throughout the year. We have had broad audiences for several of our events and are making a positive impact.

| REVENUE AY 2019-20                      | AMOUNT             | % OF TOTAL  |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Annual Chancellor's Office Contribution | \$529,927          | 17.3%       |
| Annual Campus Contributions             | \$212,500          | 6.9%        |
| One-time State Funding                  | \$1,949,901        | 63.6%       |
| Extramural Funding                      | \$358,066          | 11.7%       |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                   | \$15,705           | 0.5%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$3,066,099</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| EXPENDITURES AY 2019-20                 | AMOUNT             | % OF TOTAL  |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Student Support                         | \$237,132          | 8.2%        |
| Faculty Research Funding                | \$154,920          | 5.4%        |
| State Science Information Needs Program | \$2,010,376        | 69.8%       |
| Program and Strategic Development       | \$14,000           | 0.5%        |
| Outreach and Communications             | \$1,500            | 0.1%        |
| Personnel                               | \$388,226          | 13.5%       |
| Program Operations                      | \$17,450           | 0.6%        |
| Administrative Fee to Host Campus       | \$56,329           | 2.0%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$2,879,933</b> | <b>100%</b> |

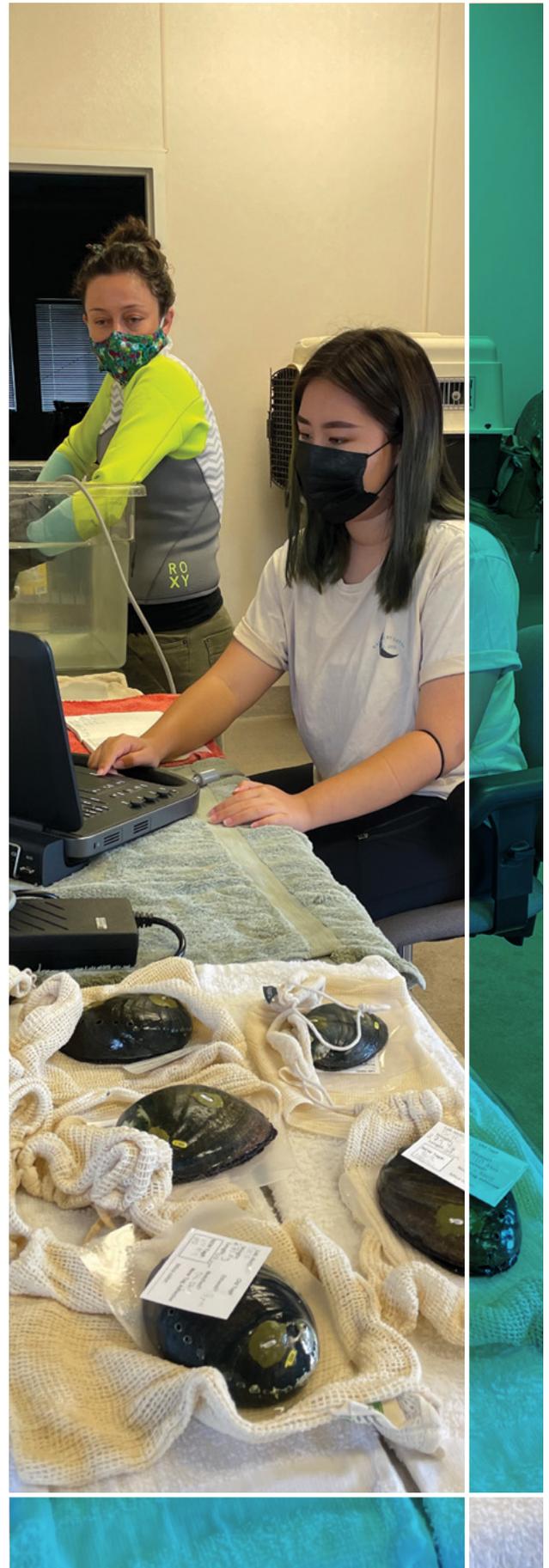
# BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE MARINE SCIENCE COMMUNITY

COAST recognizes the lack of representation of racial and ethnic minorities in marine and coastal science and related fields, as well as that of other historically excluded groups of people. This includes the geosciences, specifically ocean sciences, and ecology and evolutionary biology. To facilitate the development of a more inclusive marine and coastal science research community, COAST is committed to fighting systemic and structural racism and ensuring that individuals from diverse backgrounds and groups historically excluded from marine science and related fields are included, supported and valued.

As a first step, COAST hosted several events in AY 2020-21 to raise awareness of the ways in which racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination permeate society and higher education. We placed an emphasis on training for faculty members because they are in positions of power with regard to students: Faculty members have significant opportunity to act as either gatekeepers—who can restrict student engagement and limit success—or trusted stewards—who will act in students’ best interests and equitably foster their development.

- [Inclusive Diversity in Scientific Research, Teaching and Mentoring Panel](#) at the 2020 virtual COAST annual meeting, November 13, 2020: The panel highlighted specific ways faculty members can be more inclusive in their research activities, teaching and mentoring individual students. The panelists were
  - Dr. Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, professor and Falasco Chair in Earth Sciences, Life & Environmental Sciences Department, interim associate dean of the Graduate Division, UC Merced;
  - Dr. Viji Sathy, professor, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, and special projects assistant to the dean of Undergraduate Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and
  - Priya Shukla, Ph.D. student and lead mentor at the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute at UC Davis and San Diego State alumna.

More than 200 people registered for the annual meeting, and because it was virtual, participants from across the CSU in numerous departments were able to attend.



## FROM ATTENDEES OF DR. TERRELL MORTON'S TALK:

*“Dr. Morton brought more detail into his presentation than I'd heard before. It was helpful to hear more about the need to deconstruct some of the paradigms of 'success' in STEM and find more effective ways of listening to students and scientists from underrepresented minority backgrounds. I'm going to have to chew on those ideas quite a bit more and do some of the reading he suggested.”*

*“This talk was one of the most engaging and approachable talks I have been to on the subject. Dr. Morton really grounded CRT in reality for me. The metaphors and examples used in the talk really helped me understand how CRT might be applied in practice in higher ed and the classroom in general.”*

*“I have a much clearer understanding of what critical race theory is and how to address questions about it. I didn't know much about this topic before, so this webinar was a very helpful introduction.”*

- [Implicit Bias Workshop](#), January 13, 2021: The workshop explored how bias works and how we can reduce its harmful effects through a mix of presentations, large group discussions, small group discussions, interactive activities and evidence-based strategies for addressing implicit bias. The workshop was specifically for CSU faculty members, administrators and staff who are involved in COAST, and 45 people attended.
- [A Conversation on Power, Structural Racism and Perceptions of Normality in STEM Through a Lens of Critical Race Theory](#), April 28, 2021: CSU COAST and the CSU Program for Education & Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) jointly hosted Dr. Terrell Morton, assistant professor of Identity and Justice in STEM Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, who discussed identity, positionality, systemic racism and implications for racially-minoritized people in STEM. Through an approach informed by critical race theory (CRT), Dr. Morton prompted participants to examine their own identities to determine where they can take action toward racial equity and justice and change the perception of what is “normal” in STEM. The webcast consisted of a presentation followed by a facilitated conversation with Dr. Morton. More than 380 people from throughout the CSU registered for this event, and we received very positive feedback.

