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**TO:** California Coastal Commission and Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report, March 2021

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## **LCP Grants Status Report**

The Commission has funded 40 local jurisdictions through six rounds of LCP Grant funding since 2013, for a total of approximately \$8 million awarded through 50 LCP grants. Rounds 1 through 4 are now complete. For Round 5, all five LCP grant projects are fully underway (**see Appendix A** for a current status report on Round 5 LCP Grants). For Round 6, 11 LCP grant contracts have been executed, with most grantees now fully underway with their proposed work (**see Appendix B** for a current status report on Round 6 LCP Grants). For past LCP Grant status reports related to Rounds 1 through 4, please see the following: the [LCP Grants Status Update](#) from June 2016 for the final status report on Round 1 LCP Grants; the [June 2019 ED Report](#) for a final status report on Round 2 LCP Grants; and the [June 2020 ED Report](#) for final status reports on Round 3 and Round 4 LCP Grants.

## **Local Government Workshop Summary**

Included in the report is a detailed summary report of the Local Government Workshop held on December 17, 2020 (**Appendix C**).

## **Meetings and Events**

### **State Transportation and Environmental Partnership for Permitting Efficiency (STEPPE) Taskforce Meeting**

Efforts continue the report recommendations made by the multi-agency Transportation Permitting Task Force and released last year as prescribed by Assembly Bill 1282 (2017). Executive Director Ainsworth attended a meeting on February 26, 2021 to review actions that have occurred since the Taskforce last met in fall of 2019, to consider proposals for work efforts in 2021, and to hear about the reconfiguration of the Taskforce membership to include the

Secretaries of the California State Transportation Agency, California Natural Resources Agency, and California Environmental Protection Agency, the Chair of the California Transportation Commission, the Directors of Caltrans and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with the Executive Directors of the Coastal Commission, the State Water Quality Control Board and two Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

As work shifts into this implementation phase, it is being rebranded as the *State Transportation and Environmental Partnership for Permitting Efficiency* or *STEPPE*. In addition, a *STEPPE* Steering Committee, Implementation Management Group and a variety of Working Groups have been established with representatives from the participating agencies. The Commission's Transportation Program team is participating in each of these efforts. The report recommendations fall into six primary categories for the development and review of transportation projects that will also improve environmental outcomes:

- Clarify regulatory and permitting requirements.
- Develop and strengthen interagency coordination.
- Improve project planning and delivery.
- Develop effective procedures, policies, and guidance.
- Ensure suitable and sufficient staffing.
- Optimize advance mitigation strategies.

### **UC Irvine Coastal Resilience Conference**

Commissioner Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Commissioner Mark Gold, and Commission staff participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Coastal Resilience Conference hosted by UC Irvine and Coastal Quest entitled, "Implementing and Scaling Resilient Solutions in Coastal California." This 2-day conference was held virtually over Zoom on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and over 500 people attended. Commissioner Turnbull-Sanders participated in a panel on Ensuring Equity and Environmental Justice in Resiliency; and Commissioner Mark Gold and Commission staff participated in a panel on Institutionalizing Coastal Resilience: Policy and Regulation. Conference themes included: State Priorities and Future Goals; Best Practices to Prepare and Scale Solutions; Approaches to Ensure Equity in Policy, Planning, and Implementation; Shoreline Management; Impacts from Wildfires; Funding for Planning and Adaptation.

### **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project**

On February 25, Deputy Director Dr. Kate Huckelbridge, attended the Director's Group meeting for the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, which was chaired by Commissioner Gold. The focus of this multi-agency group is to facilitate the recovery and restoration of Southern California's coastal watersheds. The meeting focused on restoration projects currently in the pipeline and efforts to foster interagency coordination to facilitate permit streamlining.

## **Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio Program Webinar**

On February 24, Commission energy staff attended a webinar sponsored by the Municipal Water District of Orange County that featured the director of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio Program discussing the role and need for regional and local water supplies to be resilient in the face of climate change.

## **Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan - Refugio Oil Spill.**

On February 23, Energy and Federal Consistency staff met with staff from NOAA, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and other Trustee agencies on the Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan related to the Refugio Oil Spill. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to streamline review and authorization of the restoration projects that are proposed to compensate for damage to coastal resources from the 2015 oil spill.

## **Public Education**

- The Public Education Team presented a workshop on teaching environmental justice at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Education Symposium on February 27<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Environmental Education Collaborative of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Twenty-four participants, including educators from throughout California, were introduced to PE's Environmental Justice curriculum and resources.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup>, Public Education staff hosted a meeting with over 20 of the local coordinators for Coastal Cleanup. During the discussion, the group reviewed the successes and challenges of Coastal Cleanup Month this past September and celebrated the more than 14,000 volunteers who participated in close to 4,000 cleanups during the month. Planning for the 2021 cleanup is underway, with a consensus reached that the September's cleanup would be a hybrid cleanup model that can bring a return to large cleanup sites (conditions allowing) while also encouraging the individual or small group neighborhood cleanups that proved successful last year.
- The Boating Clean and Green Program Staff and its Partner The Bay Foundation will conduct [eight virtual Dockwalker trainings and four refresher trainings](#) from March through June. Dockwalkers are partners who conduct boater education about environmentally-sound boating practices and distribute the CA Boater Kit.
- Staff hosted a virtual meeting of the California Clean Boating Network on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Topics included: Marine debris and boat sewage management in our state; the California Boater Card program, and Marine Protected Areas designations.
- Staff is working with The Bay Foundation to expand the *ReThink Disposable* Program to several yacht clubs in Los Angeles County. This program helps reduce the use of single use disposable items in food service to conserve resources and minimize ocean litter pollution. It was piloted in the Bay area two years ago.

## **Emergency Permits**

The following are a list of the emergency permits that are being reported to the Commission under the District Directors reports this month.

