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TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report, June, 2014

Significant reporting items for the month. [Strategic Plan](#) (SP) reference provided where applicable:

LCP Program Status – Orange County (SP Goal 4)

The Orange County shoreline is about 43 miles long. The coastal zone area totals approximately 59 square miles of the County's 948 square miles of total land area and includes portions of the County of Orange and 10 incorporated cities.

Figure 1. Orange County Coastal Zone LCP Jurisdictions



When LCP planning first began in the early 1980s, substantial areas of the county coastal zone were unincorporated. The large southern portion of the County included several large undeveloped landholdings, such as those of the Irvine Company and the Aliso Viejo Company. The County divided their LCP into several segments for LCP planning and during the years from 1983-1989, the County certified LCPs for many of these segments (the Sunset Beach segment, the Newport Coast segment (formally known as the Irvine Coast), the South/Emerald Bay segment, the South/Aliso Viejo segment, the South/Aliso Creek Remainder segment, the South/South Laguna segment, South/Laguna Niguel segment, South/Dana Point segment, and the South/Capistrano Beach segment. LCP planning in Orange County in the 1980s included addressing major statewide issues related to public access and protection of resources, including in areas such as the Bolsa Chica wetlands, the Newport (Irvine) Coast/Crystal Cove State Park areas, and the Aliso Greenbelt lands.

Since those original certifications, numerous cities annexed county lands or areas incorporated as new cities and thus new LCPs were required to be certified for these previously unincorporated areas. Currently, there are LCPs certified for the Newport Coast, Emerald Bay and Aliso Viejo segments of the County, and for the cities of Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, and Dana Point. The LCPs for the cities of Seal Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Aliso Viejo and San Clemente are not yet certified.

The County of Orange has not updated any of its LCP segments (some of which may no longer exist or are now reduced in size as a result of incorporations.) None of the full LCPs for the cities have been comprehensively updated, although the cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, San Clemente and Dana Point have partially updated their LCPs. The Commission awarded a \$90,000 FY 13 LCP planning grant to the City of San Clemente to complete their LCP Certification.

LCP Grant Program Application Deadline Reminder

  
<p style="text-align: center;">Local Coastal Program (LCP) Grant Program Application Deadline Reminder</p> <p>The LCP Grant Program application deadline is now less than a month away. Please be sure to review the application instructions carefully and contact the Coastal Commission or Ocean Protection Council with any questions on the application (see contact information below). Applications are due July 7th at 5 pm.</p> <p>Application Materials</p> <p>To download the application and instructions, visit: http://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/lcpgrantprogram.html</p>

Kids' Ocean Day Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups

In honor of World Oceans Day on June 8th, approximately 7,500 California students have just finished their annual Kids' Ocean Day Adopt-Beach Cleanup events sponsored by the Coastal Commission's Public Education program. In Humboldt, San Francisco, Monterey, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach, and San Diego, kids watched presentations in their schools about the ocean, marine life, the dangers of marine debris, the need for recycling and litter reduction, and how the storm drain system carries neighborhood litter to the sea. They were then bused to the beach for big cleanup events to address the problem they had learned about. At the end of the day, they lined up in formation on the sand to send ocean conservation messages to the public. See their inspiring aerial designs here: www.oceanday.net. Below is the aerial design from Huntington Beach.



Meetings, Presentations, and Outreach

- Staff participated in the meeting of the Coastal Counties Group at the CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento on May 14, 2014.
- On May 27, staff participated in a workshop organized by Commissioner Cox in San Diego with local governments from the County and the State Coastal Conservancy and representatives from San Diego Coastkeeper, the Environmental Law Institute and the Maritime Alliance to discuss coastal issues, including the LCP Program and best practices for LCP amendments.
- On May 28, the Executive Director delivered the lunch address at the annual [Headwaters to the Ocean](#) conference in San Diego.