In addition to these events, COAST continues to add material to its [Understanding and Combating Systemic Racism](#) webpage, a curated, dynamic list of books, articles, podcasts, websites and other media to help understand systemic racism in the U.S. and what we can do about it. We disseminate information about the material on our website and other resources to COAST members through our faculty email list, which has more than 600 subscribers.

In the coming year, we will host a series of professional trainings for both faculty members and students on implicit bias and microaggressions, active bystander intervention and codes of conduct. We will also host Dr. Erika Zavaleta from UC Santa Cruz, an expert on field experiences for students from historically excluded groups, at the 2021 annual meeting.

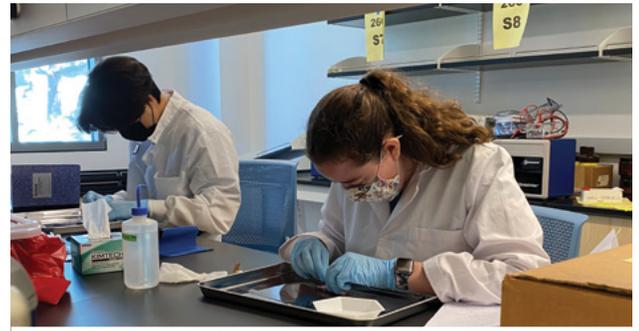
COAST will continue its anti-racism and inclusive diversity programming indefinitely.

# SUPPORTING STATE NEEDS FOR SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

In 2019, COAST received a one-time appropriation of \$3 million in the FY 2019-20 state budget. The purpose of the funding is to allow the CSU to assist the state with its marine, coastal and coastal watershed science information needs. COAST used this funding to establish the State Science Information Needs Program (SSINP), which focuses directly and exclusively on supporting the state of California's highest priority marine, coastal and coastal watershed needs for scientific information. SSINP funds scientific research needed to fill knowledge gaps identified by state agencies and the Legislature and facilitate informed policy development and evidence-based decision-making in a timely and actionable manner.

SSINP is unique because unlike funding opportunities that require applicants to identify stakeholder needs for information, SSINP engages state agencies from the beginning of the process to ensure that their needs are well represented in grant solicitations. For all of the requests for proposal (RFPs) issued through the SSINP to date, structured interviews with state agencies with relevant jurisdiction were conducted to identify their specific science information needs. Following rigorous scientific review by qualified experts, state agency representatives provided input on how well highly ranked proposals would meet their needs, thereby ensuring that SSINP-funded projects will benefit the state of California. In addition, awards made through SSINP provide a wealth of opportunities for the CSU, including increased faculty scholarship, student engagement and workforce development.

Two RFPs were issued in AY 2019-20; the proposals for each were evaluated, and funding recommendations were made during AY 2020-21.



*The CSU COAST State Science Information Needs Program (SSINP) resulted in \$2.24 million invested in ocean and coastal research within the CSU in AY 2020-21.*

## MICROPLASTICS AND MICROFIBERS

Microplastics and microfibers, which are less than 5 millimeters in length, are ubiquitous throughout marine and coastal environments and are increasingly of interest because of their harmful effects on the environment, wildlife and human health. COAST worked closely with the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), State Water Resources Control Board and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program to select the following two projects totaling \$794,896 for funding from an initial pool of 18 submissions:

**Dr. Eunha Hoh (San Diego State), Dr. Natalie Mladenov (San Diego), Dr. Karilyn Sant (San Diego) and Dr. Chelsea Rochman (University of Toronto), "Assessing fate and toxicity of microplastics under coastal environment conditions," \$395,490**

Dr. Hoh and co-principal investigators (co-PIs) are studying the role of microplastics, including car tire particles, as transfer mechanisms for contaminants to marine and estuarine organisms. Microfiber and tire particles are believed to be the most common microplastics found in California's waters.

**Dr. Gerardo Dominguez (CSU San Marcos) "Micro and nanoplastic identification in aqueous samples using nanoIR," \$399,406**

Dr. Dominguez is advancing analytical techniques for identifying the smallest types of microplastics, called nanoplastics, to expand the understanding of overall plastic prevalence in the environment and regulators' ability to adequately address risk to both humans and wildlife. The inability to quantify and identify nanoplastics has been noted as a barrier to determining their potential negative impact on human health.

*“We commend COAST for their research leadership on a global marine pollution issue: microplastics. These research efforts will inform the state and its future management actions on analytical methods and the potential impacts of these ubiquitous pollutants. Reducing the impacts of marine plastics pollution is one of the Ocean Protection Council’s top priorities, and this research will fill critical knowledge gaps on microplastics.”*

*Mark Gold, Executive Director,  
California Ocean Protection Council*

## SEA-LEVEL RISE

Sea-level rise will have profound effects on human welfare, infrastructure and the environment. According to the federal U.S. Geological Survey, 600,000 people and \$150 billion in property in California are at risk of coastal flooding by 2100. COAST worked closely with the OPC, California Coastal Commission, California State Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, California State Parks, and California State Lands Commission to select the following three projects totaling \$1.1 million from the 11 proposals received. This level of funding was made possible by \$300,000 in co-funding from [California Sea Grant](#) (CASG).

**Dr. Benjamin Hagedorn (Cal State Long Beach), Dr. Matt Becker (Long Beach) and Danielle Bram (CSUN), “Impact of sea-level rise on groundwater pollution vulnerability in shallow coastal aquifers,” \$210,755**

Dr. Hagedorn and co-PIs are identifying areas where sea-level rise is causing groundwater to rise and mobilize toxic substances from contaminated sites. The team will then explore in more depth the mobilization of contaminants in one to two low-income areas of the state.

**Dr. Kiki Patsch (CSU Channel Islands), Dr. Philip King (San Francisco State), Dr. Dan Reineman (Channel Islands), Dr. Nina Roberts (San Francisco) and Dr. Charles Lester (UC Santa Barbara), “Sustaining beaches and social equity under higher sea levels: an interdisciplinary case study of the Santa Barbara littoral cell,” \$497,409**

Dr. Patsch and co-PIs are studying how sea-level rise will affect coastal access for underserved populations. The team will integrate this information into an existing beach sustainability database that can be used by the California Coastal Commission and other state agencies to make management decisions.

**Dr. Danielle Zacherl (Cal State Fullerton), Dr. Joseph Carlin (Fullerton), Dr. Luke Miller (San Diego), Dr. Christine Whitcraft (Long Beach) and Katie Nichols (Orange County Coastkeeper), “Development of cost-effective metrics for monitoring living shorelines,” \$390,165**

Dr. Zacherl and colleagues are assessing whether nature-based adaptation approaches can protect adjacent shorelines from erosion, which will increase as sea levels rise. Specifically, the team will study an existing project where oyster shells and eelgrass were placed on the shoreline in Upper Newport Bay, Orange County.



# CALIFORNIA SEA GRANT NEW FACULTY FUNDING PROGRAM

In April 2020, CASG released a RFP specifically for new faculty (defined as those who received their first faculty appointment no earlier than January 1, 2018). CASG requires applicants to secure a 50 percent nonfederal match, and this often prevents CSU faculty members from applying. However, because SSINP is well-aligned with CASG’s mandate to fund research that benefits the economy, the environment and the citizens of California, COAST made SSINP funding available to new CSU faculty members to use as the required match for the CASG New Faculty Funding Program.

