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FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on **Hearing on the Amendment and Public Access Plan to the Long Beach Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project**

Why is there an amendment for the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Project?

On February 11, 2021, the Coastal Commission approved a new beach-front swimming pool complex at the site of the old Belmont Pool, that was opened in 1968 and demolished in 2014 in Long Beach. However, the project was redesigned to accommodate new funding constraints. This change is significant enough that it will be coming back before the Commission for a review of this amendment, as well as a review of its associated Public Access Program. The approval of the project itself will not be up for review, only the amendment.

What is the California Coastal Commission?

The Coastal Commission is a state government agency that preserves and protects California's coast and ocean for the people. The Commission achieves this by examining the impact of development on the environment and public access to the coast. Agency staff make recommendations to the Commissioners, who will take a final vote.

When will the Commission hear the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Amendment?

On Wednesday, October 8, the Commission will hold a public hearing about the amendments to the project and required Public Access Program. The Commission will hear from its staff, government representatives, members of the public, and the applicant, the City of Long Beach. The public hearing is an opportunity to make your voice heard on the proposed amendment and the access program; all are welcome to provide public comment.

How has the project changed and how might this impact me?

The project site has not changed and is in the same location as the old Belmont Pool facility, but the amended project would be smaller in scope. The updated project plan reduces the previously proposed development from the 2021 application from 7.6 to 4 acres. This revision includes a reduced building area, reducing the total number of new pools from six to two, removal of fewer trees, and an increase the amount of open space. Additional details related to these changes can be viewed in the staff report available September 26th, 2025.

What is the Public Access Program?

The Public Access Program was required by the Coastal Commission as a condition of authorization of the project and must be reviewed and approved by the Commission before the permit is issued, ensuring equity in access to the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center—particularly around language, transportation, affordability, and inclusive programming. This program shall be implemented prior to the opening of the new facilities to the public, must continue to be implemented throughout the life of

the development, and will help ensure the facility remains inclusive and accessible for all. The City is also required to provide reports every year the facility is open, creating an evaluation and modification program that will make certain public access improvements are continuously accessed by all communities in Long Beach.

How can I participate?

- **Read and review** the staff report once published on the agenda (by September 26th – Item will be heard Wednesday, October 8th):
 - Visit: coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2025/10
- **Find more information** on the official Belmont Pool Project Site www.belmontpool.com
- **Provide comments** on the amendment or the Public Access Plan:
 - Via email to SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov
 - Via mail comments to 301 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 300, Long Beach, CA 90802
 - Virtually or in person by filling out a speaker slip: coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2025/10
 - Learn how to sign up to speak at the hearing! bit.ly/SignUp4CCC
- **Attend the October 8th Commission hearing:**
 - Attend virtually, or come in person at Sonesta Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel (300 N. Harbor Drive Redondo Beach, CA 90277)
 - Commission hearing procedures: coastal.ca.gov/meetings/rules-procedures/
- For questions, contact our South Coast office at SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov

