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CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
LCP PLANNING
GRANT APPLICATION FORM
JULY 30, 2019

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Application prepared by:	
Name: Cindy Jacinth	Title: Senior Planner

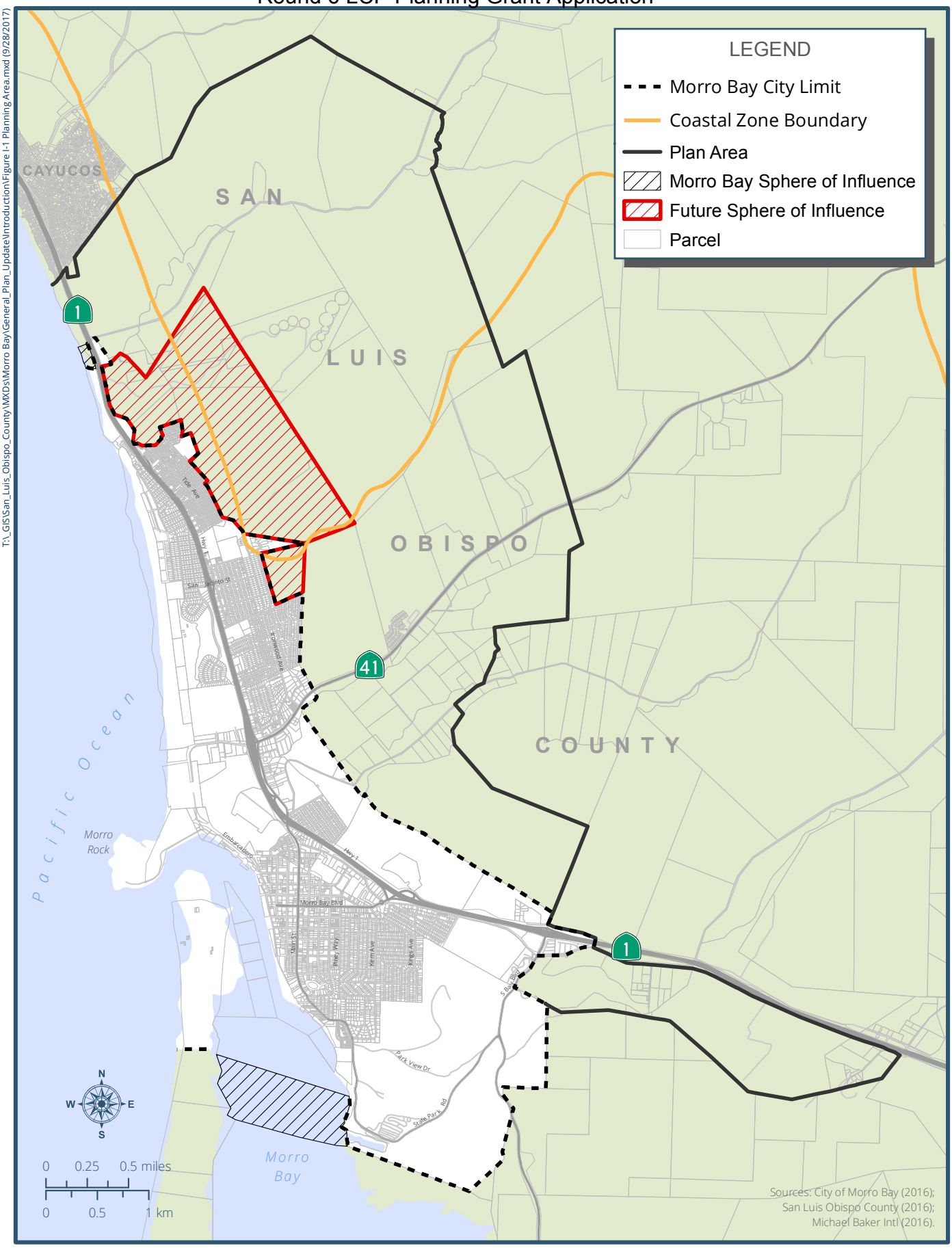
Signature: _____ Date: 9/6/2019

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project title:	Plan Morro Bay: Comprehensive Local Coastal Program Update		
LCP/LCP Segment:	Morro Bay		
Project location			
City/Geographic area:	Morro Bay		
County:	San Luis Obispo		
GPS: Lat Lon			
Project timeline			
Start date:	10/1/2019	End date:	12/31/2020

1. MAPS, PHOTOS & SUPPORTING DOCUMENT EXHIBITS:

1. Planning Area map – Figure 1-2 of Plan Morro Bay
2. Coastal Zone Boundary map
3. AB 1550 Low Income Community Map area within City limits
4. Sea Level Rise Impact Areas within City limits



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Plan MORRO BAY

FIGURE 1-2

Planning Area

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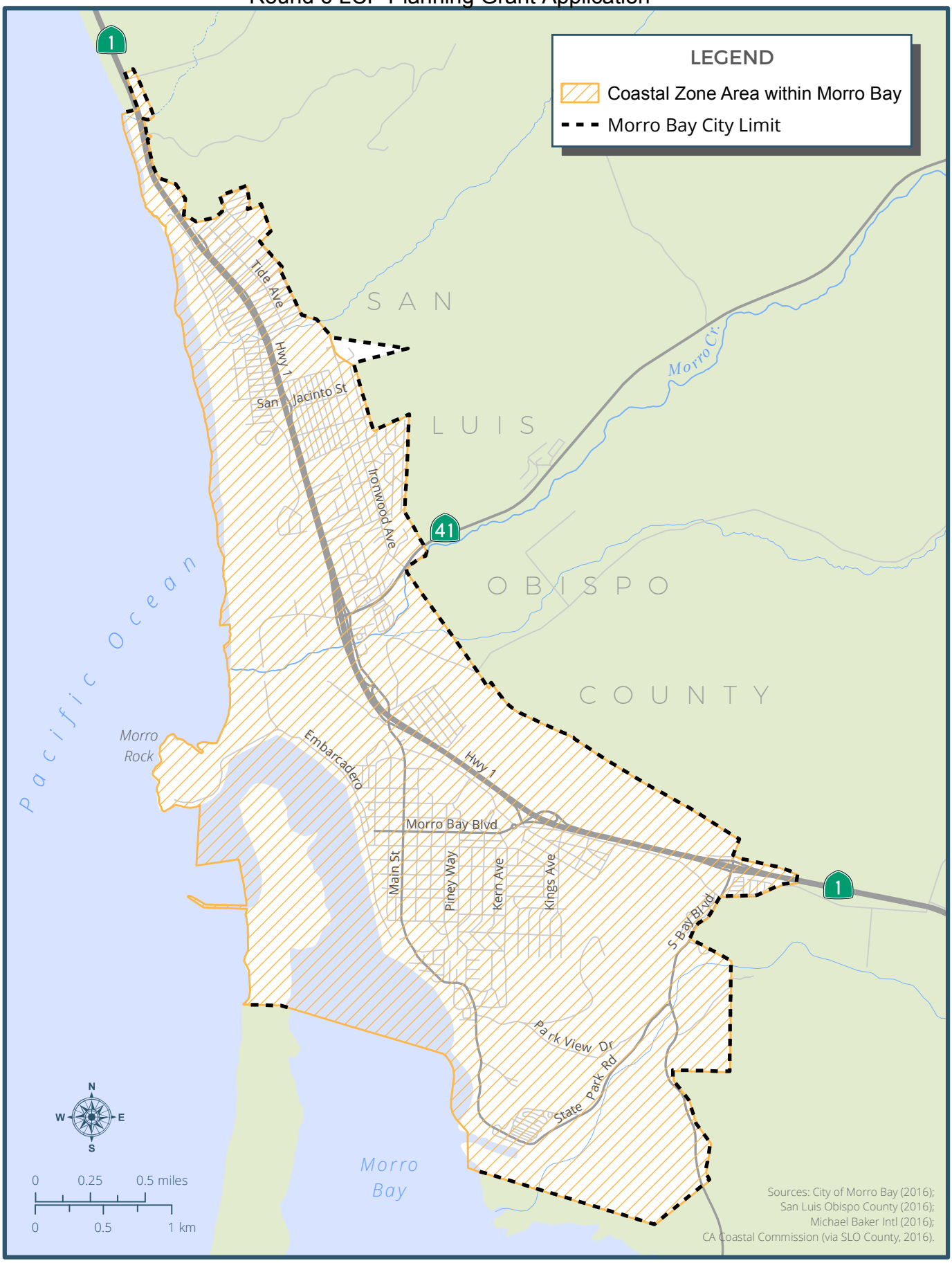

