

Coastal Currently

June 2024



Highlights from the Coastal Commission's monthly meetings

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge [updated](#) the commissioners on Commission staff activities since the May meeting, including:

- NOAA workshop on preservation of kelp and sea-grass along the Pacific coast.
- The third meeting for the Offshore Wind and Fisheries Working Group.
- Opening of a bike and pedestrian path completing an 8-mile connection between Carmel Valley and Sorrento Valley.
- Kids Ocean Day events from San Diego to Humboldt counties.

Briefings

The San Diego Association of Governments gave a [presentation](#) on recent efforts to stabilize the crumbling Del Mar bluffs along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor in San Diego County.

Federal officials provided an [update](#) on trans-boundary pollution crisis in the Tijuana River and Tijuana River Valley, including recent efforts and coordination activities carried out in response.

Enforcement

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a settlement agreement with the owner of Rocky Point Restaurant in Big Sur to resolve violations related to a previous owner. The deal includes trail improvements as well as public parking and restrooms at a scenic location along Highway 1 about 10 miles south of Carmel.

Housing

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a sustainable development blueprint for Los Osos in San Luis Obispo County that will protect groundwater and endangered species while allowing for new infill housing in the town

Public Access

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the expansion of bicycle parking at the University of California Santa Barbara, adding 294 new spaces, as well as improving a nearby bicycle path.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a new 1.25 mile extension of the California Coastal Trail connecting the city of Morro Bay and Cayucos, including bicycle and pedestrian amenities as well as habitat restoration.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a modified plan to revitalize the Dana Point Harbor in Orange County that preserves lower-cost hotel accommodations while expanding public access and recreational opportunities.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) two coastal development permit waivers for sand replenishment projects in Orange County at North Beach (San Clemente) and Capistrano Beach County Park.

Water

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) modifications to Daly City's stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, including canal, pipeline and tunnel improvements.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) highway safety and stormwater infrastructure in Sonoma County along Highway 1, including mumble strips, biofiltration and drainage upgrades.

Restoration

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a proposal by the University of California Irvine to improve wetland habitat on a portion of the San Joaquin Marsh Reserve, a 200-acre wetland complex in Orange County.

**All actions taken at the Coastal Commission's [public hearing](#) in Morro Bay on June 12 – 14, 2024.*

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