Lt. Governor John Garamendi will give his support to a state-wide ban on take-out Styrofoam packaging. He will also congratulate the city of Monterey for joining Carmel and Pacific Grove in outlawing the lightweight containers made of Styrofoam. Garamendi last year launched the "Clean Seas Coalition," a growing group of environmentalists, scientists, California lawmakers and students to strengthen laws reducing trash in California's seas and on beaches. Garamendi formed the "Clean Seas Coalition" to make the Ocean Protection Council's pollution reduction recommendations a reality.

Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Salo, Pacific Grove Mayor Dan Cort, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud, Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund state director Miriam Gordon, and other environmentalists will also be in attendance.

Monday, February 9

10 a.m.

The Intercontinental Hotel -- the Pacific View Courtyard (next to lobby). In case of rain the Pacific 1 Room on the main floor.

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