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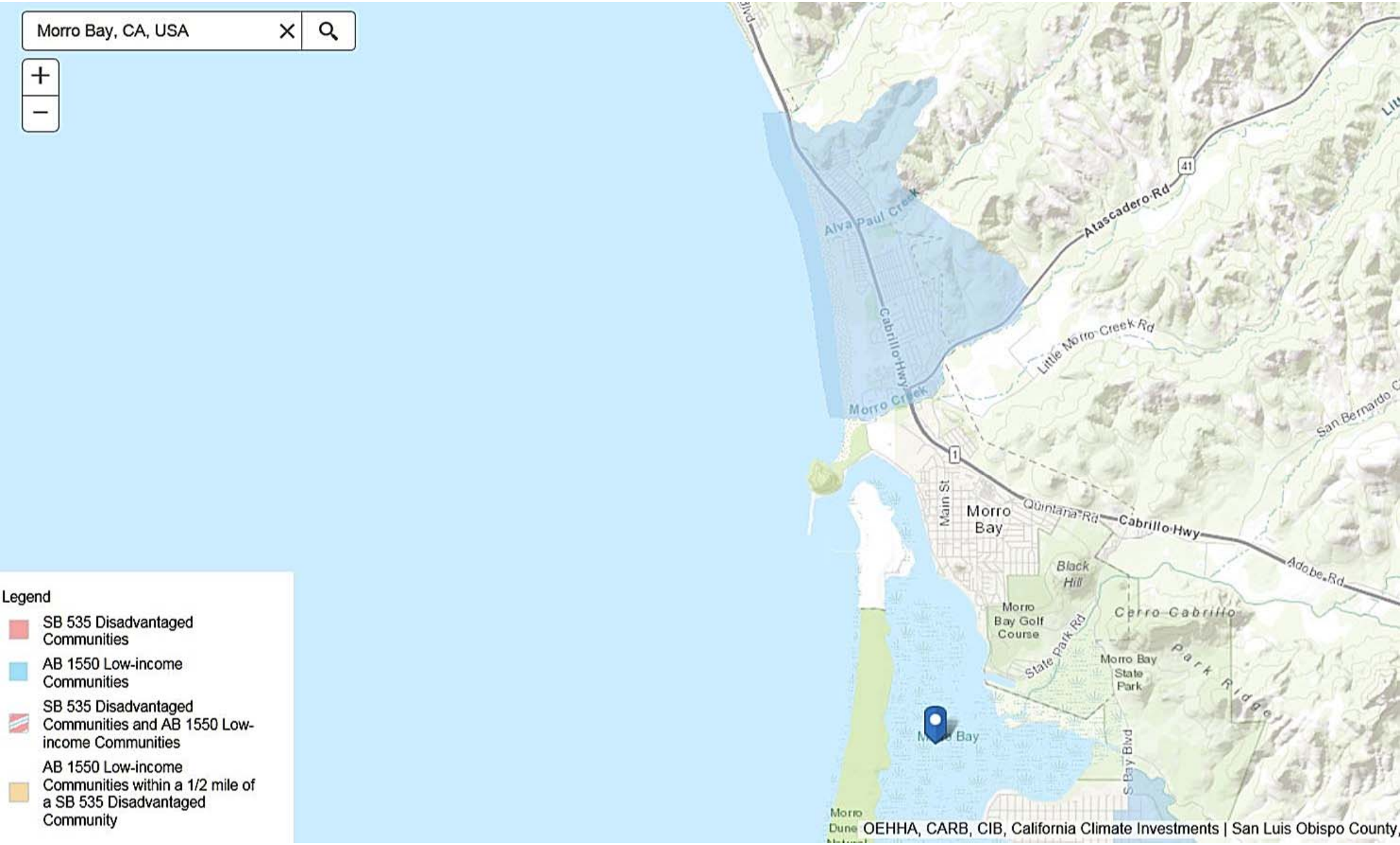
ATTACHMENT A

City of Morro Bay
Coastal Zone Boundary


Morro Bay, CA, USA
Legend
SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities
AB 1550 Low-income Communities
SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities and AB 1550 Low-income Communities
AB 1550 Low-income Communities within a 1/2 mile of a SB 535 Disadvantaged Community
Alva Paul Creek
Atascadero Rd
41
Little Morro Creek Rd
Cabrillo Hwy
Morro Creek
1
Main St
Morro Bay
Quintana Rd
Cabrillo Hwy
Black Hill
Morro Bay Golf Course
State Park Rd
Cerro Cabrillo
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Park Ridge
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OEHHA, CARB, CIB, California Climate Investments | San Luis Obispo County,