COAST provided \$117,150 to CSU faculty members who secured an additional \$234,298 from CASG for a total of \$351,448 in new research in the CSU. The match became unexpectedly even more important in light of new workloads caused by COVID-19 (e.g., conversion to remote instruction) that developed at the same time applications were due in May 2020. Many of the new faculty members did not have the bandwidth to apply as they were still learning how to seek external funding and navigate their campuses’ in-kind contributions, all the while campuses were anticipating financial constraints because of COVID-19. New faculty, many of whom are parents of small children, were dealing with stressors at home, including the closure of schools and daycare facilities. COAST is proud to have been able to contribute to the career advancement of our early faculty members.

*“As with many families, it was total utter chaos ... and [the match requirement] seemed like an administrative barrier to even applying because I didn’t know if I could easily secure a match. The COAST offering put it over the line for me and supported me in taking on the application. Without the COAST match, I probably wouldn’t have applied because I don’t think I had enough energy or motivation to try to chase another sponsor.”*

*Jennifer Marlow, J.D.,  
Assistant Professor of Environmental Law,  
Humboldt State University*

| AWARD RECIPIENTS  | PROJECT TITLE  | COAST FUNDING    | CASG FUNDING     | TOTAL FUNDING    |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Dr. Maya deVries</b><br>Biological Sciences, San José<br><b>Dr. Michael Graham</b><br>Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (MLML), San José<br><b>Dr. Scott Hamilton</b><br>MLML, San José | Strengthening sustainability in an acidified ocean: Does the co-culture of seaweeds and shellfish improve shell integrity in farmed red abalone? | \$30,000         | \$60,000         | \$90,000         |
| <b>Dr. Maxime Grand</b><br>MLML, San José<br><b>Dr. Luke Gardener</b><br>MLML, San José   | Quantifying the production rate of bromoform (CHBr3) from cultured <i>Asparagopsis</i>   | \$29,723         | \$59,445         | \$89,168         |
| <b>Dr. Jose Marin Jarrin</b><br>Fisheries Biology, Humboldt   | Study of the biology of adult night smelt ( <i>Spirinchus starksi</i> ) in Humboldt County   | \$27,427         | \$54,853         | \$82,280         |
| <b>Jennifer Marlow, J.D.</b><br>Environmental Science and Management, Humboldt  | Frameworks for managing the known risk of sea-level rise inundation of Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant’s spent nuclear fuel site                | \$30,000         | \$60,000         | \$90,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>\$117,150</b> | <b>\$234,298</b> | <b>\$351,448</b> |

# SUPPORTING FACULTY RESEARCH

COAST has developed a suite of programs to support CSU faculty members' research, pursuit of extramural funding and professional development. Over the years, we have refined these programs and created new ones to best serve the faculty and advance the CSU at both state and national levels. The collective goals of these programs are to increase 1) the total amount of extramural funding for marine, coastal and coastal watershed research and education in the CSU; 2) the number of externally funded CSU marine and coastal PIs; and 3) the overall research capacity of the CSU.

The following table provides a summary of COAST awards made to CSU faculty members in AY 2020-21. Please note that this table does not include SSINP awards, which can be found in the previous section.

| FACULTY AWARD PROGRAM                                | NUMBER OF AWARDS | NUMBER OF FACULTY MEMBERS SUPPORTED | NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CAMPUSES | FUNDING AMOUNT   |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Grant Development Program                            | 7                | 9                                   | 7                                | \$125,000        |
| Rapid Response Funding Program                       | 4                | 7                                   | 4                                | \$19,920         |
| Short Course, Workshop and Symposium Funding Program | 1                | 3                                   | 2                                | \$10,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>12</b>        | <b>19</b>                           |                                  | <b>\$154,920</b> |



## GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Grant Development Program (GDP) is designed to stimulate CSU faculty members and research associates to develop and submit full proposals to external funding agencies and organizations for marine, coastal and coastal watershed research and educational projects. Awards can be used to fund reassigned time and activities deemed necessary to maximize subsequent success in obtaining external funding, such as data collection, sample analysis and data analysis, and can include student support. The award maximum is \$20,000.

COAST provided \$125,000 in support to faculty members through the GDP in AY 2020-21. Awards began May 1, 2021, and are 18 months in duration, ending October 31, 2022.

| AWARD RECIPIENTS  | PROJECT TITLE   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Dr. Elinne Becket</b><br/>Biological Sciences, San Marcos</p> <p><b>Dr. Scott Kelley</b><br/>Biology, San Diego</p>                 | <p>Employing quantitative profiling and compositional data analysis techniques to map the effect of rainstorm runoff in coastal microbiomes</p> |
| <p><b>Dr. William Cochlan</b><br/>Biology/Estuary &amp; Ocean Science Center, San Francisco</p>   | <p>Ocean acidification and light as environmental drivers of domoic acid toxicity in coastal and estuarine ecosystems of California</p>         |
| <p><b>Dr. Maya deVries</b><br/>Biological Sciences, San José</p>  | <p>Strengthening shellfish in an acidified ocean: Does co-culture with seaweeds improve shell integrity in farmed abalone and oysters?</p>      |
| <p><b>Dr. Scott Hauswirth</b><br/>Geological Sciences, Northridge</p> <p><b>Dr. Priya Ganguli</b><br/>Geological Sciences, Northridge</p> | <p>Geochemistry and environmental impacts of oil seeps in coastal watersheds</p>  |
| <p><b>Dr. Samantha Leigh</b><br/>Biology, Dominguez Hills</p>   | <p>Microplastic ingestion by commercially important fishes</p>  |
| <p><b>Dr. Cheryl Logan</b><br/>Marine Science, Monterey Bay</p>   | <p>Mechanistic underpinnings of Galápagos coral thermal tolerance</p>   |
| <p><b>Dr. Hassan Tavakol-Davani</b><br/>Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, San Diego</p>                                  | <p>Quantifying the effectiveness of bioretention in removing microplastics</p>  |

## RAPID RESPONSE FUNDING PROGRAM

The Rapid Response Funding Program provides funding for unanticipated, urgent projects that require a response outside of the existing annual COAST funding opportunities. Projects may include investigation of unexpected or sudden events, those that have a short window of opportunity or incidents that require immediate attention. The award maximum in AY 2020-21 was \$5,000.

In AY 2020-21, COAST made four Rapid Response Awards totaling \$19,920. The award to Dr. Natalie Mladenov and Dr. Matthew Verbyla at San Diego resulted in the campus providing them with \$500,000 more to monitor SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater from residence halls on campus.

| AWARD RECIPIENTS  | PROJECT TITLE   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Dr. Natalie Mladenov</b><br/>Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, San Diego</p> <p><b>Dr. Matthew Verbyla</b><br/>Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, San Diego</p>  | <p>Persistence of SARS-coronavirus-2 in natural waters</p>  |
| <p><b>Dr. Kiki Patsch</b><br/>Environmental Science &amp; Resource Management, Channel Islands</p> <p><b>Dr. Sean Anderson</b><br/>Environmental Science &amp; Resource Management, Channel Islands</p> | <p>Summer sandy beach monitoring: the effects of shelter-in-place on Southern California beaches</p>                            |
| <p><b>Dr. Doug Smith</b><br/>Applied Environmental Sciences, Monterey Bay</p>   | <p>Fire impacts on steelhead spawning gravel in the Carmel River</p>  |
| <p><b>Dr. Ryan Walter</b><br/>Physics, San Luis Obispo</p> <p><b>Dr. Andrew Fricker</b><br/>Social Sciences, San Luis Obispo</p>  | <p>Drone-based monitoring of a potential eelgrass recovery following an estuary-wide collapse in a major California estuary</p> |

## SHORT COURSE, WORKSHOP AND SYMPOSIA FUNDING PROGRAM

In AY 2020-21, COAST made one Short Course, Workshop and Symposia Funding Program award for \$10,000 to Dr. Cheryl Logan at CSU Monterey Bay (\$9,190) and Dr. Kerry Nickols and Dr. Nyssa Silbiger at Northridge (\$810). They convened a workshop on “open science,” where all research components (including data, physical samples, code/software and publications) are open and accessible to the public. This is a recent movement geared toward increasing the reliability and reproducibility of research, the speed of doing science and chances of publication. In addition to Monterey Bay and Northridge, faculty members and students from Cal Poly Pomona, San Francisco and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo participated.