### Central Coast District

- G-3-21-0004, Caltrans' Highway 1 Dolan Fire Emergency Work (Big Sur)
- G-3-21-0006, State Parks' Aptos Creek Diversion – Phase I (Rio del Mar)
- G-3-21-0007, State Parks' Aptos Creek Diversion – Phase II (Rio del Mar)
- G-3-21-0010, City of Santa Cruz San Lorenzo River Breaching (Santa Cruz)

### San Diego Coast District

- G-6-21-0004-W UCSD Black's Beach Bluff Debris Clearing (San Diego)
- G-6-21-0005-W UCSD Black's Beach Access Road Grading (San Diego)

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## Appendix A

### 4<sup>th</sup> Status Report on Round 5 Local Coastal Program Grants

*The following is a summary of the work completed from through December 31, 2020 under the five Round 5 Local Coastal Program Grants awarded in November 2018 (listed from North to South). Funds spent through December 31, 2020 total \$430,312.25 of \$750,000 awarded.*

#### 1) City of Arcata – Grant Total \$75,000

- **Project Summary:** The City of Arcata will complete a comprehensive update to the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) to address climate change and sea level rise. The grant project will include public outreach activities targeting vulnerable communities and revisions to the draft Land Use Plan (LUP) and draft Implementation Plan (IP), both of which were prepared under the City's Round 1 LCP Grant. The LCP update will include measured retreat strategies and measures to address the root causes of climate change, establishing thresholds and incentives for high efficiency developments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City will adopt the LCP and submit to the Commission for certification.
- **Work Completed:**
  - Public Engagement (Task 1): *In Progress.* Six Planning Commission meetings were held on the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, and survey and other contactless outreach strategies were developed to be conducted in early 2021.
  - Land Use Plan (Task 2): *In Progress.* The CLUE Administrative Draft of the LUP is complete, and CCC staff provided comment. The City is working on revisions to address CCC staff comments.
  - Implementation Plan (Task 3): *In Progress.* The Planning Commission has held 4 public hearings on the draft CZO. The City's consultant is working on chapter revisions.
- **Grant Term:** 4/17/2019 – 12/31/2021

## 2) County of Sonoma – Grant Total \$175,000

- **Project Summary:** The County of Sonoma will complete a comprehensive update to its Local Coastal Program (LCP) which will integrate the County's 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan and address the Commission's 2018 Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance. While continuing County traditions of coastal protection and agricultural preservation, the update will establish innovative policies and programs for watershed and forestry management and consider opportunities to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Additional goals of this update are to improve land use/zoning naming consistency; clarify design requirements and thresholds for modern uses such as vacation rentals, events, and cannabis; and to create an easy-to-access electronic document with updated and improved maps. The project includes a robust public outreach plan with multiple public workshops and opportunities for the public to be involved. The County will adopt the LCP and submit to the Commission for certification.
- **Work Completed:**
  - Plan Development and Policy Comparison (Task 1): *In Progress*. The public review draft was published 9/25/2019; some revisions were made to the format and organization based on public input. The Planning Commission Draft is in development and is anticipated in Spring 2021.
  - Stakeholder Engagement (Task 2): *In Progress*. Project outreach materials are still being compiled, and the County's Local Coastal Program [Website](#) has been updated. The [photo contest](#) is complete, and the winners were announced August 5<sup>th</sup>. Five of the planned Public workshops were held during previous reporting periods, and a final virtual workshop with the Board of Supervisors is planned for Winter/Spring 2021.
  - Adoption and Certification (Task 3): *In Progress*. Presentation materials for public hearings and a Board of Supervisors public workshop are being prepared. Planning Commission hearings are anticipated for Spring 2021. Board of Supervisors adoption hearings are expected in late Spring/Summer.
- **Grant Term:** 3/21/2019 – 3/28/2021

### 3) City of Santa Cruz – Grant Total \$200,000

- **Project Summary:** The City of Santa Cruz will complete an Urban Climate Adaptation Policy Implication and Response Strategy Evaluation Technical Report, an Adaptation Plan and a Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update. To do this, the City will continue analyses of sea level rise adaptation strategy and policy options; conduct extensive public outreach and engagement, including development of an Engagement Plan and leveraging of a Sea Level Rise Virtual Reality Mobile Phone Application; develop recommended adaptation strategies and policies, and develop a LCP amendment focused on sea level rise. The City will adopt the LCP amendment and submit to the Commission for certification (certification to occur outside the grant term).
- **Work Completed:**
  - Project Management, Administration, and Coordination (Task 1): *Ongoing*. Early project initiation tasks are complete. The City has continued regular progress reporting.
  - Urban Climate Adaptation Policy Implication and Response Strategy Evaluation (Task 2): *Complete*. The City met with historically underrepresented groups in December 2019 and January 2020. The Draft Urban Climate Adaptation Policy Implication and Response Strategy Evaluation, and the Final Urban Climate Adaptation Policy Implication and Response Strategy Evaluation Technical Report are complete.
  - Community Engagement (Task 3): *Complete*. Implementation of the Outreach and Engagement Plan has been completed. Work included focus groups, door to door interviews, deployment of a virtual reality sea level rise viewer, meetings with historically underrepresented groups, and outreach through academic partnerships. A Synthesis Summary of Outreach and Engagement has been completed. Public outreach will continue to occur as the LCP update is developed.
  - LCP Adaptation Policy Guidance (Task 4): *Completed*. The LCP Adaptation Policy Guidance was drafted and reviewed by the technical advisory committee and was the subject of several outreach events. The final draft of the guidance has been completed.
  - LCP Update (Task 5): *In Progress*: Draft LCP policies focused on phased adaptation approaches for the City's beaches are being developed and City staff continues to coordinate with Commission staff. Local adoption hearings are anticipated this summer.
- **Grant Term:** 4/3/2019 – 12/31/2021

