



Highlights from the California Coastal Commission's monthly public hearings

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge and other staff provided an [update](#) on recent agency activities, including:

- The Coastal Commission joined State Lands Commission, Coastal Conservancy and State Parks for a series of public workshops last month on planning efforts to provide public coastal access at [Hollister Ranch](#) in Santa Barbara County.
- The 26th annual [California Ocean & Coastal Amateur Photography Contest](#) winners were announced last month.
- The Coastal Commission published its [Environmental Justice Year in Review 2024](#). The report highlights how efforts to protect and enhance the coast are made equitably, with consideration for all communities.
- The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the agency's [2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan](#).
- The Coastal Commission and city of San Diego provided an update on efforts to prevent visitors to La Jolla Cove from harassing sea lions. ([video](#))

Public Access

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) continued operations at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in San Luis Obispo County on the condition that, among other things, 4,500 acres of land surrounding the plant be placed in a conservation easement and 25 miles of new hiking trails be established for the public.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) an outdoor dining area for a restaurant in Hermosa Beach, as well as the creation of new parking spaces for bicycles and monthly transit passes for employees.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the construction of a new 25-foot-long staircase providing beach access at Leo Carrillo State Park in Malibu.

Sea Level Rise

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the removal of a 50-foot-long seawall and rock revetment in the city of Del Mar.

Housing

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a 122-unit housing development for low-income households in Santa Monica. Units will be deed restricted in perpetuity.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) an oceanfront duplex in Dana Point on the condition that, among other things, unpermitted shoreline armoring be removed.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) 11 single-family homes in San Pedro, including one restricted for a low-income household.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) changes to the city of Grover Beach's local coastal program to, among other things, encourage more housing construction in accordance with state law.

The Coastal Commission [cleared the way](#) for a single-family home and ADU in San Mateo County.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) major renovations of a four-unit apartment building in Hermosa Beach, including the addition of an ADU.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) two ADUs in Laguna Beach and San Clemente.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) three ADUs in Solana Beach.

Drought

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a 12-month pilot project deploying a floating wave-powered desalination system off the coast of the city of Fort Bragg, including associated moorings and pipelines to an existing wastewater treatment plant.

**All actions taken at the Coastal Commission [public hearing](#) in Imperial Beach on Dec. 10 to 12, 2025. ([video](#))*

***Banner photo by Mike Long, submitted for the [2025 California Ocean & Coastal Amateur Photography Contest](#).*