



Coastal Currently

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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 since the April meeting, including:

- Staff approved a \$59,000 grant for the city of San Clemente to conduct a beach attendance study to help inform future sea level rise adaptation efforts.
- Staff participated in a workshop with Caltrans District 4 in the Bay Area on nature-based solutions to sea level rise.
- Staff announced this year's winners of the [K-12 Coastal Art & Poetry Contest](#).
- Staff held a workshop with advocacy group Justice Outside on prioritizing equity and inclusion in programing funded through Whale Tail grants.
- Staff provided an [update](#) on bill proposals in the state Legislature that could impact the Coastal Commission.

Enforcement

Coastal Commission staff presented an overview of recent efforts to ensure public access at the Paradise Point resort in the city of San Diego. Under an agreement negotiated by the enforcement staff, the property owner has installed roughly 100 signs noting areas for free parking and public access along the beach and other areas. ([video](#))

Sea Level Rise

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) landmark changes to the city of Pacifica's Local Coastal Program, allowing for continued shoreline armoring in specific locations for the near-term on the condition the city engages in detailed, long-term planning for sea level rise.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a sand management plan including sand clearance and redistribution, grooming and installation of ADA-accessible beach mats at Harbor Cove, South Jetty, and Surfer's Point Beaches in the city of Ventura.

Environment

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a July 4th fireworks show in Alamitos Bay in the city of Long Beach, as well as an additional four-year permit for drone light shows in the bay.

Transportation

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) emergency permits for shoreline armoring to protect the Los Angeles-San Diego San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor in the city of San Clemente with conditions that direct the rail operator to plan for future sea level rise.

Public Access

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a concession hut in the parking lot of Silver Strand State Beach in San Diego County from May through September, offering food and beverage service, as well as beach chair and umbrella rentals.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a suite of public access and recreational upgrades at Beachfront Park in Crescent City, including improvements to a section of the Coastal Trail.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) changes to the city of Newport Beach's rules for short-term rentals, shifting permits to mixed-use corridors that put visitors closer to commercial businesses.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) changes to the city of Dana Point's Local Coastal Program to help facilitate the replacement of an aging funicular over Strand Beach.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) increases to parking rates in the city of Seal Beach, requiring several conditions such as project reporting and a new plan for public access signage.

The Coastal Commission [accepted](#) an appeal for a proposed 102-room hotel in the city of Half Moon Bay based largely on impacts to a locally designated scenic corridor along Highway 1. A full review of the project will be considered at a future hearing.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the demolition of a marine water tank and construction of a 6-acre open space park connecting to the Wilmington Waterfront Promenade in the city of Los Angeles.

Housing

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) changes to the city of Imperial Beach's Local Coastal Program to align with state density bonus law while also promoting permanent supportive housing.

The Coastal Commission [upheld](#) the local approval of a two-family dwelling in the city of Encinitas, which includes two detached accessory dwelling units.

The Coastal Commission [upheld](#) the local approval of four projects in the community of Los Osos in San Luis Obispo County, including two single family homes, a three-unit motel and laundry facility and a mixed-use restaurant and hotel.

**All actions taken at the Coastal Commission's [public hearing](#) in Half Moon Bay on May 7 to 9, 2025.*

***Banner photo by Todd Sipes, submitted for the 2013 [California Ocean & Coastal Amateur Photography Contest](#).*

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