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

## **LCP Program Status – San Diego County (SP Goal 4)**

The San Diego county coastal zone, extending south from the Orange County line to the Mexican border, is rich in resources and geographic diversity. The County shoreline, including the shoreline of San Diego Bay and Mission Bay but excluding the lagoons is approximately 167 miles long. It contains a wide variety of significant coastal resources including major state and local beaches, marine terraces, and bluffs, coastal marshes, estuaries and lagoons and canyon-cut mesas, seaside beach communities, significant urban development, state university campus lands, cultural resources, recreational harbors and the Port of San Diego, one of the four ports identified in Chapter 8 of the Coastal Act. There are also major federal lands within the county, including Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, numerous U.S. Navy facilities adjacent to San Diego Bay (such as the North Island Naval Air Station, Naval Amphibious Base, Naval Station and Naval Submarine Base), as well as the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

The coastal zone area totals approximately 137 square miles of the County's 4,526 square miles of total land area. The unincorporated coastal area of San Diego County contains no lands along the oceanfront, but the county coastal area includes the shoreline of 10 cities: Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach.

LCPs for all but four jurisdictions or segments have been certified. The certified LCPs, some with several segments, were certified from 1986 through 2001. The Port Master Plan for the Port of San Diego was certified in 1980. Not yet certified are San Diego County, the City of Carlsbad Agua Hedionda segment, the City of Solana Beach, and the Mission Bay segment of the City of San Diego.

Some of the certified segments have been updated in whole or in part. The Carlsbad Village Redevelopment Area segment, and the City of San Diego La Jolla, Pacific Beach and Centre City segments, the City of Chula Vista balance and the City of Imperial Beach have been comprehensively updated since initial certification. Several other segments have updated portions of either the LUP or Implementation Plan since initial certification. No update has yet occurred in the cities of Encinitas, Del Mar or Coronado.

However, additional LCP update planning is underway at the local level for the City of Carlsbad, the City of Encinitas, the City of San Diego Ocean Beach segment and for the Port of San Diego Port Master Plan. And, the Commission in FY 13-14 awarded the City of Solana Beach a \$120,000 LCP planning grant to develop a Solana Beach Mitigation Fee Program and Local Implementation Program to complete its certification.

**Figure 1. San Diego County Coastal Zone LCP Jurisdictions**



## San Diego County LCP Status

Certified LCP Segments		Year Certified	Updated partially or comprehensively
<b>City of Oceanside</b>		1986	2009
<b>City of Carlsbad</b>			
	Mello I segment	1996	2006
	Mello II segment	1996	2006
	West Batiquitos/Sammis segment	1996	2006
	East Batiquitos/Hunt segment	1996	2006
	Village Redevelopment Area segment	1987	1996/2006
<b>City of Encinitas</b>		1995	
<b>City of Del Mar</b>		2001	
<b>City of San Diego</b>	North City segment	1988	IP 1999
	La Jolla segment	1988	1999/2003-2004
	Pacific Beach segment	1988	1995/1999
	Mission Beach segment	1988	IP 2012
	Ocean Beach segment	1988	IP 1999
	Peninsula segment	1988	IP 1999
	Centre City segment	1988	1999/2012
	Barrio Logan segment	1988	IP 1999
	Otay Mesa/Nestor segment	1988	IP 1999
	Tijuana River segment	1988	IP 1999
	Border Highlands segment	1988	IP 1999
<b>City of Coronado</b>		1984	
<b>City of National City</b>		1991	1998
<b>City of Chula Vista</b>	Balance of City	1985	2012
<b>City of Imperial Beach</b>		1984	

## LCP Assistance Grants Update (SP Goal 4)

The second round of the LCP Assistance Grant application period is now closed, and staff received 16 applications for Coastal Commission funds, requesting a total of \$2,072,134. Staff conducted a joint-solicitation for applications with the Ocean Protection Council LCP Sea Level Rise Grant Program and received 18 total applications requesting over \$3.2 million. Staffs of the CCC and OPC will be coordinating during application review, as several applicants have applied to both programs to fund a LCP project. The applications were posted on the Commission's website on July 17, 2014 (available here: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/lcpgrantprogram.html>). The LCP grant review criteria, adopted by the Commission on August 14, 2013, are available here: <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2013/8/W31b-8-2013.pdf>.

The Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the award of grants through a two-hearing process in October and November. Under this schedule, a preliminary staff recommendation will be available in late September, for discussion at the October hearing. The Commission may

choose whether to award the grants at the October or November hearing. At the September hearing, staff plans to provide a progress report on the FY 13-14 grants.

## **Commission Budget Update**

Commission staff is completing year end budget work for FY 13-14, setting up budget processes for FY 14-15 and preparing the required BCP for LCP Grants for FY 15-16. We are planning a complete budget report for the Commission at either the September or October Commission meetings. Recent updates and summaries of budget information for the Commission can be found in the 2014 ED reports of [July](#), [May](#), [April](#), [February](#), and the [December](#) 2013 ED report.

## **Commission Organization Chart**

The Commission staff submits to CALHR an updated organization chart every summer that is current as of July 1. Staff is just completing that update and will provide printed copies of the large chart for the Commission at the August meeting. CALHR has changed the deadline and the next update will have an effective date of January 1, 2015. Information on the hiring and allocation of new staff funded by the Commission's LCP budget augmentation can be found on pages 3-4 of the [Strategic Plan Implementation Update](#) presented to the Commission in May, 2014.