<sup>2</sup>SFSU data not included.

## CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL CSU RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

COAST inventories the external grant and contract activity of its members across the system annually with the goal of demonstrating the collective impact of faculty members involved in marine, coastal and coastal watershed research. AY 2019-20 expenditure data were collected for all grants and contracts for faculty members associated with COAST at each campus<sup>2</sup>. Filtering the data to include only external research and development (R&D) awards for marine, coastal and coastal watershed projects demonstrates that these activities constituted 48 percent of COAST members' externally funded expenditures. Furthermore, externally funded R&D expenditures by COAST members in AY 2019-20 accounted for 10.3 percent of the CSU's overall externally funded R&D expenditures for the year (\$251,230,000).



| AWARDS TO COAST FACULTY                              | 2019-20          |                          |              |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | NUMBER OF AWARDS | NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PIS | EXPENDITURES |
| All awards (coastal and noncoastal, R&D and non-R&D) | 596              | 249                      | \$54,007,993 |
| Coastal R&D only                                     | 317              | 146                      | \$25,894,978 |



# SUPPORTING STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

COAST is committed to increasing access to and participation and inclusion in marine science undergraduate and graduate programs for a diverse array of students. To achieve that goal, COAST supports CSU undergraduate and graduate students engaged in marine, coastal and coastal watershed research with CSU faculty members through research awards, travel grants and internships. COAST support often helps students meet their financial obligations and devote more time to their academic work and research projects than would be possible otherwise. This helps them to remain enrolled, persist in STEM majors and programs and attain their degrees more quickly. Because each student works with a CSU faculty mentor, support for students ultimately benefits faculty members because it advances their research.

In AY 2020-21, COAST made 133 awards totaling \$237,132 to 129 individual students at 21 campuses throughout the system.

| STUDENT PROGRAM                                | NUMBER OF AWARDS | NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CAMPUSES | FUNDING AMOUNT   |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Graduate Student Research Award Program        | 35               | 13                               | \$105,000        |
| Scholars-in-Training Pilot Program             | 4                | 1                                | \$12,000         |
| Student Travel Award Program                   | 14               | 8                                | \$1,600          |
| Summer Internship Program                      | 11               | 8                                | \$68,861         |
| Undergraduate Student Research Support Program | 69               | 19                               | \$49,671         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>133</b>       |                                  | <b>\$237,132</b> |

The goals of the COAST student programs are to 1) stimulate student interest in marine-related careers; 2) increase student participation in faculty-mentored research; and 3) provide students with the opportunity to obtain the skills necessary to join a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce. Three of the programs (Undergraduate Student Research Support, Summer Internships and Scholars-in-Training) utilize the high impact practices (HIPs) of undergraduate research and internships to promote STEM major retention and student success.



## GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM

In AY 2020-21, the Graduate Student Research Award Program supported 35 graduate students from 13 campuses (Appendix). Applicants are able to request that the \$3,000 award be provided directly to them through their campus financial aid office for their personal use (e.g., living expenses, tuition and fees, child care); be made available to them through their department for the purchase of materials and supplies, services or travel in support of their research; or any combination of the two. Applicants construct their own budgets and obtain departmental approval as part of the application process. This enables students to conduct their work and complete their theses efficiently and effectively.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Undergraduate Research Support Program provides \$2,500 to each campus to support undergraduate students involved in marine, coastal and coastal watershed research. Campus representatives are responsible for implementing this program and awarding the funds on their respective campuses. This year, 19 campuses successfully allocated their funding and supported 69 students (Appendix). Five campuses provided matching funds totaling \$7,355 that augmented students' projects.

## STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD PROGRAM

The Student Travel Award Program supports continuing CSU undergraduate and graduate students attending and presenting the results of their original marine, coastal and coastal watershed research at scientific meetings and conferences. The goals of the program are to enable students to participate in transformative experiences and to highlight CSU research at a national level. COAST provided \$1,600 in travel support to two undergraduate and 12 graduate students from six campuses (Appendix). Because of COVID-19 travel restrictions, COAST provided funding to cover registration fees for virtual meetings.

*Receiving the COAST Graduate Research Award mostly made me feel part of a marine science field that is lacking in diversity. ... I don't question my place in it anymore from an academic standpoint. ... Winning this award last year was validating, and I feel comfortable exploring marine science-related questions."*

*—Daniel Olivares-Zambrano, Cal State LA  
Graduate Student Research awardee  
(2019-2020<sup>3</sup>)*

*My first year was extremely difficult for me as I transitioned into college and made me question my ability to continue my education. However, ... I am so grateful for having been given this research opportunity because I now feel even more motivated to finish my education and look forward to all the new things and skills I can learn from this whole research experience."*

*—Kevin Mosqueda, CSU Dominguez Hills  
Undergraduate Student Research  
Support Program awardee*

<sup>3</sup> 2020-21 Graduate Student Research awardees have not turned in their final reports yet; a quote from a 2019-20 awardee is presented to demonstrate the impact of the program.

“This award made it possible for me (a first-generation college student, returning student and parent to a toddler) to attend this virtual conference during this difficult year. Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science is a particularly inspiring conference, and I was able to attend several workshops and seminars that helped me renew my determination to finish my M.S. degree and continue in a STEM field.”

—Ariel Heyman, Fullerton  
Student Travel Program awardee

“I struggle with ‘imposter syndrome’ at times, so throughout my experiences, I wondered whether I really deserved to be there; however, ... this internship has led me to believe that I can excel in my field, and that I have the skills to do so.”

—Katie Blessing, Long Beach  
Summer student intern

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Through the Summer Internship Program, CSU students work side by side with professionals involved in marine and coastal research, management and policy. COAST interns gain valuable work experience and learn professional and technical skills that complement their education and provide significant employment opportunities. Additionally, these students are better able to make informed decisions about STEM-related fields and advanced degrees they may wish to pursue. Since the program began in 2011, 129 interns have been placed with state and federal agencies, nonprofits and private companies. Many COAST interns have been hired by their hosts following their internships, demonstrating that the program is a valuable pipeline for both employers and CSU students.

In summer 2020, 11 students, including nine undergraduates, from eight campuses were placed with eight different hosts (Appendix). Due to COVID-19, all internships were conducted remotely. New projects included coding to streamline post-processing of remotely-operated vehicle (ROV) data and analysis of an experimental commercial box crab fishery.

In summer 2021, 11 students, including eight undergraduates, from eight campuses were placed with seven different hosts (Appendix). Due to COVID-19, most of these internships were a mix of both remote and in-person work. New projects included management of striped marlin in the eastern Pacific Ocean and investigation of invasive species in San Francisco Bay.