#### 4) City of Manhattan Beach – Grant Total \$225,000

- **Project Summary:** The City of Manhattan Beach will complete a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, Adaptation Plan, and other technical studies as part of its Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update. The City will prepare a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Risk Assessment; develop an Adaptation Plan and other sea level rise-related technical studies; conduct a public outreach effort; and complete the LUP Update, including local adoption and submittal to the Commission (certification to occur outside the grant term).
- **Work Completed:**
  - Project Initiation (Task 1): *Complete*. All deliverables for this task are complete, including the RFP, ESA Contract, Climate Access Contract, Whitespace VR contracts, a kick-off meeting in March with Contractor on the stormwater confluence modeling; a project team kick-off meeting, Commission staff coordination meetings, and a regularly updated webpage. City staff are currently working with Commission staff on an updated work program and schedule.
  - Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (Task 2): *In Progress*. The Draft SLR Vulnerability and Risk Assessment was sent to CCC staff for review on 1/13/2021, after internal review. The USGS groundwater hazard analysis is in progress and expected in early 2021. Confluence modeling on stormwater infrastructure began and internal review is ongoing, after which a draft will be submitted to CCC staff for review.
  - Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (Task 3): *In Progress*. The Gap Policy Analysis for the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan was completed in September 2020. A stormwater infiltration project is being analyzed for feasibility for the area around Bruce's Beach/28th street outfall, and the draft SLR Vulnerability Assessment and Confluence Modeling on Stormwater Infrastructure is complete. The City also is moving forward with a Beach Dune Restoration project as a climate adaptation pilot project/living shoreline with outside funding, which is currently in the planning and design phase with ongoing public engagement activities.
  - Develop LCP LUP Language (Task 4): *Not Started*.
  - Public Process and Outreach (Task 5): *In Progress*. The Public Engagement Plan was finalized in 11/2020 and a list of stakeholders was developed. The following presentations were completed during the past reporting period: Beach Ecology Coalition meeting on 1/14/2021, Manhattan Beach City Council meeting on 11/17/2020, American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference on 10/15/2020.
  - Agency and Regional Coordination (Task 6): *In Progress*. City and District CCC staff meet every four weeks.
- **Grant Term:** 3/11/2019 – 12/31/2021

#### 5) City of San Clemente – Grant Total \$75,000

- **Project Summary:** The City of San Clemente will prepare an Adaptation Plan (called the Coastal Resiliency Plan), as well as its first Implementation



Plan in order to achieve full Local Coastal Program (LCP) certification. Development of a Coastal Resiliency Plan will help the City to address the impacts of climate change and will build on the findings and recommendations contained in the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment prepared under the City's Round 3 LCP Grant. The grant project will also include public outreach and education with a special emphasis to reach disadvantaged and low-income populations in the City.

- **Work Completed:**
  - Coastal Resiliency Plan (Task 1): *In Progress*. The Public Review Draft Coastal Resiliency plan was developed in Spring 2020 after receipt of Commission staff comments on Draft Coastal Resiliency Plan. Public outreach on draft Coastal Resiliency Plan was initiated in August 2019 as part of the Draft SLR vulnerability assessment outreach effort. Work on this task is on hold pending direction from the City Council which is anticipated in early 2021.
  - LCP Implementation Plan (Task 2): *In Progress*. The Administrative Draft IP is complete and was transmitted to CCC staff electronically in December 2019, and internal City staff review of Admin Draft IP occurred concurrently with CCC review. Comments from CCC were received on 4/17/20, and the Revised Administrative Draft IP were sent electronically to CCC staff on July 9, 2020. Publication of the Public Review Draft IP and public outreach are on hold pending direction from City Council, which is anticipated in early 2021.
- **Grant Term:** 3/20/2019 – 12/31/2021

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**Appendix B****2<sup>nd</sup> Status Report on Round 6 Local Coastal  
Program Grants**

The Coastal Commission [awarded](#) the sixth round of LCP Local Assistance Grants to eleven local governments in November 2019, and the grant agreements were executed by March 2020. The following is a summary of the work completed from through December 31, 2020 under each grant. Funds spent through December 31, 2020 total \$180,777.23 of \$1,325,000 awarded.

**1) County of Humboldt – Grant Total \$100,000**

- **Project Summary:** The County will conduct a feasibility study to develop options for a regional coordination effort on sea level rise adaptation in the Humboldt Bay area. The feasibility study will identify options and mechanisms for regional coordination amongst the County and Cities (i.e., the Cities of Eureka, Arcata and Humboldt County, which are in the process of preparing LCP updates), various asset managers (e.g., Caltrans, PG&E), property owners (including those with land on which protective dikes and levees are located), and other interested parties. The regional coordination and feasibility study will be a first step toward creating a framework and regional plan leading to coordinated LCP amendments and other efforts to support regional sea level rise adaptation in the future.
- **Work Status:**
  - Outreach (Task 1): *In Progress*. County staff are in the process of compiling background information on and contact lists for several stakeholders in the project, including local governments, permitting agencies, entities with management responsibilities, managers of the public trust, and owners of assets that could be impacted by sea level rise.
  - Research (Task 2): *In Progress*. County staff identified hydraulic units as the geographic unit to use as the basis for the regional sea level rise analysis.
  - Feasibility Study (Task 3): *Not started*.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/20 – 3/31/2022

**2) County of San Luis Obispo – Grant Total \$130,000**

- **Project Summary:** The County will coordinate with the San Simeon Community Service District (SSCSD) to develop a Coastal Hazards Response Plan (CHRP) for the inland relocation of the existing San

Simeon wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and wastewater facilities away from the coastal hazard zone, and to develop and submit associated LCP amendments.