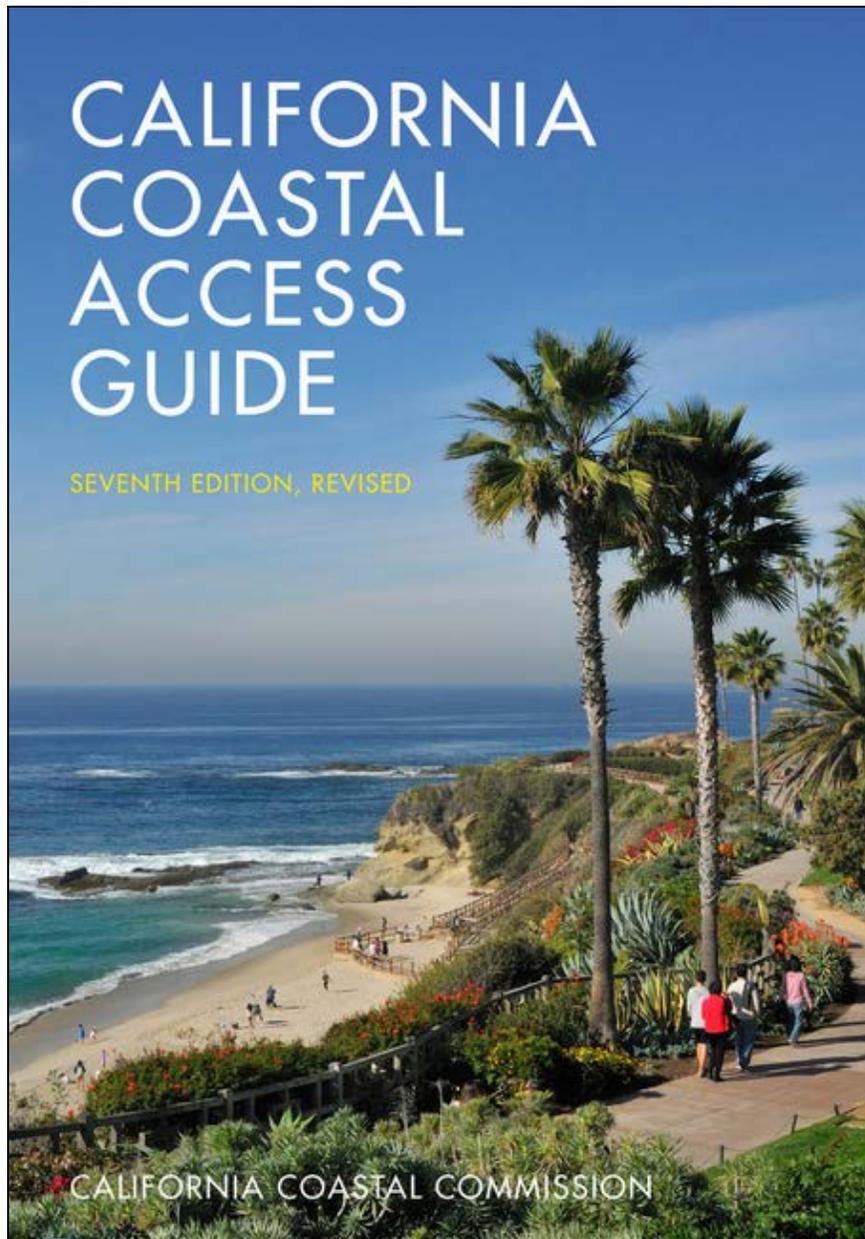
## **Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Update (SP Goal 3)**

The State of California released the *Final Safeguarding California Plan for Reducing Climate Risk*: [http://resources.ca.gov/docs/climate/Final\\_Safeguarding\\_CA\\_Plan\\_July\\_31\\_2014.pdf](http://resources.ca.gov/docs/climate/Final_Safeguarding_CA_Plan_July_31_2014.pdf). The plan provides policy guidance for state decision makers to help reduce climate impacts and prepare for climate risks. Questions may be directed to Richard Stapler, Deputy Secretary for Communications, at [Richard.Stapler@Resources.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Stapler@Resources.ca.gov) or (916) 653-9402.

Commission staff participated in the development and review of the ocean and coastal ecosystems and resources chapter of the Safeguarding California Plan. Staff is currently revising its draft Sea Level Rise Guidance and anticipates bringing it back to the Commission at the October or November hearings.

## **Commission's Coastal Access Guide (SP 1.3.1)**

A thoroughly revised and expanded California Coastal Access Guide will be published by the University of California Press in late August, 2014. This new seventh edition of the Guide includes information on more than 1,150 public access areas; more than 170 color maps prepared by the Commission's cartographers showing roads, trails, and topography; and more than 360 color photographs. Easy-to-read charts list facilities and amenities at each site. Short feature stories describe activities such as looking for wildlife, visiting a lighthouse, participating in a beach cleanup, and enjoying recreation on the water. The California Coastal Access Guide is one element in the Commission's coastal access program, intended to maximize public access to and along the coastline pursuant to PRC Sec. 30530. The Guide was first published in 1981, and more than 80,000 copies of six previous editions are now in print.



## Meetings, Presentations, and Outreach

- The Local Government Commission and the State of California are organizing the first California Adaptation Forum in the state capital, to be held August 19-20, 2014. This two-day forum will build off last year's National Adaptation Forum in Colorado.