## SCHOLARS-IN-TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions—Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (HSI STEM) and Articulation Programs as part of a 2016 award to Monterey Bay, COAST launched a new program in AY 2017-18 to increase undergraduate student participation in marine, coastal and coastal watershed research. The goal of the Scholars-in-Training Pilot Program (SIT) is to involve students in research early on in their undergraduate careers to promote retention in STEM degree programs.

SIT pairs first- and second-year Monterey Bay undergraduate students with MLML graduate student mentors during the academic year. These undergraduate students assist the graduate students with their thesis research and thereby gain valuable hands-on experience during a critical time in their educational pathway. This prepares them to form their own scientific questions and conduct independent research during their third and fourth years of college. Financial support is provided to undergraduate students and graduate student mentors to facilitate participation by historically underrepresented minority, first-generation and low-income students.

In 2018-19, the second year of the program, a new criterion for eligibility was instituted: In order to participate, students had to have no prior research experience. The purpose of this was to attract and select students who could potentially benefit the most from the program, rather than students who had already been involved in research. Most students recruited in 2018-19 were the first in their families to attend college.

Because of budget limitations, new cohorts of undergraduate students were not recruited in AY 2019-20 or 2020-21. Instead, support for continuing students was prioritized. These four students who were supported in AY 2020-21 are now conducting their own independent research, for which their prior participation in the program prepared them. They were each awarded \$3,000 to purchase materials and supplies for their research projects.

| AY 2020-21 SCHOLARS-IN-TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS |        |                |  |                   |
|--|--------|----------------|--|-------------------|
| UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER                                   | YEAR   | PROGRAM/ MAJOR | PROJECT TITLE  | GRADUATE MENTOR   |
| Kylie Foley  | Fourth | Biology        | Bacterial growth of pesticide-remediating strains  | Dr. Nathaniel Jue |
| Kaiku Kaholoaa   | Fourth | Marine Science | Measuring resilience: transforming repeated photomosaics into coral demographic models   | Dr. Cheryl Logan  |
| Ethan Switzer  | Third  | Marine Science | Parallel laser measurement system for ROV-based 3-D photogrammetry of maritime heritage sites for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary | Dr. Steve Moore   |
| Silvia Vasquez   | Fourth | Marine Science | Coral-symbiont fidelity in American Samoa  | Dr. Cheryl Logan  |



# LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next 12 months, COAST will

- Launch a new program to provide funding to students to help defray expenses associated with field experience participation.
- Provide resources, training and support to faculty members and students who want to actively participate in efforts to increase EDI in marine science and related fields within the CSU.
  - Provide professional training on implicit bias and microaggressions, active bystander intervention and codes of conduct.
  - Host webinars by leaders actively working to increase EDI in STEM and disciplines most relevant to COAST.
  - Curate resources for the [Anti-Racism and Diversity Resources](#) section of our website.
- Continue to meet the state's needs for timely scientific information to support evidence-based decision-making and policy development through SSINP.
  - Release a third solicitation for proposals to inform ocean and coastal compensatory mitigation and associated restoration. Awards will be announced in spring 2022.
  - Convene meetings and briefings with state agencies, lawmakers and legislative committee staff to update them on the findings of the SSINP-supported projects.
- Develop the next strategic plan for 2022 through 2027.
- Pursue extramural funding to increase marine and coastal research and educational activities for undergraduate and graduate students.



# APPENDIX

## STUDENT AWARDS AND SUPPORT

# GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

Each award is \$3,000.

| CAMPUS              | STUDENT                  | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE PROGRAM       | ADVISOR                    | PROJECT TITLE  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Bakersfield</b>  | Amy Fetters              | Biology                             | Dr. Rae McNeish            | Anthropogenic litter, microplastics, debris dams, intermittent river, freshwater, bridges  |
| <b>Fullerton</b>    | Chelsea Bowers           | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. E. Misty Paig-Tran     | Ingestion and assimilation of microplastics in Pacific sardines, <i>Sardinops sagax</i> , within the Southern California Bight                               |
|                     | Tyler Frantz             | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. Danielle Zacherl       | Seasonal impacts on native and nonnative settlement and succession on artificial reefs   |
|                     | Brandon Quintana         | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. Danielle Zacherl       | Effects of eelgrass density on filter feeder biomass and condition index in a multihabitat living shoreline  |
| <b>Humboldt</b>     | Tyler Caseltine          | Environmental Resources Engineering | Dr. Margaret Lang          | Comparison of two-dimensional hydraulic models for habitat evaluation  |
| <b>Long Beach</b>   | Wenda Ly                 | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. Douglas Pace           | Morphological plasticity in Pacific sand dollar larvae, <i>Dendraster excentricus</i> : physiological consequences of arm length variation                   |
|                     | Yamilla N. Samara Chacon | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. Chris Lowe             | Trophic position and diet of juvenile white sharks ( <i>Carcharodon carcharias</i> ) in Southern California  |
|                     | Shannon Tarby            | Biological Sciences                 | Dr. Erika Holland          | Assessing the effects of weathered microplastics and sorbate on larval zebrafish ( <i>Danio rerio</i> )  |
| <b>Monterey Bay</b> | Kinsey Matthews          | Marine Science (MLML)               | Dr. Rick Starr             | Habitat associations and species distribution models of deep-water fishes off Central and Southern California  |
| <b>Northridge</b>   | Roland Lacap             | Biology                             | Dr. Maria Elena de Bellard | Can sharks feel pain? A molecular approach to elasmobranch nociception   |
| <b>Sacramento</b>   | Christine Hughes         | Geology                             | Dr. Amy Wagner             | California coast paleoceanography: constructing a foundational high-resolution Holocene climate record   |
| <b>San Diego</b>    | Jessica Griffin          | Biology                             | Dr. Kevin Hovel            | The importance of environmental context for mediating bivalve effects on eelgrass growth   |
|                     | Karl Koehler             | Biology                             | Dr. Kevin Hovel            | A functional trait approach to understanding the effects of eelgrass ( <i>Zostera marina</i> ) habitat structure on the composition of epifaunal communities |
|                     | Vanessa Van Deusen       | Biology                             | Dr. Kevin Hovel            | The effect of temperature increase on California spiny lobster predation and metabolism  |

