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TO: California Coastal Commission and Interested Parties

FROM: John Ainsworth, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report, September 2021

Honoring the Coastal Commission's Contact Tracers

Beginning in July 2020, the State required each agency to dedicate 5% of their staff to COVID contact tracing. The Commission had eight incredible staff step forward to answer the call to serve during this time of crisis. Their term of service was initially six months which then stretched to another six months as COVID raged across our State. The majority of these dedicated staff sacrificed a year of their careers to do this difficult and sometimes frustrating work of contact tracing to curb the spread of this terrible disease. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their service during this time of national crisis. We are so proud of them and very happy they have returned to the Commission family to continue their important work protecting California's coastal and ocean resources. Below are the names of these great public servants and the unit they work in:

Alana Casey, Mapping Unit

Tamara Doan, Statewide Planning and Transportation Unit

Javier Padilla, Environmental Justice Unit

Paul Langley, Record Management and Mailroom/Production

An Nguyen, Enforcement Unit

Stephanie Leach, San Diego District

Andrew Rico, Legal Division

Sierra Morgan, Fiscal/Business Services

California Coastal Access Guidebooks

The Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guidebooks have been scanned and are now available on the Commission's website [Link](#). Thanks to the generosity of the nonprofit group, The Internet Archive, all five of our access guidebooks are now available for free to

anyone with a computer. The Internet Archive provides free access to millions of books for the general public worldwide. So not only can anyone have free access to the information contained in our Guidebooks, but it is also important to note that the scanned versions are easier for the visually impaired to read. And now that the books are scanned, we expect to be able to translate them into Spanish in the near term.



Hollister Ranch Site Visit

On August 10, our Coastal Commission staff, Linda Locklin and Sarah Christie joined Secretary Wade Crowfoot, State Senator Monique Limón, Commissioner Mark Gold, and other members of the Hollister Ranch State Agency Planning Team on a site visit to the Hollister Ranch beaches, to get an updated perspective on the public access opportunities and barriers there in advance of the release of a draft access plan program for the ranch beaches. In addition to visiting all six beaches and traveling the length of the Hollister Ranch Road, the team met with a small group of Hollister Ranch owners and as well as tribal representatives from three of the regional Chumash bands. The observations and input from the day will help to inform the initial draft access plan program, which will be the subject of a public workshop at the October meeting.

AB 1282 Transportation Permitting Task Force

On August 17, the Steering Committee for AB 1282 Transportation Permitting Task Force (2017, Mullin), which includes Tami Grove, the Commission's Statewide Transportation Program Manager, met to discuss the progress that has been made in implementing the "early wins" recommendations, including improvements to early coordination, advance mitigation, corridor planning, emergency projects, and including environmental considerations in project cost estimates. The Steering Committee reviewed the implementation work plan, discussed examples of collaboration that demonstrate the success of AB 1282 in improving transportation permitting, and accelerating the implementation of AB 1282 recommendations through shared leadership among agencies. The Commission's Statewide Transportation Program staff continue to participate in various working groups that are implementing the recommendations of the final report.

2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan Brochure

The Commission hired Seventeenth Street Studios in Oakland (funding provided by federal grant) to prepare an informational two-page brochure that provides background on the Commission's mission and values and highlights the nine goals adopted by the Commission in the 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan. The intent of the brochure is to provide a succinct summary and overview of the plan elements for a variety of audiences. The brochure is available for viewing in this report (**See Appendix A**) and is also posted with the Strategic Plan on the Commission's website at [California Coastal Commission Strategic Plan](#).

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 B** 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 C**) 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.

Public Education

WHALE TAIL® Grants open for Proposals

Competitive WHALE TAIL® Grants are now open for proposals through November 5th, for projects focusing on ocean and coastal education and stewardship. Details can be found online at www.coastal.ca.gov/whaletailgrant/ and on an [FAQ page](#). Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, projects of a non-profit fiscal sponsor, schools or districts, government entities, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other California Native American Tribes as defined by Governor's Executive Order B-10-11. The maximum grant is \$50,000 and there's no minimum grant amount. Approximately \$1,500,000 will be distributed in this grant cycle.

Coastal Cleanup

We are now in Coastal Cleanup Month, with California Coastal Cleanup Day taking place on **Saturday, September 18th**. We want to encourage all Californians to participate wherever they may live, either on the 18th or anytime throughout the month. Trash flows downhill, and the California coast is downhill from everywhere, so no matter where you may be participating, you are helping to keep our coast and ocean clean and safe for all of us. Details on how to participate can be found at coastalcleanupday.org.

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.

South Central District

- G-4-21-0031: Temporary placement of approximately 350 linear ft. of rock revetment adjacent to Westward Beach Road, City of Malibu, Los Angeles County

Central Coast District

- G-3-21-0027: Monterey Wharf Piling and Steel Channel Replacement, City of Monterey, Monterey County
- G-3-21-0029: Pismo Creek Sewer Line Repairs, City of Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County (Pismo Beach)



California Coastal Commission Final Strategic Plan 2021–2025

Protecting California's Coast
for Present and Future Generations

Appendix A

Together, a total of nine goals frame out
50 objectives with 199 specific actions

OUR MISSION: PROTECTING & ENHANCING CALIFORNIA'S COAST

The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective inter-governmental coordination.

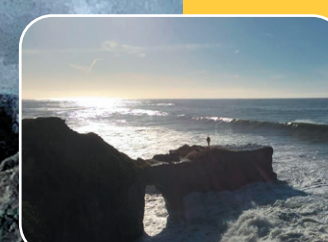
THE COASTAL COMMISSION'S 2021–2025 Strategic Plan provides a framework of goals, objectives, and actions to set agency priorities and guide performance for the next five years. These goals, objectives and actions are mutually supportive to provide for effective implementation of the Coastal Act and protect the coast for present and future generations.

Progress on staff implementation of the Strategic Plan will be reported to the Commission and the public on an annual basis during the five-year timeframe. Evaluation criteria are part of each goal to help the Commission and the public better understand how the Commission's progress on the plan will be evaluated and reported.

The 2021–2025 Strategic Plan accounts for the dynamic imperatives of climate change and sea level rise (Goal 4), which are already adversely affecting marine and terrestrial ecosystems and threatening the safety and economic health of our coastal communities. Building resilient communities while preserving public beaches and open space in the

face of climate change is essential if the coast is to endure as a vital part of California's social and cultural fabric, and the coastal economy is to remain strong throughout the 21st Century and beyond.

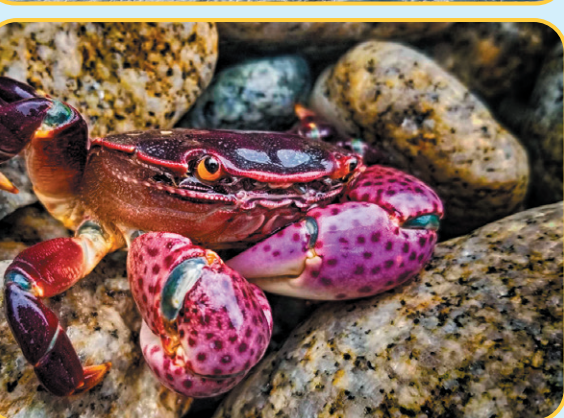
The Strategic Plan also recognizes the pressing and critical need to address historic social inequities through environmental justice principles and tribal consultation (Goal 5). While the Coastal Act is a statute grounded in the principles of public inclusion and equity, the statute's vision of coastal protection and access for all people has not been fully realized. The Commission is committed to achieving equity and environmental justice in all the work we do.