- **Work Status:**
  - Project Initiation and Kickoff (Task 1): *In Progress*. SSCSD has issued an RFQ for development of the CHRP and discussed the two responses at the January 14, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. SSCSC is also working with the County on an agreement regarding the administration of the project.
  - Agency & Stakeholder Coordination (Task 2): *Not started*.
  - Coastal Hazards Response Plan (Task 3): *Not started*.
  - Draft LCP Amendments (Task 4): *Not started*.
  - Hearings and Adoption of LCP Amendments (Task 5): *Not started*.
- **Grant Term:** 3/1/2020 – 3/31/2022

### 3) City of Morro Bay – Grant Total \$65,000

- **Project Summary:** With support from previous grants, the City of Morro Bay drafted updates to the LCP, General Plan, and Downtown Waterfront Strategic Plan, which are collectively referred to as “Plan Morro Bay.” This project will continue the work on the draft Plan Morro Bay documents and conclude with a comprehensive update to the LCP. The work will address climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, sea level rise, and environmental justice, among other topics.
- **Work Status:**
  - Project Management (Task 1): *In Progress*. Staff has continued analyzing input and comments on the draft LUP from CCC staff, the Planning Commission (PC), the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), and the public.
  - Plan Morro Bay (LUP) (Task 2): *In Progress*. Staff completed a final Adoption Draft of the LUP and sent it to CCC staff on 9/30/20, and five Planning Commission meetings were held to discuss the document.
  - Implementation Plan/Comprehensive Zoning Code Update (Task 3): *In Progress*. City staff worked on the IP update internally and spoke with CCC staff about opportunities to streamline the document.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

### 4) City of Pismo Beach – Grant Total \$170,000

- **Project Summary:** The City of Pismo Beach will complete a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan, building upon the Existing Conditions Report and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment completed under a previous grant. The City will also complete a General Plan/LCP update, resulting in a comprehensive LCP Update.
- **Work Status:**
  - Project Administration and Management (Task 1): *In Progress*.

- Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (Task 2): *Complete*. The Draft Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan was completed for City Staff review on 3/20/2020, and following review and feedback, the final plan was completed on 5/1/2020.
- General Plan/Local Coastal Plan Update (Task 3): *In Progress*. Information is being compiled for the Admin Draft Existing Conditions Report. Additionally, the Admin Draft Land Use Element and Public Safety Element was submitted to City staff for review and comment; it was also provided to City's LCPAC and CCC staff for preliminary feedback, and CCC staff returned comments. The City is currently working on revisions based on feedback.
- Zoning Code/Implementation Plan Update (Task 4): *Not Started*.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

#### 5) City of Carpinteria – Grant Total \$190,000

- **Project Summary:** With support from a previous grant, the City of Carpinteria completed a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan as well as drafted policies for a LUP/General Plan update. This project will build upon that work by completing the preparation of the Coastal Land Use Plan and a Zoning Ordinance update (Implementation Plan update). It will address sea level rise, environmental justice, environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA), and coastal access and recreation, among other topics.
- **Work Status:**
  - Draft CLUP/General Plan (Task 1): *In Progress*. The City has initiated review of the Administrative Draft GP/CLUP, and the document is undergoing revisions. The Public Draft GP/CLUP is anticipated for public release in June 2021.
  - Environmental Review (Task 2; not funded by grant)
  - Public Hearings & Adoption of LUP/GP (Task 3): *Not Started*.
  - Preliminary Draft Zoning Ordinance Update (Task 4; not funded by grant)
  - Draft Zoning Ordinance Update (Task 5): *In Progress*. City staff are doing initial research and developing a work program for this task.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

#### 6) County of Ventura – Grant Total \$130,000

- **Project Summary:** The County will adopt and submit for certification LCP amendments on sea level rise and coastal hazards and transfer relevant climate action planning policies from the County's Climate Action Plan. This work will build upon work funded through previous grants, including a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Report, a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategies Report, and preliminary draft sea level rise policies for the LUP.
- **Work Status:**

- Education and Outreach and Interagency Coordination (Task 1): *In Progress*. During this reporting period, the County finalized a Public Outreach Plan, created two flyers, and updated the project website to include a bi-lingual survey, public comment box, and other outreach materials. Two additional Interagency Working Group meetings were conducted via Zoom and participants completed a survey. County staff also attended a virtual meeting and reviewed and sent a comment letter to Caltrans regarding its draft Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report for District 7.
- Prepare LCP Amendments (Task 2): *In Progress*. The Draft Coastal Hazards Polices and Zoning Amendments were completed and are under review by other County agencies as well as continued review by Planning Division Managers. As part of this work, the Climate Action Plan polices that are most applicable to the coastal zone were distilled from the General Plan, amended for coastal zone, and are under review by other County agencies with the coastal hazards policies.
- County Adoption Hearings (Task 3): *Not Started*.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

**7) City of Avalon – Grant Total \$130,000**

- **Project Summary:** The City of Avalon will develop a Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan and update the Draft Coastal Hazards section of the LUP. This work will complement work conducted under a previous grant, which included a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and a working draft of a targeted LCP Amendment on sea level rise.
- **Work Status:**
  - Project Launch (Task 1): *In Progress*.
  - Adaptation Plan and Policy Development (Task 2): *In Progress*. The Existing Conditions and Findings Memo, which incorporates adaptation strategies and a monitoring plan, was completed on September 24, 2020. The Technical Advisory Committee met on October 19, 2020 to discuss public outreach, and the first community stakeholder engagement workshop and survey collection was conducted on October 27 and 28, 2020. The survey remained open through November 30, 2020 and 64 responses were collected. Additional community presentations were given at the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau (November 19, 2020) and the Rotary Club (November 11, 2020). Notices and ads in English and Spanish for the survey and community workshops were displayed.
  - Adaptation Plan and Policy Adoption (Task 3): *Not Started*
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

**8) City of Santa Monica – Grant Total \$50,000**

- **Project Summary:** This grant will build upon work completed under previous grants, including: an LUP approved by the City Council in October 2018 and

pending Commission hearing and certification; an Administrative Draft IP (i.e., CZO); and a summary table showing where each of the LUP's coastal policies has been integrated with City zoning regulations. This grant will fund the development and release of the public review draft of the IP and initial community outreach.