| CAMPUS        | STUDENT                     | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM               | ADVISOR               | PROJECT TITLE   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| San Francisco | D'Andre Alejandro           | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Ellen Hines       | The occurrence of microplastic ingestion in prey fish species from the Farallon Islands   |
|               | Jeremiah Ets-Hokin          | Biology  | Dr. Jonathon Stillman | Quantifying the combinatorial effects of flow and pH on the resilience of coralline algae to urchin herbivory   |
|               | Mehak Jain                  | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Karina Nielsen    | The effect of coastal acidification on the development and behavior of <i>Metacarcinus magister</i> megalopae in the San Francisco Estuary  |
|               | Corryn Knapp                | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Andrew Chang      | Effect of habitat complexity and predation on intertidal communities: implications for eco-engineering in San Francisco Bay   |
|               | Rebekah Lane                | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Ellen Hines       | Whales in a highly urbanized estuary: evaluating risk of vessel strike to humpback whales in San Francisco Bay  |
|               | Allie (Alexandra) Margulies | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Andrew Chang      | A decade of extreme climatic events affecting spatiotemporal dynamics of a native foundation species in San Francisco Bay: How can this inform restoration?                                     |
|               | Lindsey Metz                | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. William Cochlan   | The effects of temperature and acidity on the diversity of epifaunal bacteria associated with the toxigenic diatom <i>Pseudo-nitzschia multiseries</i>  |
|               | Taylor Pantiga              | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Sarah Cohen       | Incidence of eelgrass ( <i>Zostera marina</i> ) infection by <i>Labyrinthula zosterae</i> in the San Francisco Bay and Drakes Estero  |
|               | Stephen Randall             | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Frances Wilkerson | The response of phytoplankton nitrate uptake kinetics to decreased ammonium supply resulting from an upgrade of a major wastewater treatment plant  |
|               | Amy Wong                    | Interdisciplinary Marine and Estuarine Science | Dr. Wim Kimmerer      | Using high-throughput sequencing to determine the prey composition within the diets of the copepods <i>Eurytemora carolleeae</i> and <i>Psudodiaptomus forbesi</i> in the San Francisco Estuary |
| San José      | Danielle Devincenzi         | Biological Sciences                            | Dr. Scott Shaffer     | The influence of individual western gull ( <i>Larus occidentalis</i> ) boldness on nest site quality and reproductive success at Southeast Farallon Island                                      |
|               | Frederick Ede               | Geology  | Dr. Ryan Portner      | Geological assessment of coastal erosion hazard severity and distribution on the Central Oregon Coast   |
|               | Sarah Hecoeks               | Biological Sciences                            | Dr. Scott Shaffer     | Demographic consequences of environmentally induced foraging flexibility in common murre breeding at Southeast Farallon Island, California  |

| CAMPUS                 | STUDENT           | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE PROGRAM | ADVISOR                 | PROJECT TITLE  |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>San Luis Obispo</b> | Jackson Hoeke     | Marine Science (MLML)         | Dr. Amanda Kahn         | Quantifying the role of the introduced sponge <i>Hymeniacidon perlevis</i> (Porifera: Demospongiae) in the Elkhorn Slough            |
|                        | Daphne Shen       | Marine Science (MLML)         | Dr. Birgitte McDonald   | Fine-scale behavioral response of the northern elephant seal ( <i>Mirounga angustirostris</i> ) when exposed to an acoustic stressor |
|                        | Marissa Bills     | Biological Sciences           | Dr. Benjamin Ruttenberg | Investigating the aquaculture potential of California's native Pismo clam ( <i>Tivela stultorum</i> )                                |
|                        | Megan Dotterweich | Biological Sciences           | Dr. Kristin Hardy       | Effects of intertidal position on anaerobic metabolism and hypoxia tolerance of the common acorn barnacle, <i>Balanus glandula</i>   |
|                        | Erin Johnston     | Biological Sciences           | Dr. Benjamin Ruttenberg | Impacts of marine heat waves on nearshore groundfishes in Central California   |
| <b>San Marcos</b>      | Ciara Sanders     | Biological Sciences           | Dr. Elinne Becket       | The effect of climate change on horizontal gene transfer in coastal microbiomes  |
| <b>Sonoma</b>          | Barbara Halaska   | Biology                       | Dr. Daniel Crocker      | A multifaceted examination of blubber to infer the nutritional status of the Eastern Pacific gray whale                              |
|                        | Kiona Parker      | Biology                       | Dr. Sean Place          | Ramifications of multiple stressors on the metabolic capacity and digestive functions of the copper rockfish                         |



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM AWARDS

Some awards may include unspent funds from previous years. Campuses marked with an \* provided match funding.

| CAMPUS                 | STUDENT                 | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM | ADVISOR               | PROJECT TITLE  | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Bakersfield</b>     | Julian Jordan           | Biology                          | Dr. Antje Lauer       | Searching for <i>Coccidioides</i> on the Channel Islands, California   | \$2,911                     |
|                        | Kaitlin Macaranas       | Biology                          | Dr. Rae McNeish       | Landscape features impact atmospheric deposition of microplastics and nutrients  | \$2,911                     |
| <b>Chico</b>           | Andrea Villegas-Fregoso | Environmental Science            | Dr. Sandrine Matiasek | Continuous monitoring of water quality in Big Chico Creek  | \$2,489                     |
| <b>Dominguez Hills</b> | Kelsie Kaufman          | Biology                          | Dr. Samantha Leigh    | Pervasiveness of microplastics in the Southern California Bight  | \$1,250                     |
|                        | Kevin Mosqueda          | Microbiology                     | Dr. Samantha Leigh    | Microplastic pervasiveness in Southern California marine ecosystems  | \$1,250                     |
| <b>East Bay*</b>       | Sharn Basi              | Health Sciences                  | Dr. Patty Oikawa      | Carbon cycling in tidal wetlands at the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve  | \$417                       |
|                        | Sarah Fukushima         | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Patty Oikawa      | Quantifying spatial and temporal patterns of coral bleaching   | \$417                       |
|                        | Tiffany Hopkins         | Environmental Sciences           | Dr. Patty Oikawa      | Effects of compost application on soil carbon dioxide, methane and evapotranspiration on Concord, California, grazed grassland | \$417                       |
|                        | Jackelyn Marroquin      | Health Sciences                  | Dr. Patty Oikawa      | Methane synthesis  | \$417                       |
|                        | Marcus Powell-Ford      | Biological Sciences              | Dr. James Murray      | Effects of <i>Tritonia</i> toxin on helminths  | \$417 (\$800)               |
|                        | Raquel Sandoval         | Biological Sciences              | Dr. James Murray      | Magnets change <i>Tritonia</i> navigation  | \$417                       |

| CAMPUS    | STUDENT             | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM | ADVISOR                 | PROJECT TITLE   | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Fullerton | Kathryn Eckholdt    | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Danielle Zacherl    | Talking trash: Will a trash interceptor in Newport Bay, California, intercept wrack subsidies, too?   | \$450                       |
|           | Nicolina Jurkiewicz | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Danielle Zacherl    | Tidal influence on mudflat foraging locations of shorebirds in restored and unrestored habitats   | \$444                       |
|           | Jada Smith          | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford  | Exploring the mechanisms behind patterns of epiphyte infection for the seaweed <i>Pelvetiopsis californica</i> under conditions of sea-level rise | \$900                       |
|           | Julia Teeple        | Biological Sciences              | Dr. E. Misty Paig-Tran  | Tiny teeth in mega filter-feeders—vestigial or functional?  | \$326                       |
|           | Veng Hout Ty        | Biochemistry                     | Dr. Stevan Pecic        | In vitro selection of DNA aptamers for the detection of the agricultural insecticide imidacloprid   | \$400                       |
|           | Angela Xia          | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Amybeth Cohen       | Traditional mating of wild type <i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> to improve protein-lipid content for use as an aquaculture food source           | \$825                       |
| Humboldt  | Alex Bairstow       | Biology                          | Dr. Sean Craig          | Copper tolerance in an invasive bryozoan cryptic species complex  | \$500                       |
|           | Peter Bright        | Chemistry                        | Dr. Matthew Hurst       | Copper in the Smith River plain   | \$500                       |
|           | Marzia Fattori      | Biology                          | Dr. Rick Zechman        | Establishing a bull kelp nursery at Telonicher Marine Laboratory  | \$500                       |
|           | Noah Jenkins        | Fisheries Biology                | Dr. Rafael Cuevas Uribe | Effects of probiotic diet on white sturgeon growth and microbiome   | \$500                       |

