## Pushing and Pulling Information to the Conservation Community

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## **Community Outreach**

- Primarily through the Conservation Working Group, which as approximately 50 members who receive information
- Secondarily through my work at Save Our Shores
  - Social media posts (community exceeds 10,000)
  - E-blast messages (mailing list is almost 7,000)
  - Presentations at various forums, workshops and conferences and to local/regional governing bodies
    - Sanctuary review mandated by trump administration
    - Offshore oil and gas drilling threats, opportunities to oppose, legislative measures
    - ▶ Plastic pollution education and outreach, advocacy
  - Member meetings
  - Tabling events
- Often via collaborations with Sanctuary Exploration Center (Santa Cruz)

## **Community Input**

- Similarly to Outreach methods
  - CWG meetings
  - ► Save Our Shores member meetings, inquiries
  - Meetings with local governing bodies (city councils and boards of supervisors)
  - ► Tabling events while interacting with attendees

## Opportunities/Challenges for Improvement

- Consider a regular e-blast to conservation organization throughout the community
  - ▶ Would need a mailing list; could build off of CWG list
- Consider a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter like diver community
  - Time constraints
- Increase social media posts about specific Sanctuary topics and events
  - Competes with our own (SOS) messaging
- Consider hosting quarterly forum/workshop just to share in receive Sanctuary related information
  - Potential cost (venue)
  - ► Time constraints planning, speaker invitations, promotion