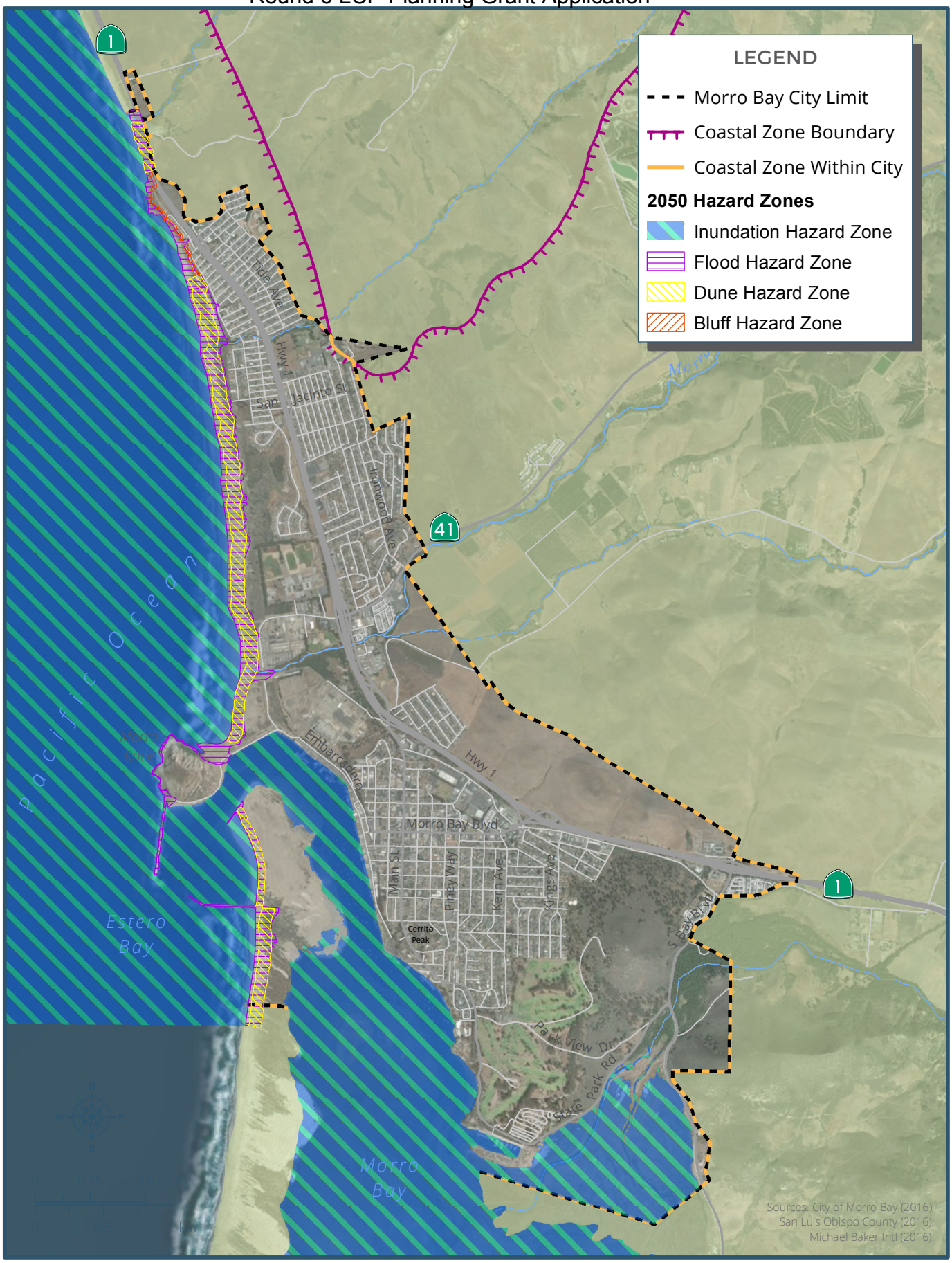
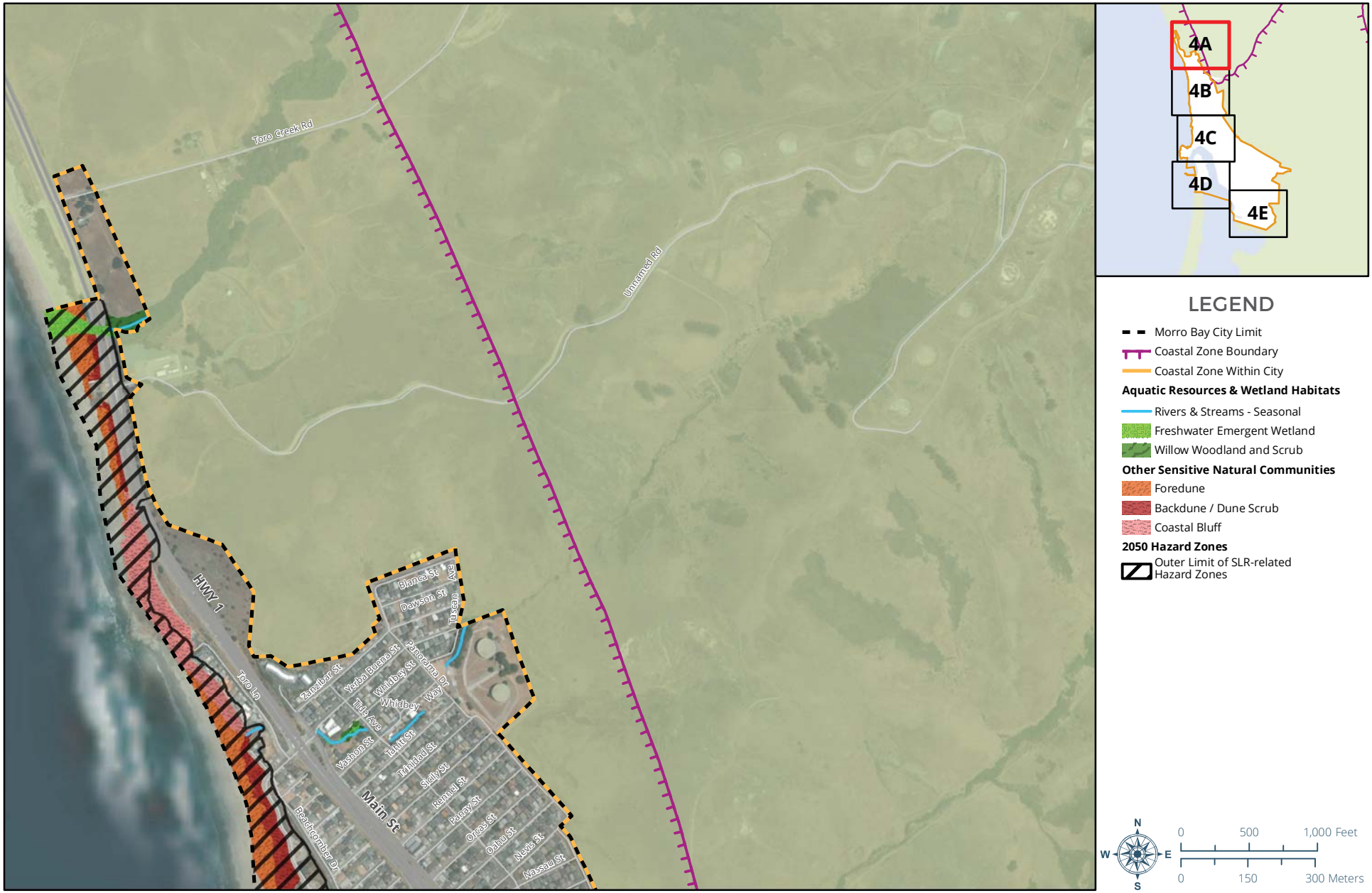


FIGURE 2

Sea Level Rise Projections and Associated Hazards for the Year 2050



Sources: City of Morro Bay (2016); San Luis Obispo County (2016); Michael Baker Intl (2016); CA Dept of Parks & Recreation (2016); ESRI (2018).