| CAMPUS             | STUDENT         | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM    | ADVISOR                          | PROJECT TITLE   | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Long Beach</b>  | Haylee Kramer   | Marine Biology                      | Dr. Chris Lowe                   | Training AI in the recognition of desired objects using drone footage   | \$750                       |
|                    | Mariah Meyer    | Marine Biology                      | Dr. Chris Lowe                   | Effect of water turbidity on white shark prey detection monitored by AUV video  | \$250                       |
|                    | Erin Pierce     | Marine Biology                      | Dr. Chris Lowe                   | How does size affect human and juvenile white shark interactions along the Southern California coast?   | \$250                       |
|                    | David Reoyo     | Biology                             | Dr. Douglas Pace                 | Determining the metabolic cost of growth in larval stages of the deep-water sea urchin, <i>Strongylocentotus fragilis</i>   | \$1,250                     |
| <b>Los Angeles</b> | Celeene Gomez   | Biology                             | Dr. Andres Aguilar               | Extracting mitogenome sequences from rockfish genome data   | \$500                       |
|                    | Mayra Lopez     | Biology                             | Dr. Patrick Krug                 | Population genetic analysis of the sea slug <i>Elysia pusilla</i> , a Pacific gastropod with unprecedented phylogeographic structure                                  | \$1,460                     |
|                    | Rania Mamo      | Biology                             | Dr. Andres Aguilar               | Phylogenomics of eelpouts ( <i>Zoarcidae</i> ) using whole mitochondrial sequences  | \$500                       |
| <b>Maritime*</b>   | Sophie Scopazzi | Marine Transportation               | Dr. Alejandro Cifuentes-Lorenzen | Multipurpose discus buoy, for use in measuring narrow or shallow estuarine ecosystems (along with future students/faculty projects)                                   | \$1,450                     |
|                    | Dominic Terrusa | Oceanography                        | Dr. Kaylan Randolph              | Planning, construction and deployment of an oceanographic buoy for monitoring physical forces and water quality near an eelgrass bed in the San Francisco Bay estuary | \$1,050 (\$55)              |
|                    | Aurora Thomas   | Global Studies and Maritime Affairs | Dr. Alejandro Cifuentes-Lorenzen | Atmospheric measurements from an oceanographic buoy for monitoring atmospheric forcing near an eelgrass bed in the San Francisco Bay estuary                          | \$0 (\$1,000)               |

| CAMPUS              | STUDENT            | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM             | ADVISOR            | PROJECT TITLE  | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monterey Bay</b> | Vanessa Garcia     | Biology                                      | Dr. Nathaniel Jue  | Investigating the seascape genetics of <i>Mytilus californianus</i> using a coalescent sampler         | \$500                       |
|                     | Kaiku Kaholoaa     | Biology                                      | Dr. Cheryl Logan   | Comparing species-specific vital rates in Hawaiian corals <i>Porites ligulata</i> and <i>P. lichen</i> | \$500                       |
|                     | Silvia Vasquez     | Biology                                      | Dr. Cheryl Logan   | Coral thermotolerance  | \$500                       |
|                     | Gretchen Wichman   | Environmental Science, Technology and Policy | Dr. John Olson     | The influence of salinity on leaf breakdown rates in tidal streams                                     | \$300                       |
| <b>Northridge</b>   | Emily Rukstales    | Marine Biology                               | Dr. Kerry Nichols  | Microplastic accumulation in tidepools   | \$1,000                     |
| <b>Pomona</b>       | Samantha Hooverson | Biology                                      | Dr. Jayson Smith   | Analyzing data regarding human visitation on rocky intertidal zones located in Laguna Beach            | \$500                       |
|                     | Whitney Jones      | Biology                                      | Dr. Jeremy Claisse | Analysis of fish life stages (body size) on oil and gas platform depths                                | \$500                       |
|                     | Michael Joyce      | Biology                                      | Dr. Jeremy Claisse | Methods for studying <i>Hypsypops rubicundus</i> eggs and larvae in relation to ecological factors     | \$500                       |
|                     | Skylar Windnagle   | Environmental Biology                        | Dr. Jayson Smith   | Documenting a range shift for the brown seaweed <i>Colpomenia tuberculata</i> in Southern California   | \$500                       |
| <b>Sacramento</b>   | Haley Courser      | Geology                                      | Dr. Amy Wagner     | Cold water corals as recorders of intruding circumpolar deep water along the Antarctic Margin          | \$500                       |
|                     | Amanda Croteau     | Earth Science                                | Dr. Amy Wagner     | Consequences of rising sea level on the carbon cycle of coastal ecosystems                             | \$500                       |
|                     | Gloria Edejer      | Biology                                      | Dr. Lani Gleason   | Southern California <i>Tegula</i> thermal tolerance species comparison                                 | \$500                       |

| CAMPUS           | STUDENT                 | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM | ADVISOR              | PROJECT TITLE   | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Sacramento       | Cassandra Rodriguez     | Biology                          | Dr. Timothy Davidson | A meta-analysis on the effects of nutria as a globally invasive species to inform wildlife management of impacts to native species and ecosystems | \$500                       |
|                  | Bear Waymire            | Biology                          | Dr. Ronald Coleman   | Survey of breeding locations of intertidal fish   | \$500                       |
| San Bernardino   | Justin Matthew Baisa    | Biology                          | Dr. Joseph Heras     | Evolutionary analysis of hemoglobin genes across multiple species of rockfishes (genus: <i>Sebastes</i> )   | \$2,500                     |
| San Francisco    | Breana Goldman          | Biology                          | Dr. Karen Crow       | Egg production of bluebanded gobies in artificial reef environments   | \$1,170                     |
|                  | Chris Seng              | Biology                          | Dr. Karen Crow       | Risky business: the effect of predation on goby feeding behavior  | \$1,170                     |
|                  | Jahnvi Shaw             | Biology                          | Dr. Karen Crow       | Scrambled eggs: effects of tank enrichment on zebrafish fecundity   | \$180                       |
| San José         | Nhi Ly                  | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Maya deVries     | The effects of pH on the shell thickness of marine bivalves   | \$300                       |
|                  | Alondra Sahagun-Cabrera | Geology                          | Dr. Ryan Portner     | Grain-size analysis of key volcanic ash marker bed from Axial Seamount, Juan de Fuca mid-ocean ridge  | \$1,100                     |
|                  | Daisy Zuno              | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Maya deVries     | A comparative study of jaw length and microstructures in the purple sea urchin, <i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i>                              | \$1,100                     |
| San Luis Obispo* | Ashley Adams            | Marine Sciences                  | Dr. Nikki Adams      | Developing a long-term microplastics monitoring program in the Morro Bay Estuary  | \$250 (\$2,750)             |
|                  | Avery Ancell            | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Heather Liwanag  | Human disturbance and haul out of harbor seals at Avila Beach   | \$250                       |