- **Work Status:**
  - Review Administrative Draft CZO and Release Public Review Draft (Task 1): *In Progress*. Internal city staff review of the Administrative Draft CZO, including interdepartmental and legal review, is in progress.
  - Public Engagement (Task 2): *Not Started*.
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

#### 9) City of Seal Beach – Grant Total \$50,000

- **Project Summary:** This project will build upon work completed under a previous grant, including a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and an Administrative Draft LUP. The City will continue development of a full LCP by going through the following steps: a Public Review draft of the Land Use Plan, a draft Implementation Plan, a Public Review Draft Local Coastal Program, a Final Local Coastal Program for local adoption, and an LCP submittal to the Coastal Commission.
- **Work Status:**
  - The City and the Consultant are working to finalize a contract, which has been placed on the City Council agenda for February 22, 2021.
  - Kick off and Coordination (Task 1): *Not Started*
  - Land Use Plan Finalization (Task 2): *Not Started*
  - Implementation Plan Preparation and Finalization (Task 3): *Not Started*
  - Public Review (Task 4): *Not Started*
  - Final Local Coastal Program Preparation and Adoption (Task 5; not funded by grant)
  - Local Coastal Program Submittal to Coastal Commission (Task 6; not funded by grant)
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

#### 10) City of Huntington Beach – Grant Total \$200,000

- **Project Summary:** The City will update a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment originally prepared in 2014 for a General Plan update. This vulnerability assessment update will inform the development of a Coastal Resiliency Program (CRP) and an update to the Coastal Element and Floodplain Ordinance in the City's LCP.
- **Work Status:**
  - Project Launch (Task 1): *Complete*. Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Update (Task 2): *In Progress*. A Coastal Conditions Assessment memo was submitted to CCC staff of 11/2/20. The consultant team prepared the draft Sea Level Rise Vulnerability

Assessment, which is now under review by City staff. A coordination call between City and CCC staff occurred on 10/6/20.

- Coastal Resiliency Plan Update (Task 3): *Not started.*
- Coastal Element Update (Task 4): *Not started.*
- Floodplain Ordinance Update (Task 5): *Not started.*
- **Grant Term:** 2/15/2020 – 3/31/2022

#### 11) City of Dana Point – Grant Total \$110,000

- **Project Summary:** The City will develop a targeted LCP amendment to address sea level rise, including both LUP and IP amendments. This work will build upon work completed under a previous grant, including a sea level rise vulnerability assessment and development of preliminary draft policies and standards on sea level rise.
- **Work Status:**
  - Kick off and Consultant Contract (Task 1): *Complete.* No significant additional work was completed for this task during this reporting period.
  - Draft LCP Amendment (Task 2): *In Progress.* City staff and the consultants are drafting and reviewing LUP and the IP amendments to address impacts of climate change and coastal erosion.
  - Public and Stakeholder Outreach Kickoff Meeting (Task 3): *In Progress.* A draft survey has been developed by City staff and the consultants and is under review by City management staff for final approval before it is released to the public.
  - Decisionmaker Hearings (Task 4): *Not Started.*
  - LCP Amendment Submittal (Task 5): *Not Started.*
- **Grant Term:** 3/1/2020 – 3/31/2022

# Appendix C

California Coastal Commission  
**Local Government Workshop on  
Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning**

## SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Thursday, December 17, 2020

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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*Please note this summary document is the facilitation team’s attempt to summarize key discussion items, and is not a complete transcription of the conversations had. The phrasing contained herein is that of the facilitators and was edited and added to by the SLR Working Group members.*

## I. OVERVIEW

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) held a joint workshop with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the California League of Cities (Cal Cities) on Thursday, December 17, 2020 to discuss sea level rise adaptation planning and how to address sea level rise within the Local Coastal Program (LCP) context. This Local Government Workshop was the fifth held between the Coastal Commission and locally elected officials for the purpose of fostering coordination on a variety of issues through the LCP process. Previous workshops were held in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2019.

A key achievement since the July 2019 workshop is the establishment of the local government Sea Level Rise Working Group (SLR Working Group). This Working Group includes members



from CSAC, the Cal Cities, the Coastal Commission, and Commission staff, and has been meeting regularly over the past year to continue focused discussions on sea level rise planning. Notably, this group developed a *Joint Statement on Adaptation Planning*<sup>1</sup> that was adopted during the November 2020 Commission Hearing. This Joint Statement includes a set of shared principles for how the Coastal Commission and local governments can move forward to address sea level rise through LCP policy development, adaptation planning, and project decision making. The Joint Statement also details three specific topic areas with opportunities for action over the short term to advance sea level rise adaptation planning, including:

- Establishing shared vision, scope, and time horizons associated with LCP updates.
- Maintaining statewide consistency while flexibly addressing unique local issues.
- Evaluating how a regional approach might address the coastal resource impacts of sea level rise adaptation in the near and longer-term future.

The main goals for the December 17, 2020 workshop were to present the recently adopted *Joint Statement on Adaptation Planning* and to discuss next steps for sea level rise planning. In particular, the SLR Working Group sought to understand priorities for work efforts in 2021, including discussion on potential work products, deliverables, and other activities that will help to advance sea level rise adaptation planning.

## II. OPENING STATEMENTS BY SLR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Members of the SLR Working Group were introduced:

- Commissioner Carole Groom, California Coastal Commission
- Commissioner Mike Wilson, California Coastal Commission
- Supervisor Bruce Gibson, San Luis Obispo County, CSAC
- Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County, CSAC
- Supervisor John Leopold, Santa Cruz County, CSAC
- Mayor Ed Waage, Pismo Beach, Cal Cities
- Mayor Pro Tempore Jill Hardy, Huntington Beach, Cal Cities
- Councilmember Ed Spriggs, Imperial Beach, Cal Cities
- Councilmember Eric Friedman, Santa Barbara, Cal Cities
- Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission
- Madeline Cavalieri, Statewide Planning Manager, California Coastal Commission

SLR Working Group members were invited to reflect on the Joint Statement and goals/priorities for 2021 coordination on sea level rise.

