

Coastal Currently

June 2025



Highlights from the California Coastal Commission's monthly meetings

Executive Director's Report

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

- Commission staff participated in a workshop in May hosted by the Grassroots Institute on coastal planning in Mendocino County as well as the cities of Fort Bragg and Point Arena.
- California State Parks and the Coastal Commission partnered in June with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on an oil spill response communication workshop for boating facilities.
- The Coastal Commission's Environmental Justice Program partnered with Outdoor Outreach in May on a webinar about the importance of public participation in the creation of the Coastal Act.
- The Coastal Commission's Peter Douglas Internship program accepted applications through June 13 and is now reviewing candidates.
- Commission staff [outlined](#) the impacts of the Governor's May Budget Revision on the agency.
- Commission legislative staff provided an [update](#) on current bill proposals that could impact the agency.
- Commission staff awarded the city of Los Angeles a \$1.1 million grant to plan for sea level rise and other issues in the Venice neighborhood.

Enforcement

Coastal Commission staff reported the long-awaited removal of an illegal seawall on Victoria Beach in Laguna Beach. In 2018, the Commission issued a [cease-and-desist order](#) and imposed civil penalties on the owners of investment property in question for multiple Coastal Act violations including maintaining the seawall beyond its permitted lifespan. ([video](#))

Housing

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a time extension for the city of Los Angeles to accept the land-use changes allowing for the construction of the Venice Dell Community Housing Project, a 100% affordable housing project, including 120 rate-restricted units.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the replacement of a 12.5-foot-tall mobile home in San Clemente with a 18-foot structure.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the demolition and replacement of a three-story duplex in the city of San Diego's Mission Beach neighborhood on the condition that the structure be elevated on pilings to minimize the impacts of future flooding events exacerbated by sea level rise.

Public Access

The Coastal Commission [granted](#) after-the-fact approval for the demolition and replacement of a beachfront playground in the Venice neighborhood of the city of Los Angeles, including new benches and ADA-compliant walkways.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the dredging of up to 415,000 cubic yards of sediment in Alamitos Bas in the city of Los Angeles for sand nourishment at Peninsula Beach.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the installation of metal guardrails along a sidewalk at the Kiddie Beach parking lot at the Channel Island Harbor in the city of Oxnard.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) changes to the city of Newport Beach's off-street parking requirements for restaurants and other food service uses. The plan would allow a reduction in parking under specific scenarios, such as for bicycle parking or curb space dedicated to ridesharing.

Environment

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) modified restoration plans for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve in Los Angeles, including the abandonment in place of drains and pipes to avoid larger impacts to sensitive habitat.

The Coastal Commission [objected](#) to the continued expansion of a Navy training program in state waters, including the use of high-energy sonar, lasers, explosives and other munitions. The federal government has the authority to proceed with its training program regardless of the commission's concern about impacts on marine ecosystems.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) an update to the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea's plan for building wireless communication facilities. The changes are largely aimed at limiting the visual impact of equipment such as cell phone towers.

Transportation

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the replacement of a seismically deficient bridge over Toro Creek on Highway 1 north of the city of Morro Bay. Upgrades include new roadside guardrails and drainage facilities, as well as larger shoulders that also serve as a bicycle lane.

**All actions taken at the Coastal Commission's [public hearing](#) in San Diego on June 11 to 13, 2025.*

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