| CAMPUS              | STUDENT          | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM | ADVISOR                 | PROJECT TITLE   | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| San Luis<br>Obispo* | Sarah Bartoloni  | Chemistry                        | Dr. Emily Bockmon       | Spatial distribution of seawater carbonate chemistry and hydrodynamic controls in a low-inflow estuary                        | \$60                        |
|                     | Megan Beymer     | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Crow White          | Virtual reality lesson plan for dive beneath the surface K-12 marine science education project                                | \$250                       |
|                     | Chrissilda Brown | Chemistry                        | Dr. Kevin Johnson       | Assessing the impact of hypoxia and low pH conditions on the survival of Pacific oyster larvae                                | \$75                        |
|                     | Elise Fiskum     | Marine Sciences                  | Dr. Heather Liwanag     | Comparing ground surveys and aerial surveys for estimating the northern elephant seal population at Piedras Blancas           | \$250                       |
|                     | Alice Lin        | Chemistry                        | Dr. Shanju Zhang        | Amyloid intercalated graphene oxide membranes for coastal water treatment   | \$250                       |
|                     | Eliana Maietta   | Marine Sciences                  | Dr. Benjamin Ruttenberg | Comparing shell aging methodologies and sampler bias to analyze the growth rate of the Pismo clam ( <i>Tivela stultorum</i> ) | \$250                       |
|                     | Mallory Merten   | Marine Sciences                  | Dr. Nikki Adams         | Comparing the methods of counterstaining dyes in the identification of microplastics  | \$250 (\$2,750)             |
|                     | Ryan Pierson     | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Nikki Adams         | Effects of titanium dioxide-based sunscreen on sea urchin egg fertilization   | \$250                       |
|                     | Emma Saenger     | Marine Sciences                  | Dr. Heather Liwanag     | The effect of male northern elephant seal behavior on harem structure at the Piedras Blancas rookery                          | \$275                       |

| CAMPUS            | STUDENT               | DEPARTMENT/<br>DEGREE<br>PROGRAM | ADVISOR               | PROJECT TITLE  | AMOUNT<br>(CAMPUS<br>MATCH) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>San Marcos</b> | Mackenzie Pylant      | Biological Sciences              | Dr. Elinne Becket     | Taxonomic and antibiotic resistance changes to coastal microbiomes in response to rainstorm runoff | \$1,250                     |
|                   | Davis Reis            | Environmental Studies            | Dr. Christina Simokat | Escondido Creek Conservancy: fire literature review  | \$700                       |
| <b>Sonoma</b>     | Maria Amador          | Biology                          | Dr. Brent Hughes      | Resilience of Northern California kelp forests   | \$1,124                     |
|                   | Jack Gable            | Biology                          | Dr. Daniel Crocker    | Foraging behavior and stress hormones in northern elephant seals                                   | \$1,000                     |
|                   | Marisa Guzman Peralta | Biology                          | Dr. Brent Hughes      | Nursery function of leopard sharks in Drakes Estero  | \$1,124                     |
|                   | Allysha Meza          | Biology                          | Dr. Richard Whitkus   | Resilience of Northern California kelp forests   | \$1,124                     |



## STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

\*Undergraduate student

| CAMPUS             | STUDENT             | FACULTY MENTOR         | CONFERENCE   | CONFERENCE LOCATION | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|--------|
| <b>Fullerton</b>   | Alisa Hernandez*    | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford | Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference | Remote              | \$205  |
|                    | Georget Orah        | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford | Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference | Remote              | \$165  |
|                    | Jada Smith*         | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford | Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference | Remote              | \$132  |
|                    | Ariel Heyman        | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford | Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference | Remote              | \$165  |
|                    | Angelina Zuelow     | Dr. Jennifer Burnaford | Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference | Remote              | \$165  |
| <b>Humboldt</b>    | Jasmine Williamshen | Dr. Alison O'Dowd      | Salmonid Restoration Federation Annual Conference  | Remote              | \$85   |
| <b>Los Angeles</b> | Tommy Kam           | Dr. Shun Kwan          | Canadian Geotechnical Society Annual Conference  | Remote              | \$73   |
|                    | Paige Weiss         | Dr. Patrick Krug       | Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting  | Remote              | \$20   |

| CAMPUS              | STUDENT         | FACULTY MENTOR       | CONFERENCE  | CONFERENCE LOCATION | AMOUNT |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|---------------------|--------|
| <b>Monterey Bay</b> | Kathleen Cieri  | Dr. Rick Starr       | American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society 2020 Joint Conference | Remote              | \$175  |
|                     | Kinsey Matthews | Dr. Rick Starr       | American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society 2020 Joint Conference | Remote              | \$125  |
|                     | Jackie Mohay    | Dr. Rick Starr       | American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society 2020 Joint Conference | Remote              | \$125  |
| <b>San José</b>     | Bonnie Brown    | Dr. Rick Starr       | American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society 2020 Joint Conference | Remote              | \$125  |
| <b>Sonoma</b>       | Jazmyne Gill    | Dr. Mackenzie Zippay | Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting                             | Remote              | \$20   |
|                     | Shelby Hotz     | Dr. Mackenzie Zippay | Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting                             | Remote              | \$20   |



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| California Department of Fish and Wildlife<br>Marine Region              | Southern California Marine Invertebrate<br>Fisheries Management | Matthew Kim*<br><i>Pomona</i>              |
|  | Northern California Marine Invertebrate<br>Fisheries Management | Ariel Gasca*<br><i>San José</i>            |
|  |   | Emily Haydis*<br><i>Monterey Bay</i>       |
|  | Emerging Box Crab Fishery                                       | Sterling Butler*<br><i>Channel Islands</i> |
| California Ocean Science Trust   | Science-Policy  | Demetra Panos<br><i>Northridge</i>         |
| California State Lands Commission<br>Marine Invasive Species Program     | Marine Invasive Species   | Kao Ger (Rose) Her*<br><i>Sacramento</i>   |
| Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary                                | Ocean Exploration   | Nathan Shapiro*<br><i>Channel Islands</i>  |
| Marine Applied Research and Exploration                                  | Marine Computer Programming                                     | Isaac Travers*<br><i>San Diego</i>         |
| NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service<br>Protected Resources Division   | Abalone Conservation  | Katie Blessing*<br><i>Long Beach</i>       |
| NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service<br>Sustainable Fisheries Division | Dolphin-Safe Tuna Tracking                                      | Jennifer Arias*<br><i>Long Beach</i>       |
| Tijuana River National Estuarine Research<br>Reserve                     | Bioindicator Trends and Analysis                                | Alexandra Fox<br><i>San Diego</i>          |

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| California Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region              | Emerging Box Crab Fishery<br><i>Santa Barbara</i>                                 | Jayda Parsons*<br><i>Bakersfield</i>                 |
|   |   | Whitney Jones*<br><i>Pomona</i>                      |
|   | Northern California Marine Invertebrate Fisheries Management<br><i>Bodega Bay</i> | Jordan Mann*<br><i>San Diego</i>                     |
|   |   | Gabrielle Yang*<br><i>Pomona</i>                     |
|   | Southern California Marine Invertebrate Fisheries Management<br><i>San Diego</i>  | Micah Pehrson*<br><i>San Luis Obispo</i>             |
| California Ocean Science Trust  | Science-Policy<br><i>Remote</i>   | Amanda Chiachi<br><i>Northridge</i>                  |
| Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary                             | Ocean Exploration<br><i>Santa Barbara</i>   | Danny Dorado*<br><i>Bakersfield</i>                  |
| NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Protected Resources Division   | Abalone Conservation<br><i>Long Beach</i>   | Cerille (Micah) Castrillo*<br><i>Dominguez Hills</i> |
| NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Sustainable Fisheries Division | Highly Migratory Species<br><i>Remote</i>   | Michaela Melanson<br><i>San José</i>                 |
| Smithsonian Environmental Research Center                             | Invasive Species<br><i>Tiburon</i>  | Emily Haydis*<br><i>Monterey Bay</i>                 |
| Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve                     | Bioindicator Trends and Analysis<br><i>San Diego</i>                              | Alexa Buss<br><i>Pomona</i>                          |