Ed Waage, Mayor, Pismo Beach and Chair of the Cal Cities Coastal Group expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the Commission and local government colleagues.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2020/11/W6d/w6d-11-2020-exhibits.pdf>

He stated the *Joint Statement on Adaptation Planning*, developed by the SLR Working Group, underscores the need for regional approaches to sea level rise adaptation planning, while also providing for statewide consistency. Cal Cities, CSAC and Commission have all recently approved this *Joint Statement*, and it will serve as the foundation for SLR Working Group efforts in the coming year. Mayor Waage is pleased with the progress made by this Group to date, and is optimistic about the prospects and opportunities for continued collaboration in the coming year.

Ed Spriggs, Councilmember, Imperial Beach stated that the Cal Cities Board of Directors has, for the first time, adopted a set of priorities for the coming calendar year that includes addressing sea level rise and climate change related challenges. This is evidence of Cal Cities' endorsement of the principles described in the *Joint Statement*, commitment to continued collaboration with local government and state agency colleagues on these critical issues, and in seeking ways to harmonize statewide and regional environmental needs with unique, localized community conditions.

Jill Hardy, Mayor Pro Tempore, Huntington Beach, and former Vice Chair of Cal Cities Coastal Group expressed positive sentiments regarding the efforts of the SLR Working Group to develop the *Joint Statement*. Eric Friedman, Councilmember City of Santa Barbara and current Vice Chair of Cal Cities Coastal Group introduced himself as the newest member of the SLR Working Group, and echoed comments supporting statewide collaboration on SLR adaptation planning.

Lynda Hopkins, Supervisor, Sonoma County, provided opening comments on behalf of CSAC and her county colleagues on the SLR Working Group. She thanked the Commission for hosting the Local Government Workshop and supporting continued, critical collaboration. She stated the SLR Working Group fully endorses the sea level rise *Principles for Aligned State Action*<sup>2</sup>, adopted by state agencies in May 2020. The SLR Working Group appreciates the support of the Commission in developing the *Joint Statement*. Together, the *Principles for Aligned State Action* and *Joint Statement* provide a strong, shared vision for the State of California in the face of climate change. Supervisor Hopkins acknowledged historical tensions between local governments and the Commission, and shared that much progress has been made through hosting of the Local Government Workshops, and the increased engagement/collaboration over the last year via the SLR Working Group. The SLR Working Group supports solutions that prioritize public coastal access and prevent *unmanaged* retreat. Local governments look forward to collaborating on mutually beneficial projects that utilize the best available science, protect natural resources, and accommodate unique local conditions. Local governments and state agencies may differ in their approaches to sea level rise adaptation planning and implementation. However, under the banner of aligned principles, the hope is to develop a toolbox of resources that allow coastal communities and the State to be proactive, rather than reactive, to climate change impacts. Supervisor Hopkins looks forward to making progress with the Commission and SLR Working Group on this issue in 2021.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://slcprdwordpressstorage.blob.core.windows.net/wordpressdata/2020/04/04-29-2020\\_76.pdf](https://slcprdwordpressstorage.blob.core.windows.net/wordpressdata/2020/04/04-29-2020_76.pdf)

Commissioner Mike Wilson expressed gratitude for the cooperative efforts of the SLR Working Group members. He stated there are many climate change related challenges putting stress on the State and local governments. It is necessary to better understand these stressors, which are ever changing over time and space, in order to address this complex problem. The very complexity of the issue requires the need for continued, and increased, collaboration among state and local governments. The SLR Working Group will begin broadening its understanding of how to better work together on this issue, including considering tools such as special districts and Joint Power Authorities (JPAs) to support regional approaches to adaptation planning and mitigation. Commissioner Wilson recognized the need to balance both consistency and flexibility in adaptation and implementation. Like his SLR Working Group colleagues, he is feeling hopeful for continued work in 2021.

Commissioner Carole Groom expressed her appreciation for the work conducted by her SLR Working Group colleagues from CSAC, Cal Cities, and the Commission. She is supportive of the positive working relationships that have been established through this effort, and also looks forward to continued progress in the coming year.

Mark Gold, Executive Director, Ocean Protection Council (OPC) and Deputy Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) stated he is very encouraged by the efforts of the SLR Working Group. He reminded participants that Governor Gavin Newsom recently declared climate resilience a top priority for State. CRNA worked jointly with the Commission, CalEPA and fifteen other agencies to develop the *Principles for Aligned State Action* previously described. He is pleased to see the seven basic principles outlined therein are consistent with the *Joint Statement* developed by the SLR Working Group. OPC understands the critical nature of this issue, and fully supports collaborative partnerships among and between local and state agencies to address the challenge with haste. OPC will award \$8 million for coastal resilience planning and projects in February of 2021. OPC is also working with the Commission and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development District (BCDC) to award \$2 million for sea level rise adaptation planning, and another \$500,000 in non-competitive funds for high-profile SLR planning needs. It is likely another round of competitive funding will be issued in late 2021.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were invited to provide comments specific to the workshop topic, and were encouraged to aid the SLR Working Group by: offering suggested goals for sea level rise adaptation planning and projects; examples of successful, locally-relevant, regionally-accountable adaptation planning (may include for fire, flood or other disturbance); and suggestions on communities, information or knowledge the SLR Working Group may consult.

The following summarizes verbal public comment only. All public comment submitted in written form can be viewed on the Commission website<sup>3</sup>.