FIGURE 4A

Outer Limits of Sea Level Rise Effects on ESHA Mapbook

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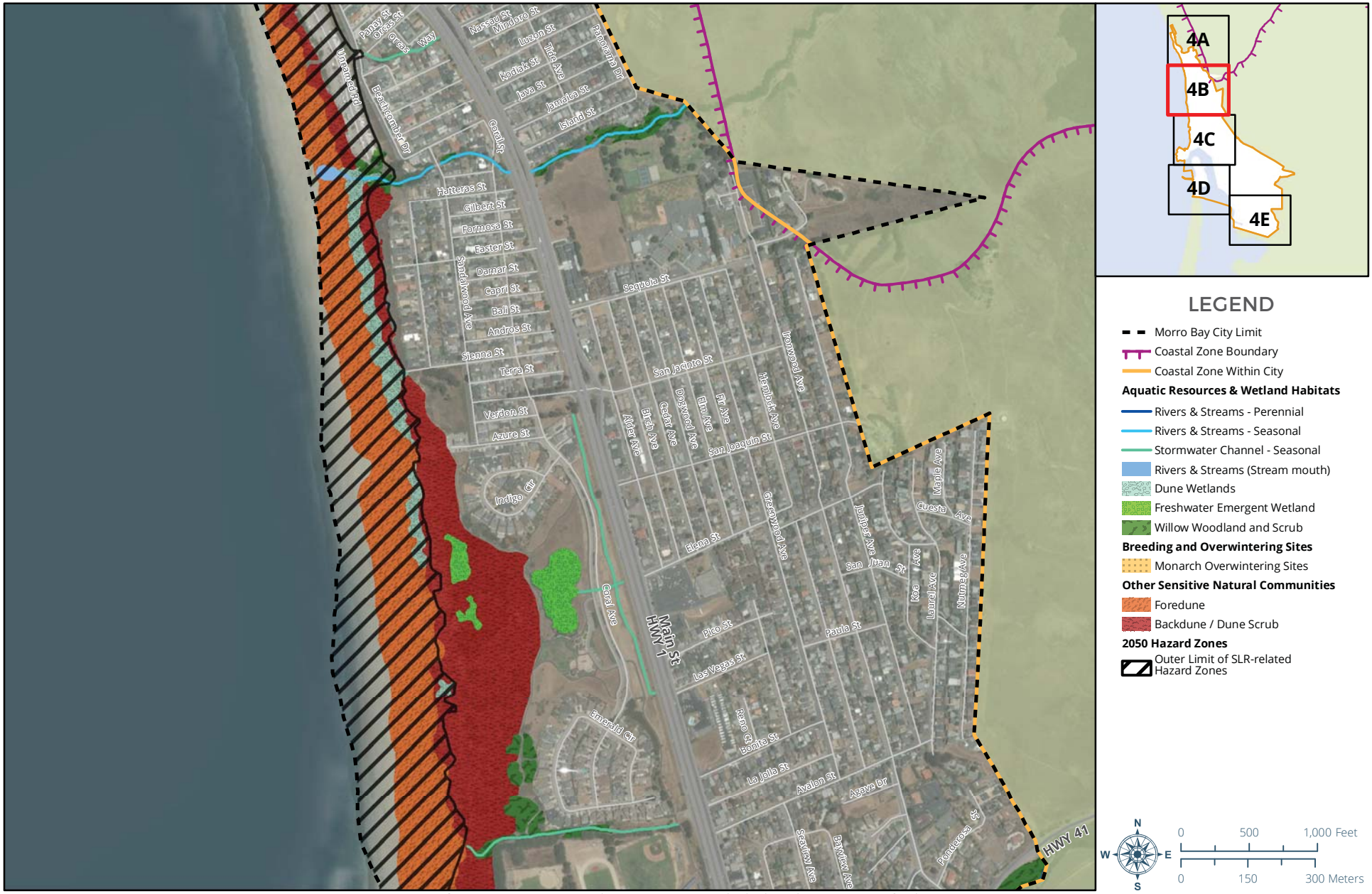

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FIGURE 4B

Outer Limits of Sea Level Rise Effects on ESHA Mapbook

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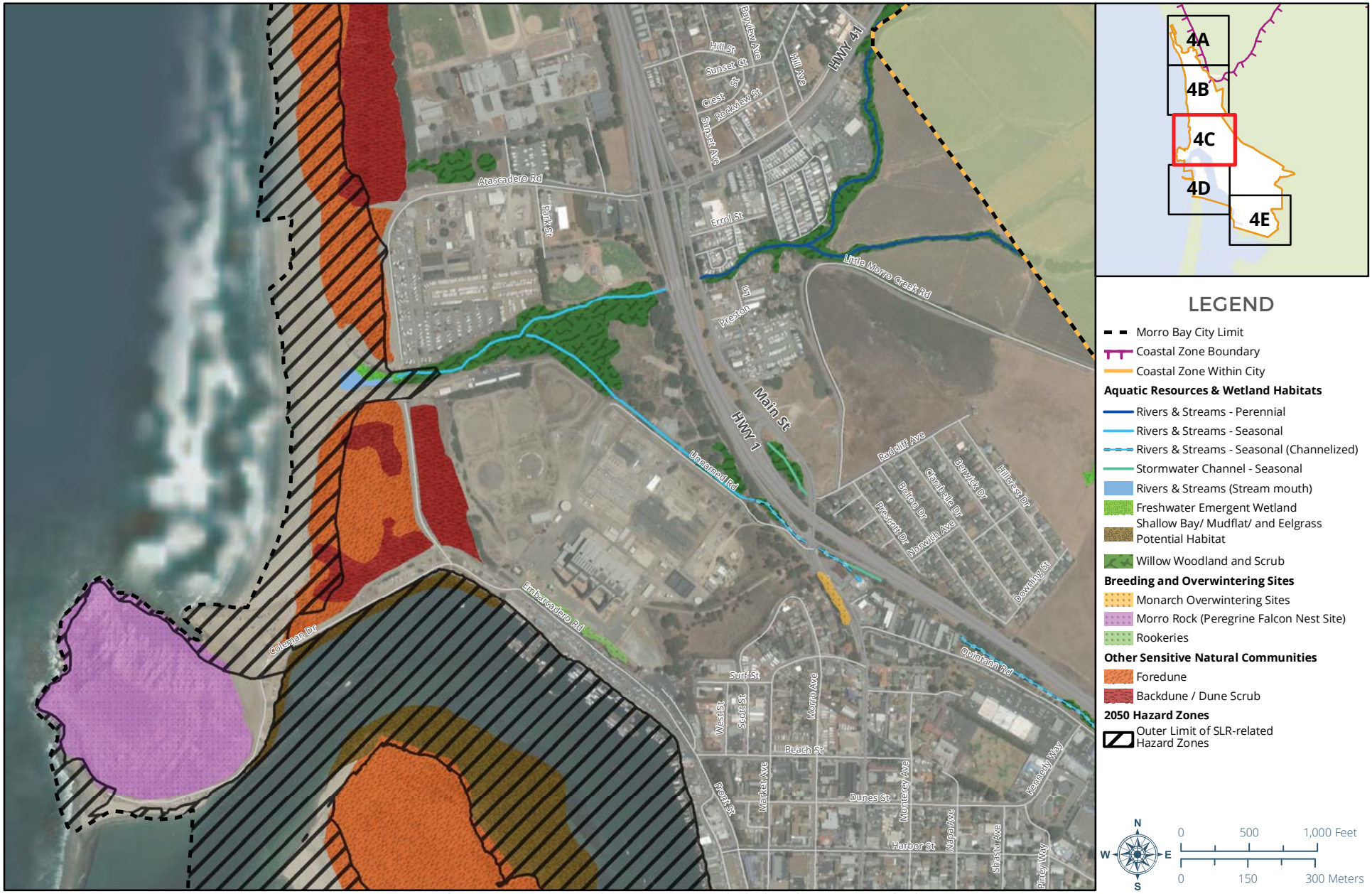

