

**Joint Oversight Hearing on the Orange County Oil Spill:
Response, Recovery and Prevention**

**Assembly Select Committee on the Orange County Oil Spill, Assembly Natural
Resources, and Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis,
Resources, Energy, and Transportation**

Panelist Bios (Order of Appearance)

**Charlton “Chuck” H. Bonham, Director
California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Charlton “Chuck” Bonham was appointed as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, effective September 6, 2011. Prior to his appointment as Director of Fish and Wildlife, Mr. Bonham served in a number of roles for Trout Unlimited over ten years, including since 2004 as the organization’s California director. Mr. Bonham was responsible for developing, managing, and implementing TU’s programs in California. These programs include the California Water Project, Sportsmen’s Conservation Project, and restoration and watershed projects in both northern and Southern California. In addition, Mr. Bonham was a senior attorney for the organization. Mr. Bonham also served on the Board of Directors of the Delta Conservancy, whose mission is to conserve, sustain and enhance the cultural, agricultural, recreational, wildlife and natural habitat resources of the River Delta region, as well as develop and promote sustainable protection, management and stewardship programs through research and education. Mr. Bonham received his J.D. and Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, in Portland, Oregon. Before Trout Unlimited, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa, and an instructor and guide at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, in Bryson City, N.C. Mr. Bonham brings a diverse background and a longstanding appreciation for the outdoors to the position.

**Captain Thomas M. Cullen, Jr., Administrator
Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response**

Thomas Cullen was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as the Administrator of the California Office of Spill Prevention & Response (OSPR) in June 2012. Captain Cullen directs a team of scientists, environmental specialists, game wardens, and support personnel in protecting and preserving 3,427 miles of shoreline and 7,734 square miles of State waters from oil and other deleterious substances. In 2014, Administrator Cullen oversaw the statutory expansion of his office’s jurisdiction and responsibilities to protect all state surface waters from the effects of oil spills, not just the waters in the marine zone. This was the largest growth in the 24-year history of OSPR and has further cemented its place as one of the nation’s most progressive and effective oil spill programs. Prior to his appointment, Captain Cullen served in the United States Coast Guard for 31 years. From 2008 to 2010 he served as Deputy Commander of Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, CA, where he performed a wide-range of federal authorities in the San Francisco Bay region including Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Officer-in-Charge of Maritime Inspections, and Search & Rescue Mission Coordinator in our nation’s busiest and most diverse coastal region. He led 775

active duty, reserve & civilian personnel in protecting a strategic multi-port complex with the U.S.'s 4th largest container port, 9 other commercial ports, and 6 major refineries.

Captain Cullen received a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy and a Master of Science in Industrial Administration from Purdue University.

Captain Gary Lewellyn, Harbormaster

Orange County Sheriff's Department - Harbor Patrol Bureau

Captain Gary Lewellyn serves as the Harbormaster for the Harbor Patrol Bureau. The Harbor Patrol Bureau provides around-the-clock law enforcement, marine firefighting and search/rescue services along the 48 miles of Orange County coastline and within the county's three major harbors at Newport Beach, Sunset-Huntington and Dana Point. Captain Lewellyn has over 24 years of law enforcement experience with Orange County Sheriff's Department, having worked in corrections, courts, field operations, special enforcement team, Harbor Patrol Bureau and on administrative management teams. He earned commendations for life saving and helping to try and lower homelessness in Orange County. He has also received medals of Courage, Heroism, and Valor. He was given the Golden Badge Award from the state of California, California Robbery Officer of the Year award, The "Top Cop" in all of Orange County Award and nominated and eventually a finalist for the Top Cop Award in the nation. Today, he proudly serve as the Harbor Master for all three Orange County Harbors. He is the first one to ever serve in the harbor patrol as a Deputy, a Sergeant, and now as the Captain in charge of the bureau.

Mayor Kim Carr

City of Huntington Beach

Mayor Kim Carr was born and raised in Southern California. She attended Pacifica High School in Garden Grove and graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a degree in American Studies and a minor in Economics. The Mayor was appointed to the Huntington Beach Public Works Commission in 2013 and served as the Chair in 2015. She also served on the Huntington Beach General Plan Advisory Committee in 2015. Professionally, Mayor Carr is an award-winning executive with over 25 years experience in media sales. She was previously the National Sales Manager for a television station in San Diego where she developed marketing and advertising campaigns for a variety of clients. Her commitment to integrity and hard work has earned her the respect of small- and mid-sized business owners as well as Fortune 500 executives. She believes in building and maintaining long term relationships, delivering on promises and producing results. Mayor Carr and her family have been active members of the Huntington Beach community for over 20 years. She, her husband and two teenagers have been involved with the Huntington Beach Community Garden, Girl Scouts, PTA, APA, AYSO Soccer, Ocean View Little League, Huntington Beach City Junior Lifeguards and HBHS Model United Nations.

Garry Brown, Founder & President

Orange County Coastkeeper

Garry established Coastkeeper in 1999 and serves as the organization's Founding Director. Under Garry's leadership, Coastkeeper has become a powerful voice for water quality, marine habitats, and water supply issues in the region and throughout California. Coastkeeper has achieved numerous milestone successes through collaboration with stakeholders and scientific

and legal research as a basis for advocacy. Garry comes from a long background of building public-private partnerships. He served for five years as an assistant city manager for the City of Redlands, ten years as an advocate and executive director for trade associations in the real estate and building industries, and served two terms as president of a chamber of commerce. Coastkeeper has built relationships and partnerships with major corporations and public agencies such as Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric, The Irvine Company, Walmart, and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the purpose of demonstrating on the ground projects that enhance water quality and reduce urban runoff. A native of Orange County, Garry is committed to expanding Coastkeeper's presence as a proactive, results-oriented organization that uses coalition building and partnerships to find effective solutions to the environmental problems that impact our communities and watersheds. Garry holds positions of leadership on numerous Boards of Directors and governmental advisory committees, including the California Coastkeeper Alliance, the Nature Reserve of Orange County, OCTA's Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee, the Community Engagement Panel for the Decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Power Station, the Harbor Safety and Oil Spill Response Committee for the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach, American Green Power, the California Artificial Reef Enhancement Foundation, and Ocean Defenders Alliance. Garry holds a B.A. in Government from the University of Redlands.

**Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer
California State Lands Commission**

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission, has worked for the Commission since November 1999. The Commission appointed Jennifer as its Executive Officer in December 2012. While born in Seattle, Washington, Jennifer has spent most of her life in California, growing up in the Bay Area. Jennifer graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Jennifer began her career at the Commission as a land agent in the Land Management Division, primarily working with ports and harbor districts on waterfront redevelopment efforts. While working in the Land Management Division, Jennifer attended evening classes at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. Jennifer began her legal career at the Commission in 2006 after earning her Juris Doctor from the McGeorge School of Law. Jennifer has worked for the Commission on projects in virtually every county in the state, with an emphasis on land use, waterfront redevelopment, and boundary issues involving ports, harbor districts, and waterways, including title settlements and land exchanges to facilitate redevelopment projects in Chula Vista, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco. Prior to her appointment, Jennifer served as the Commission's Chief Counsel.

**Chief Mike Richwine, State Fire Marshal
Office of the California State Fire Marshal**

Chief Michael J. Richwine was appointed State Fire Marshal by Governor Gavin Newsom on May 15, 2020. Prior to that, Chief Richwine served as the Assistant State Fire Marshal from 2012 to 2018. He began his fire service career 38 years ago as a firefighter with the Hanford Fire Department. His subsequent years of service include 31 years with CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal. During Chief Richwine's career, he has risen through the ranks and held a variety of fire prevention and training positions within the OSFM, which include Chief of State Fire Training, responsible for administering the California Fire Service Training and Education

System; Chief of the Fire Engineering Division where he chaired several OSFM regulatory advisory committees; and as a Deputy State Fire Marshal within Fire and Life Safety, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Safety Divisions; and as a Fire Service Training Specialist in the State Fire Training Division. Chief Richwine served for six years as a member of CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams and holds numerous professional certifications. He currently serves as ex-officio member of the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee and the State Board of Fire Services, within the OSFM, and is a member of National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, and California Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Richwine oversees a staff of 220 employees and has well-rounded experience in fire protection, fire prevention, and training and education programs.

**Chief Jim Hosler, Assistant Deputy Director, Pipeline Safety and CUPA
Office of the California State Fire Marshal**

Chief Jim Hosler has been with CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) since 2016. He first started his career with the State as a pipeline Safety Engineer. Prior to State service, Jim worked in the oil pipeline industry for 30+ years and comes from varying operational and maintenance backgrounds. His career started in the hazardous waste industry in 1988 and has been within the pipeline industry until 2016. He has held several key positions within the industry and with several pipeline companies, ranging from LA Basin crude supply control, Control Center Supervisor, Control Room Management, Assistant Area Manager, and Pipeline Terminals Manager. Jim holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management.

**Bill Caram, Executive Director
Pipeline Safety Trust**

Bill has served as the Pipeline Safety Trust's Executive Director since 2020 and serves with a passion for fierce independence, public safety advocacy, and environmental protections. Bill previously served the Deschutes River Conservancy in Bend, Oregon – a collaborative, multi-stakeholder non-profit organization founded by the Environmental Defense Fund, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and local irrigation districts to restore streamflow and improve water quality in the Deschutes River Basin. Bill serves on the US Department of Transportation's Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC) and is regularly called on as a source for independent pipeline information by state and federal lawmakers and national media outlets. Bill graduated with a BS in Business Administration from the University of Delaware and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation from the CFA Institute.