- A few public members from Pacifica shared their opinion that the City of Pacifica is dependent upon a seawall to protect housing, businesses, hotels, and by extension, the tourist industry.
- Several public members from Pacifica stated support for highly localized or regional strategies to protect their community from sea level rise. They also expressed support for continued, and increased, collaboration between local jurisdictions and state agencies such as the Commission.
- A public member from Marin County referenced a submitted written comment describing how sea level rise adaptation principles are carried out in their area.
- Several public members from Marin County stated support for the following: the SLR Working Group's *Joint Statement*; phased approach to LCP planning and implementation, including short- and long-term adaptation measures; collaboration with local stakeholders and local governments; allowing for local flexibility in adaptation; equity and public access.
- A public member from Marin County supported planning and decision making based on best available science, and further encouraged members to consider related climate resilience strategies, such as alternative transportation.
- A public member from Oceano stated this area is at risk of flooding, and encouraged local governments to address this concern.
- Several members from Surfrider Foundation (San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County chapters) were pleased at the collaboration of the SLR Working Group and the development of the *Joint Statement*. They encouraged continued efforts to be driven by best available science, and advocated for creative solutions to the issue of sea level rise, in support of both statewide consistency and local flexibility. Members supported a phased approach to adaptation planning, while recognizing the urgency of the situation and need to take immediate action in certain communities. Surfrider's stated position on coastal armoring is as a last-resort adaptation strategy.
- Several members from Surfrider Foundation advocated for the preservation of natural shoreline processes, for example by establishment of living shorelines. Examples of projects include Cardiff natural shoreline and Mission Bay wetlands restoration in San Diego County.
- A member from Surfrider, San Diego chapter suggested the SLR Working Group connect with the Center for Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation at Scripps Institute of Oceanography. In addition, the SLR Working Group should provide for discussions with low income communities and coastal tribal communities.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2020/12/SM-Th3/SM-th3-12-2020-corresp.pdf>

- A member from Surfrider, San Diego chapter who also serves on the City of Del Mar Sea Level Rise Technical Advisory Committee said that Del Mar’s recent unsuccessful planning effort may be a useful example for lessons learned. The Committee developed a trigger-based adaptation plan that included managed retreat. However, due to highly funded lobbying by private property owners, the effort dissolved.
- A member from Surfrider, Santa Barbara Chapter, shared the area is already experiencing major coastal erosion issues. They supported a regional approach to planning, and recommended maintaining sand supply to local beaches. They also suggested the SLR Working Group consider how to address the probable misuse of emergency permits in this arena.
- A member from Surfrider, Los Angeles Chapter, said that sea level rise threatens to release legacy contaminants buried in this area. Bold planning is needed to avoid disproportionate impacts to Environmental Justice and tribal communities. They further stated that the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic has amplified the value of open space.
- A few members from Surfrider, Orange County chapter, shared their opposition for shoreline armoring, and stated support for living shorelines and managed retreat.
- A member from Surfrider, South Bay Los Angeles, shared personal accounts of infrastructure flooding and damages due to sea level rise. They hope that LCPs include more of an emphasis on both armoring and managed retreat.
- A member from California Coastkeeper Alliance hopes the state and local governments obtain the resources they need to comprehensively plan and prepare for sea level rise. They drew attention to recently passed Assembly Bill 67 which will require a state agency to consider the current and future impacts of sea level rise when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining, and investing in infrastructure located in the coastal zone or otherwise vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise or storm surges, or when otherwise approving the allocation of state funds for those purposes.
- A member from Smart Coast California shared their organization is highly interested in collaborating with the SLR Working Group and Commission on this issue. They are in support of tailoring solutions to local needs and local values.
- A member from Venice Beach suggested the SLR Working Group collaborate with building and safety agencies regarding infrastructure in the coastal zone. They also supported natural solutions to adaptation planning, and strongly encouraged the collaboration and consultation with local tribes on related efforts.
- A member from the Association of Realtors, Pacifica, stated the opinion that managed retreat is a useful tool in lesser populated areas of the coastline.
- A member from Sierra Club encouraged tribal participation in sea level rise planning efforts. They noted that desalination plants will be subject to the impacts of sea level rise, which is a critical concern. They further shared an example of a successful managed retreat effort along the mouth of the Ventura Rivers.

- A few members of the public shared concerns about the possible permitting for new development in the coastal zone, including houses with basements, hotels, and desalination plants, and encouraged the Commission to consider such issues carefully.
- A member from Heal the Bay shared their support for the collaboration of the SLR Working Group and efforts made to date. They supported the use of best available science, the need for urgent actions to be taken, and use of nature-based solutions.
- A member from Long Beach stated that local governments may need more encouragement and/or financial support to respond quickly to sea level rise. They stated resources would be better used adapting to, rather than fighting against, sea level rise.
- A member from Pacifica thanked the Commission for recent leadership on the issue, and encouraged all parties to pursue the difficult conversation of managed retreat, and increase public education efforts on the issue of sea level rise.

#### IV. DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SLR WORKING GROUP IN 2021

Following public comment, participating Commissioners, City, and County officials discussed goals and objectives for the SLR Working Group in 2021. In order to frame the session, meeting facilitator Caelan McGee of Zephyr Collaboration displayed the following guiding questions:

- Are there recent examples of phased or flexible approaches to Sea Level Rise planning that you would like to highlight for Working Group consideration (e.g., essential infrastructure protection and relocation)?
- What specific issues or initiatives would you like to see the SLR Working Group address in 2021?
  - What can be accomplished in the coming year?
  - Are there projects or ideas ripe for implementation?
  - What lessons have been learned regarding plan implementation?
  - How can we advance efforts to obtain funding for sea level rise activities at the local level from State and Federal entities and/or NGOs?
- Are there specific communities, interests, agencies or groups with whom you think coordination is important?

Many of the Commissioners and local government officials attending provided comment. The following is an attempt by the facilitator to summarize key themes during the meeting. These themes are collected as feedback and guidance for the Working Group, but do not represent agreements or commitments by any member or organization:

- Urgency and action: sea level rise is an urgent matter requiring immediate attention. It is critical to act now and make specific progress in the near term.