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FIGURE 4C

Outer Limits of Sea Level Rise Effects on ESHA Mapbook

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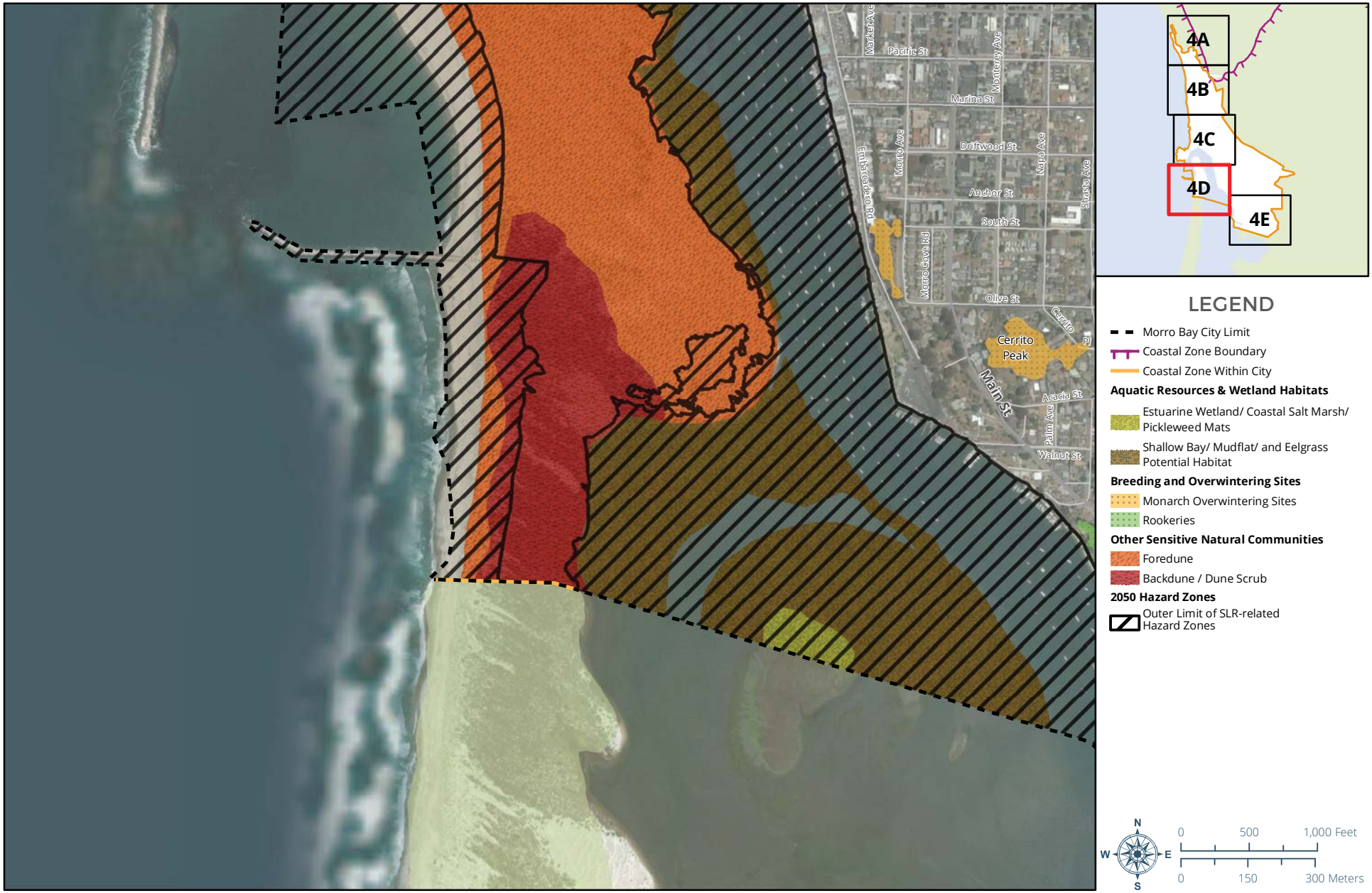

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FIGURE 4D

Outer Limits of Sea Level Rise Effects on ESHA Mapbook

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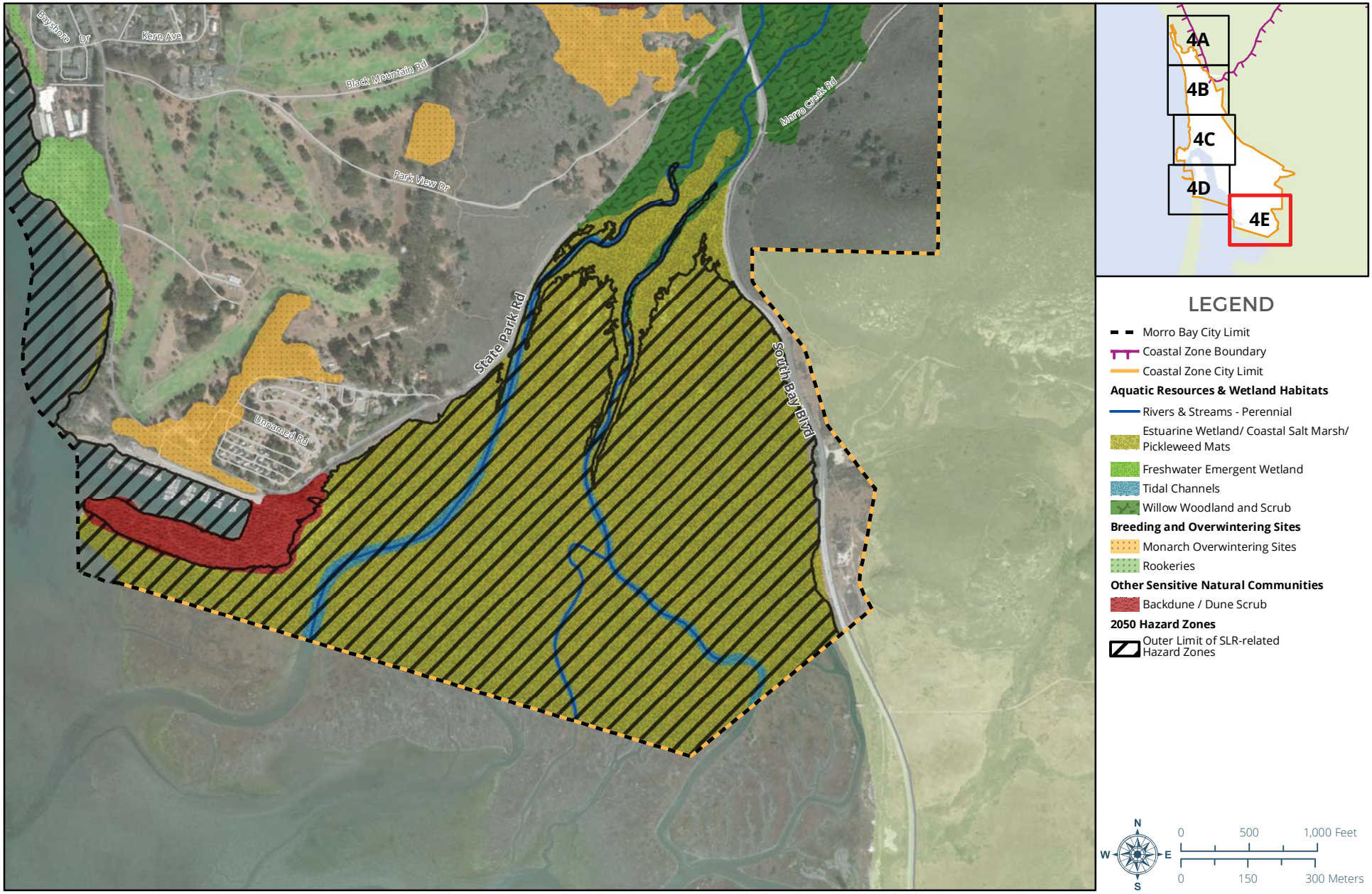

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FIGURE 4E

Outer Limits of Sea Level Rise Effects on ESHA Mapbook

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2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City is currently updating its Local Coastal Program (LCP) with funding support from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), the California Coastal Commission (CCC), and the City's General Fund. The updated LCP is scheduled for adoption by December 2020 as part of Plan Morro Bay, an integrated planning project which includes a General Plan update, LCP update, Zoning Code update, and Downtown Waterfront Strategic Plan (adopted).

