



Appendix D. General LCP Amendment Processing Steps and Best Practices

Sea level rise is one of many topics that should be addressed in a Local Coastal Program (LCP) or LCP amendment. The Coastal Commission offers a [Local Coastal Program \(LCP\) Update Guide](#) that outlines the broad process for amending or certifying an LCP, including guidance for both Land Use Plans and Implementation Plans. It addresses major Coastal Act concerns, including public access, recreation and visitor serving facilities, water quality protection, ESHA and natural resources, agricultural resources, new development, archaeological and cultural resources, scenic and visual resources, coastal hazards, shoreline erosion and protective devices, energy and industrial development, and timberlands. Therefore, this *Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance* should be used in conjunction with the LCP Update Guide to perform complete LCP amendments or certifications. The following figure depicts the general LCP amendment process.