- Examine all adaptation planning and projects through a lens of equity and social justice. Do the work necessary to reach to various communities, and include them in discussions and planning processes.
- It is important to include feasibility in discussions of planning and projects. This includes feasibility related to funding, legal frameworks, political will, community buy-in, etc.
- Costs for adaptation measures should be distributed equitably, to the extent possible.
- A common goal is to avoid *unmanaged* retreat.
- Regional approaches to adaptation planning offer more options, and therefore, potentially better outcomes.
- Support creativity and innovation in seeking our solutions.
- Understand how different modes of coastal access (beyond pedestrian access to beaches) could meet Coastal Act requirements in local and regional SLR adaptation approaches.
- JPAs, Public Private Partnerships, and establishment of special districts are examples of tools that could support regional coordination for adaptation planning. They would also be useful for accountability and continued funding. See as an example: Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) in southern CA.  
<https://beacon.ca.gov>
- Some infrastructure will face threats sooner than others. Triggers and thresholds for phased approaches to adaptation planning are desirable, with the acknowledgment that such an undertaking is complex.
- Realize the value of public education in order to generate awareness and support of adaptation planning and implementation. Partner around statewide and local education and outreach efforts.
- It is important to meet communities “where they are” on sea level rise discussions. Where reluctance or resistance may exist, incorporate that into phased approaches to serve goals of public education and advancing understanding. Highlight successful projects, as well as the efforts still needed. Find unity around common experiences, like flooding, inundation, king tides, etc. Homeowners in the coastal zone may benefit from specific, careful messaging. Focus on implications and consequences to public health, the environment, economy, etc.
- A focused education program for local governments could be beneficial.
- Moving from conflict to collaboration on these issues is incumbent upon everyone. All Californians have a stake in this.
- Consolidate lessons learned on sea level rise adaptation. Identify best practices. Develop a toolkit for local, regional and statewide planning.
- Consider how best to support planners at the local level (during LCP development and beyond). Consider funding pilot and case studies on implementation activities.

- Keep in context the ultimate driver that is climate change. Communities will have to adapt in near- and medium-term, but it is important to continue advancing the discussion on overall climate change costs and implications.
- Conduct joint lobbying to seek funding to support efforts. Leverage other initiatives such as the Governor’s “30 by 30” commitment, the pledge to conserve 30% of land and coastal waters by 2030.
- Clear messages about public trust and equity will be essential to secure funding.
- There are other threats to beaches and coastal access than just SLR. It may be beneficial to consult the California Coastal Sediment Working Group.
- While a statewide assessment may highlight some tension with locally-focused solutions, it could also offer a promise of more-informed prioritization of efforts.
- Legislative and policy reform are also essential to support strong adaptation and resiliency efforts.
- Associated legal liabilities for cities and counties is a concern (e.g., takings issue).
- Support coastal communities to develop LCPs if they do not yet have one.
- Coordination with other agencies is necessary. Suggestions include State Parks, State Lands Commission, CalTrans, CRNA, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, Ocean Protection Council.

## V. WORK PLANNING FOR 2021

Commission members and SLR Working Group members were invited to share additional observations on priorities for the SLR Working Group efforts and deliverables in 2021, and offer suggestions to support work planning for the coming year. The following comments were made:

- There is a need to balance long term efforts, such as public education campaigns and development of regional solutions, with the requirement of the Commission to respond to monthly challenges/ decisions being brought forth by local jurisdictions at Commission meetings.
- Develop stronger partnerships with other state agencies on sea level rise planning and adaptation, particularly State Parks and Caltrans.
- Opportunities for virtual meetings and reduction in travel may offer opportunities for more frequent meetings and discussions. Discussions can then become more available to the public, and support public education efforts.
- The SLR Working Group should utilize feedback shared today and develop a list of actionable items to begin work on in 2021. A mid-year check in with the Commission and local governments may be beneficial for monitoring progress.



- A suggestion was made for the SLR Working Group to draft a letter/ joint statement to the Governor’s Office articulating the collaboration between state and local governments on this issue in order to secure support and funding for efforts. For example, funding could be secured through Resiliency Bond. Commissioners Bochco and Hart offered to act as liaisons for such an effort, provided Brown Act provisions are maintained.
- SLR Working Group is suited to provide insight and guidance related to public education efforts, though state and local agencies themselves will be required to develop and roll-out educational programs.
- Highlight case studies on what has worked and what has failed, to generate best practices and lessons learned.
- SLR Working Group should invite planners, technical and topical experts to their meetings and discussions when appropriate.
- SLR Working Group could consider the formation of subgroups to address topical issues.
- Several commented that the current size of the SLR Working Group is appropriate for effective and productive meetings.

## VI. CLOSING

Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission, expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts of the SLR Working Group members and their commitment to building productive relationships. He specifically thanked Supervisor Leopold and Mayor Pro Tempore Hardy for their participation on the Working Group, as their participation on the Group will conclude in 2021.

Chula Vista Councilmember Steve Padilla, Chair, California Coastal Commission, similarly expressed his gratitude for the SLR Working Group, stating this nascent collaboration is a key piece of the architecture of the Coastal Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

## VII. ATTENDANCE

### **Local Government Officials**

- Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County, CSAC
- Supervisor John Leopold, County of Santa Cruz
- Supervisor Bruce Gibson, County of San Luis Obispo
- Mayor Ed Waage, City of Pismo Beach
- Mayor Pro Tempore Jill Hardy, Huntington Beach, Cal Cities
- Councilmember Eric Friedman, City of Santa Barbara
- Councilmember Ed Spriggs, City of Imperial Beach

### **California Coastal Commissioners**

- Commission Chair Steve Padilla
- Commissioner Vice Chair Donne Brownsey
- Commissioner Sara Aminzadeh
- Commissioner Dayna Bochco
- Commissioner Linda Escalante
- Commissioner Caryl Hart
- Commissioner Mark Gold
- Commissioner Carole Groom
- Commissioner Erik Howell
- Commissioner Jeremiah Ketchum
- Commissioner Roberto Uranga
- Commissioner Mary-Ann Warmerdam
- Commissioner Mike Wilson

### **Staff**

- Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission
- Madeline Cavalieri, Statewide Planning Manager, California Coastal Commission
- Caelan McGee, Senior Facilitator, Zephyr Collaboration
- Megan Wylie, Senior Facilitator, Zephyr Collaboration