The City's LCP was certified in 1984 and has not been comprehensively updated since then. The last major update to the City's Implementation Plan (IP) was certified in 1997. The age of the documents plus the outdated age of the City's 1988 General Plan have resulted in inconsistent documents. While this underscores the importance of updating the City's LCP to reflect key Coastal Act issues, it also has resulted in a complex project to consolidate the LCP and General Plan into one document with corresponding comprehensive update to the City's IP (Zoning Code) as well as EIR.

The update project, known as Plan Morro Bay, started in 2015. The public draft of Plan Morro Bay was completed in May 2018 and circulated to Coastal Commission staff for review and comment. CCC comments were not received back until November 2018. The CCC staff review process resulted in comments from several staff members and required significant coordination between CCC staff, City Staff, and the consultant team spanning 10 conference calls to reach resolution. The overall review process spanned fourteen months, which was well beyond the anticipated review time and meetings envisioned for this phase of the project. The nature of the review process with Coastal staff has resulted in increased project costs putting us out of scope on our original grant funding budgets and the City's project budget. The City recently completed coordination with Coastal staff on the draft LUP edits and is now ready to proceed with finalizing documents.

The City's draft IP was submitted to CCC staff for review in October 2018. CCC staff comments were not received by the City until August 2019. These recently received initial edits on the draft IP/ Zoning Code also exceeded expected timeframes spanning 10 months after submission to Coastal staff. It is our goal to finalize the documents for adoption.

The scope of the LCP update uniquely matches the funding priorities of the Round 6 LCP grant announcement. The Round 6 grant announcement includes funding project priorities that expressly match the City's LCP update which include: strategies to address effects of climate change, including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and adapting to sea level rise; focused policies addressing environmental justice concerns particularly related to climate resilience and to ensure protection of coastal resources and provision of public coastal access and lower-cost recreation for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or place of residence.

Plan Morro Bay is organized around a framework for resiliency. Each element of the plan addresses different aspects of the community and identifies measurable actions to guide residents, decision-makers, businesses, and City staff toward achieving the vision. The plan includes goals and policies for increased resiliency to natural hazards and climate change effects. The plan also includes special emphasis on planning for strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sea level rise, increased drought and increased fires, and maximizes benefits to

disadvantaged and low-income communities as the entirety of north Morro Bay is designated as AB1550 Low Income Community status.

Previous funding received by Coastal Commission and the Ocean Protection Council allowed the City to develop the technical studies and background reports used to inform policy that includes strategies for adaptation planning. These completed background technical reports include a community baseline assessment, community vulnerability and resilience assessment, key issues and policies report, vision and value statement, as well as both an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) 2050 Sea Level Rise Scenario Report, and a H++ Update Coastal Resources & Resiliency Report based on OPC's 2018 report detailing a new Extreme Risk Aversion scenario out to 2100.

Funding for this LCP would allow the City to complete the LCP document which due to the length of time necessary to coordinate review of draft documents with CCC staff has resulted in the City being out of scope on the project. The tasks as described further in the application include finalizing Plan Morro Bay which is the complete Local Coastal Program: Land Use Plan (LUP), land use map, and Implementation Plan (IP).

The work program's final product is to create a model LCP providing best practices for a range of Coastal Commission priority planning issues afforded by Morro Bay's location and context for other jurisdictions throughout the state to emulate. Also establishing new data resources and improving upon existing data resources to support future implementation of proposed LCP policies. In addition, the City's updated LCP places special emphasis on planning policies that seek to address effects of climate change, reduce and/or facilitate reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, provide co-benefits to the State of California, and maximize benefits to the AB 1550 low income community designation in north Morro Bay through new policies on coastal resilience planning and environmental justice policies. This is specifically addressed in the draft Community Well-Being Element (Environmental Justice) with draft policies addressing health effects of Climate Change including vulnerable populations, public awareness, infectious disease, and emergency housing.

The proposed project meets the goals of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund by facilitating greenhouse gas reduction through proposed LUP policies addressing coastal resiliency and adaptation planning. Co-benefits include LCP policies aimed at sustainable water resources and conservation, energy efficiency, reducing VMT, air quality, park and ride policies, and greenhouse gas reduction policies among many others. Cumulatively these policies and co-benefits will directly benefit priority populations identified on the California Air Resources Board Climate Investments website.

The City is committed to completing the Plan Morro Bay project and with comments received from Coastal Commission staff is anxious to proceed toward revising the final LUP and IP and circulating the Environmental Impact Report based on the final documents. Upon completion of these tasks, the City looks forward to submitting for certification to the Coastal Commission a full and comprehensively updated Local Coastal Program.

3. **TASK DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE.** Provide a description of the tasks that will accomplish your project goals and objectives (see Section A below) and complete a proposed schedule, including anticipated benchmarks, for implementation of each task (see Section B below). Please note that grant work should not extend past **March 31, 2022**.

A. TASK DESCRIPTIONS:

Task 1 – Grant Administration and Project Management: The City will coordinate essential project management tasks, including project team check-ins, milestone reporting, and grant administration. This will be an ongoing task throughout the project.

Task 2 – Plan Morro Bay: As previously mentioned, *Plan Morro Bay* is the name for the City's current effort to update the LCP, General Plan, and Zoning Ordinance. The tasks in this Work Program are to complete the final LCP which was previously started. The past efforts started throughout the *Plan Morro Bay* work plan will be leveraged to complete the project in this grant application. For example, *Plan Morro Bay*'s General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and Planning Commission have provided input on the public draft Plan Morro Bay (combined GP/LCP). Comments have been received from Coastal Commission staff. These cumulative comments will be integrated into final documents to proceed to releasing the draft EIR and then prepare adoption hearing documents for Planning Commission and City Council approval.

Task 3 – Implementation Plan (IP)/ Comprehensive Zoning Code Update: Integral to the update of the City's LCP and included as part of the overall Plan Morro Bay project, is a comprehensive updated of the City's Implementation Plan / Zoning Code. With comments received back from Coastal Commission staff, the revised IP can now be completed. The goal of the IP is to implement the LUP's policy direction. The IP includes requirements to ensure that the LUP's policies related to climate change are addressed when new development is proposed with information to implement the LUP policies.

B. SCHEDULE: Complete the schedule template below for each task and subtask. The schedule should include start and end dates for each task, subtask, and significant milestone, as well as the end dates for the submittal of deliverables, including interim drafts and final drafts as applicable (e.g. Draft Vulnerability Assessment and Final Vulnerability Assessment). Please note that grant projects should be completed by March 31, 2022.

Proposed starting date: 10/1/2019
Estimated completion: 12/31/2020

Task 1. Grant Administration & Project Management	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 12/31/2020
1.1 Project Management	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 12/31/2020
1.2 Grant Reporting	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 12/31/2020
Outcome/ Deliverables: *Quarterly progress reports and final grant report consistent with CCC grant administration requirements*	Interim start date: n/a	Interim end date: n/a
	Final start date: 12/31/2020	Final end date: 12/31/2020

Task 2. Plan Morro Bay – final document	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 12/31/2020
2.1 Revise and produce final LUP	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 8/1/2020
2.4 Adoption Hearings – Planning Commission and City Council	Projected start date: 8/1/2020	End date: 11/30/2020
2.4 Submit LCP for certification	Projected start date: 12/1/2020	End date: 12/31/2020
Outcome/ Deliverables *Locally approved LUP – Plan Morro Bay document*	Interim start date: n/a	Interim end date: n/a
	Final start date: 12/1/2020	Final end date: 12/31/2020

Task 3. Implementation Plan (IP) – Comprehensive Zoning Code Update– final document	Projected start date: 10/1/2019	End date: 12/31/2020
2.1 Revise and produce final IP	Projected start date: 1/1/2020	End date: 3/31/2020
2.4 Adoption Hearings – Planning Commission and City Council	Projected start date: 8/1/2020	End date: 11/30/2020
2.4 Submit IP for certification	Projected start date: 12/1/2020	End date: 12/31/2020
Outcome/ Deliverables *Locally approved IP submitted as part of Local Coastal Program (LCP) – Plan Morro Bay*	Interim start date: Click here to select date.	Interim end date: Click here to select date.
	Final start date: 12/1/2020	Final end date: 12/31/2020

Please list (1) all significant and pertinent project benchmarks related to the project for which funds are being requested, (2) expected dates for reaching or completing those steps. These

dates will be used in monitoring grant progress and in grant reporting under approved grant agreements.

BENCHMARK SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	COMPLETION DATE
Task 1: Quarterly and annual grant reports, consistent with Coastal Commission requirements	12/31/2020
Task 2: Plan Morro Bay – final LCP	12/31/2020
Task 3: Implementation Plan (IP)/ Comprehensive Zoning Code Update	12/31/2020

4. **BUDGET.** Please include a task-by-task budget for both County/City staff labor and for potential consultants; budget detail on sub-tasks is not necessary. Note that consultant costs must be listed by task and must include all costs relating to consultant labor, travel[1], supplies, overhead, etc. If consultants will be hired at a later date, please include a budget estimate per task that can be updated after hiring the consultants.

APPLICATION BUDGET INFORMATION

Funding Request: $65,000 Total Project Cost: $1,428,138

	CCC Grant Total	***Match/ City funding (Source #1)****	***Prior LCP & OPC Grants/ Other Funds (Source #2)***	***Prior City match/ funding***	***Total (LCP Grant Funds + Match/ Other Funds)***
	LABOR COSTS[2]				
	City Staff Labor				
Task 1 – *Grant Administration*	**0**	**$ 2,000**			
Task 2 – *Plan Morro Bay final LCP*	**0**	**$ 10,000**			
Task 3 – *Implementation Plan (IP/ Zoning Code)*	**0**	**$ 10,000**			
Total Labor Costs	**0**	**$ 22,000**			
	DIRECT COSTS				
	City Staff Project Supplies				
A	**0**				
B, etc.	**0**				
Total	**0**				

[1] Consultant and subconsultant travel expenses may be billed to the relevant consultant and subconsultant task budget they pertain to and do not require a Travel Expense Claim form. Any travel and reimbursable costs incurred by consultants and subconsultants in excess of State's travel reimbursement rates will not be reimbursed unless prior authorization is obtained, consistent with the grant terms and conditions. For more information see: http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx

[2] Amount requested should include total for salary and benefits.

	CCC Grant Total	Match/ City funding (Source #1)*	Prior LCP & OPC Grants/ Other Funds (Source #2)	Prior City match/ funding	Total (LCP Grant Funds + Match/ Other Funds)
	City Staff Travel In State[3]				
Mileage	**0**				
Hotel, etc.	**0**				
Total	**0**				
	Consultants[4]				
Consultant A - **PlaceWorks**					
Task 1 – Grant Administration	**0**				
Task 2 – Plan Morro Bay final LCP	**$ 32,000**	**$ 35,000**			
Task 3 – Final Implementation Plan (IP)	**0**				
Consultant B, - **Lisa Wise Consulting.**					
Task 1 – Grant Administration	**0**				
Task 2 – Plan Morro Bay final LCP	**0**				
Task 3 – Final Implementation Plan (IP / Comprehensive Zoning Code Update)	**$ 33,000**				
Total	**$ 65,000**				
Total Direct Costs	**$ 65,000**	**35,000**			
	OVERHEAD/INDIRECT COSTS[5]				
Total City Staff Overhead/Indirect Costs					
TOTAL PROJECT COST	**65,000**	**57,000**	**647,000**	**659,138**	**1,428,138**

$57,000 of City match for Round 6 includes $22,000 of which is in-kind staff time and $35,000 is General Fund contributions for additional consultant work, including associated traffic analysis updates, sea-level rise analysis, and environmental review EIR revisions related to Tasks 2 and 3.

[3] *Travel reimbursement rates are the same as similarly situated state employees.*
[4] *All consultants must be selected pursuant to a bidding and procurement process that complies with all applicable laws.*
[5] *Indirect costs include, for example, a pro rata share of rent, utilities, and salaries for certain positions indirectly supporting the proposed project but not directly staffing it. Amount requested for indirect costs should be capped at 10% of amount requested for "Total Labor."*

5. **City Council Resolution 75-19 Attached**

RESOLUTION NO. 75-19

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COASTAL COMMISSION LCP GRANT PROGRAM (ROUND 6)

THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2018 and 2019, respectively, provide $1,500,000 for Coastal Commission grants to local governments to support Local Coastal Program (LCP) planning that results in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission, under the authority of the California Coastal Act, may provide financial assistance to support coastal planning and has approved a competitive grant program to provide such financial assistance for LCP planning; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant program is to develop new or updated LCPs in conformance with the California Coastal Act and to reflect current circumstances and new scientific information, including new understandings and concern for the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, grant proposals submitted under this grant program must complete Local Coastal Program (LCP) planning work with special emphasis on reducing greenhouse gases and addressing the effects of climate change and sea-level rise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morro Bay has an effectively certified LCP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morro Bay desires to pursue a project that would result in the completion and submittal for certification by the California Coastal Commission of an Amendment to update the LCP in whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morro Bay commits to and agrees to fully support a planning effort intended to complete a certified LCP pursuant to the provisions of the California Coastal Act, with full public participation and coordination with the Coastal Commission staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Morro Bay hereby:

1. Directs City of Morro Bay staff to submit the grant application package attached hereto as Exhibit A to the California Coastal Commission to

provide financial and planning assistance, under authority of the California Coastal Act, in the amount of $65,000 to fund the project more particularly described in the grant application package.

2. Authorizes the Community Development Director of the City of Morro Bay to execute, in the name of the City of Morro Bay, all necessary applications, contracts and agreements and amendments thereto to implement and carry out the grant application package attached hereto and any project approved through approval of the grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay at a regular meeting thereof held on this 27th day of August 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Headding, Addis, Davis, Heller, McPherson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

JOHN HEADDING, Mayor

ATTEST:

DANA SWANSON, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT B - APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete Grant Application Packet includes the following components. Please submit all documents in a single PDF file and the Project Description, Task Descriptions, Schedule, and Budget as a Word document, as noted below. **It is very important to receive the PDF file and a Word document for efficiency in preparing grant agreement documents.** Thank you for your attention to these important components of the application.

- ☐ Signed LCP Grant Application Form (.pdf)
- ☐ Project Description (.doc)
- ☐ Task Descriptions, Schedule, and Budget (.doc)
- ☐ Signed Resolution (.pdf)
- ☐ All documents combined into a single PDF file (.pdf)

ATTACHMENT C – SELECTION CRITERIA

♦ Public Benefit/Significance and Environmental Justice

Public Benefit/Significance: Morro Bay's coastline is a critically important resource to the residents and businesses of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, as well as the rest of California. Almost the entirety of the City resides in the coastal zone as shown on the attached maps. The tasks described in the Work Program include a comprehensive update of the City's Local Coastal Program which was certified in 1984. The City's LCP, which is branded as Plan Morro Bay, has been developed around a framework of resiliency. Each element of Plan Morro Bay includes a resiliency approach which identifies the element's role in the City's overall goal for increased resiliency to natural hazards, climate change effects, and any potential social disruption. This section of the LCP discusses resiliency in the context of each element to promote community sustainability and endurance in every aspect of Plan Morro Bay.

Plan Morro Bay goals and policies will preserve and enhance safe, extensive, and equitable coastal access in response to changing climate conditions, ensuring that the coastline remains available for residents and visitors alike. These tasks will increase protection for local ecosystems, maintaining biological integrity and supporting regional habitats that are extensively connected to the local environment. This project will also serve as an example to other coastal communities in California, many of which are facing similar stresses and pressures as Morro Bay. The key public benefits and significance of this project are summarized below:

Increased protection and resiliency for the Morro Bay Estuary: Large sections of the community's shoreline abuts Morro Bay itself, a 2,300-acre natural estuary. The estuary supports multiple unique and sensitive species, and is a key stop on numerous migration routes. The City of Morro Bay depends heavily on the estuary as a regional economic driver, supporting ecotourism, recreational activities, and commercial fishing. It also serves as a physical buffer that helps to protect the community from strong waves and coastal flooding. The updated mapping and evaluations previously completed in order to improve understanding of the resources in the estuary, and improve the estuary's health through a strategic and coordinated habitat conservation approach based on the best available information have been integrated into the draft LCP/Plan Morro Bay.

Improved understanding and response to climate change: Climate change threatens to cause substantial property damage and harm the local economy, among other consequences. *Plan Morro Bay* includes sea level rise modeling, which provides details about how city and community assets are at risk from this effect of climate change. This Work Program leverages the sea level rise work completed under previous grants that evaluated sea level rise resiliency strategies to inform policy development of the LCP and point community members, City staff, and local officials toward adaptation measures that are most effective and best aligned with other community goals. These efforts serve as a foundation for implementation of *Plan Morro Bay* land use policies, ensuring that resiliency to climate change becomes an integral part of new development and reuse projects in Morro Bay. Additionally, the forward-thinking climate change component of the ESHA mapping task previously completed provides for the necessary background technical information to inform policy development and for which serves as a case study for other jurisdictions throughout the state that are working to conserve natural resources in the context of a changing climate.

Environmental Justice: Plan Morro Bay includes a Community Well-Being Element to be renamed Environmental Justice that specifically address health effects of Climate Change for vulnerable populations, with policies on public awareness, infectious disease, and emergency housing. This element complements the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) by ensuring that the community has a strong base that is able to recover from the natural disasters and economic changes caused by climate change impacts. Policies focus on ensuring that Morro Bay remains a diverse and inclusive community with strong social capital and a connected, resilient population.

The tasks in the Work Program will enable *Plan Morro Bay* documents to serve as a model throughout the state. By trying out innovative approaches in a project that already receives broad community support, Morro Bay can help ensure that the process is smoother and easier for other communities seeking to emulate the City's efforts.

♦ Addressing the Effects of Climate Change

As stated previously, the City's Plan Morro Bay (LCP) is a document that has resilience planning at its very core. Each element of the Plan includes a resiliency approach to its organization. For example, two specific elements which showcase this resiliency approach include the Conservation Element and the Public Safety Element. The Conservation Element goals and policies promote a resilient, sustainable community offering a balance of open spaces, coastal access, and quality built and natural environments both along the coastline and inland. The Conservation Element includes greenhouse gas reduction strategies, emissions reduction targets, climate action plan policies, and policy which directs the City to seek out grant funding to support implementation of greenhouse gas reduction projects for the City. The Public Safety Element minimizes community risks associated with natural and man-made hazards. This element identifies hazards that could be made more severe by the City's location on the coast and anticipated climate change impacts. Public Safety Element goals and policies address natural hazards, coastal adaptation, and emergency response to protect residents, visitors, and wildlife from anticipated impacts.

♦ Relative Need for LCP Update

The City's current LCP was certified in 1984. Due to the significant age of the LCP and the City's 1988 General Plan - documents which number a combined 1100 pages – the GP and LCP not only are inconsistent and confusing, but miss key opportunities for consistency with coastal guidance. The LCP and General Plan currently constrain rather than encourage long-term decisions to increase the resiliency and adaptive capacity of the city and its resources. The draft of Plan Morro Bay has been updated to reflect modern adaptation planning. It seeks to create a model LCP providing best practices for a range of Coastal Commission priority planning issues specifically addressing the impacts of climate change and sea level rise; reducing greenhouse gases; preserving and enhancing coastal habitat; protecting, providing and enhancing public access; protecting priority land uses such as agriculture, coastal dependent development, or recreation; protecting and providing lower cost visitor and recreational opportunities afforded by Morro Bay's location and context for other jurisdictions throughout the state to emulate.

With a public draft complete and comments received by CCC staff, the City is close to completing finalized documents to submit for adoption hearings and subsequent certification to the Coastal Commission.

♦ Likelihood of Success/Effectiveness

The City's LCP update process started in 2015 with significant community input and feedback. Multiple community-wide workshops were held to support development of Plan Morro Bay. In addition, the City Council convened the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) which was a nine-member group of local community members to provide input and guidance to City staff during the planning process. GPAC members represented the business community, advocacy community, design and planning professionals, and a representative member of the Planning Commission. The GPAC served as a liaison between the community and the City to ensure that the LCP update process was consistent with the community's vision. It is this strong and significant input to the community that the City is committed to seeing through to completion and certification. The City is willing and motivated to continue its local coastal development permit processing authority as it has done since 1984, but with an updated LCP that reflects modern and current Coastal Commission policy priorities.

♦ Project Integration/Leverage/Matching Funds

The City's LCP update process started in 2015. The City has previously received two LCP planning grants; both a Round 2 for $147,000 and a Round 3 grant for $200,000. In addition prior to that, the City received a $250,000 grant from the Ocean Protection Council. This funding was matched by $650,000 in City General Fund contributions as well as in-kind staff. This funding was used to provide the background technical reports listed below as well as prepare administrative and public draft documents of Plan Morro Bay.

These prior grants funded:

Community Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment
Key Issues and Policies Report
Community Baseline Assessment
Downtown Waterfront Strategic Plan (adopted 2018)
Zoning Code (IP) Diagnosis Memo and Draft IP

Circulation Element Update Technical Report
Low Cost Visitor Serving Accommodations Technical Memo
Lateral Access Technical Memo
Environmentally Sensitive Habitat (ESHA) Analysis: 2050 Sea Level Rise Scenario
Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy Report
Coastal Resources & Resiliency, H++ Update

These documents were developed to inform policy and integrated into the City's draft LCP / Plan Morro Bay. As stated in the proposed budget, the City's request is for $65,000 with an additional City match of $57,000 to complete the final LCP now that we have received comments and input from Coastal Commission staff on the public draft. With the final budget request, it is the City's desire to proceed with the final revisions to the documents, update the draft EIR accordingly, and proceed to adoption documents and subsequently submit for certification to the Coastal Commission by the end of 2020.