GOALS

- 1 Enhance Agency Capacity and Maintain an Effective and Diverse Workforce
- 2 Maximize Public Access and Recreation for All
- 3 Protect and Enhance Coastal Resources
- 4 Support Resilient Coastal Communities in the Face of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise
- 5 Advance Diversity, Equity, Environmental Justice, and Tribal Relations
- 6 Continue to Enhance the LCP Planning Program and Refine Implementation of the Regulatory Program
- 7 Expand and Enhance the Enforcement Program
- 8 Continue to Develop and Maintain Partnerships and Enhance Public Presence
- 9 Enhance Information Management and E-Government

2021–2025



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- The California coast is available for all to enjoy through thousands of public access ways to and along the shoreline, a completed California Coastal Trail, a well-supported network of parks and open spaces, and a wide range of visitor-serving facilities, including lower-cost campgrounds, hostels, and hotels.
- The rich ecological diversity of the coast and ocean, including beaches, rocky shorelines, wetlands, riparian areas, and sensitive terrestrial habitats, is protected and thriving.
- Scenic rural landscapes are maintained, coastal agriculture is flourishing, cultural resources are protected, and the coastal communities and neighborhoods that attract so many visitors retain their unique character, social and economic viability.
- The California Coastal Commission works collaboratively with local governments, other agencies, and an engaged and knowledgeable public committed to coastal stewardship to support and manage environmentally-sustainable development, including assuring priority for coastal-dependent and related uses of land and water, concentrating new growth in existing urban areas, providing multi-modal public access and transportation, and promoting well-adapted, equitable, and resilient communities in the face of global climate change.
- The coast endures as a vital part of California's social and cultural fabric and the coastal and ocean economy is strong.

THE CORE VALUES OF THE COMMISSION guide its implementation of the mission and shape the norms of behavior for the Commission, its staff, and an engaged public. The Commission is committed to public service, stewardship, science/objectivity, equity, maximum public participation, excellence, rule of law, team work, integrity, problem-solving, diversity, and balance.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS support the ultimate objective of effective Coastal Act implementation and the Commission's mission to protect the coast for present and future generations. Goal 1, Improving Agency Capacity, is fundamental to the success of the Commission's core programs. Consequently, even in uncertain economic times and the effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Strategic Plan's highest priorities concern securing increased funding for the agency, addressing staff salaries, succession planning, and building staff capacity as opportunities and circumstances allow. Without these actions, effective implementation will remain difficult or become unattainable.

History of the California Coastal Commission

FIFTY YEARS AGO, as the people of California saw their coast threatened by unprecedented growth and development, they had another vision for the future of California—one that would prioritize natural resources and enshrine the concept of public access. That vision was ultimately translated into Proposition 20, the Coastal Initiative, which voters passed by a wide margin in 1972. Prop 20 created the Coastal Commission and entrusted it with a bold mandate: protect and enhance California's coast for present and future generations. That mission endures today as the Coastal Act passed by the Legislature in 1976 and implemented by the Commission.

If not for the Coastal Act, the coast of California would surely be almost unrecognizable today. Californians owe an enduring debt of gratitude to the activists and policy makers of an earlier generation. Now, 50 years on, it falls to this generation to safeguard the coast for the next generation of dreamers, policy makers, public advocates, and coastal visitors and residents.

The Commission has been nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in coastal resource protection. Public support for the program remains strong. An overwhelming majority of Californians (77% in the 2019 PPIC Poll) believe coastal and ocean protection, and access to the coast, is "very important" to their quality of life.

Since 1976, the Commission and local governments have approved more than 175,000 permits for new development in the coastal zone. The State of the US Ocean and Coastal Economies Report, National Ocean Economic Program (NOEP), 2016 estimates that the coast and ocean economy contributes more than \$44 billion to the state each year. Planning for growth and development that avoids or mitigates impacts to coastal resources and maintains the community character of our unique coastal places has supported California's burgeoning coast and ocean economy while allowing its habitats to flourish, coastal agriculture lands to produce, communities to thrive and iconic scenery to endure.



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**Appendix B****6th Status Report on Round 5 Local Coastal Program Grants**

The following is a summary of the work completed from through June 30, 2021 under the five Round 5 Local Coastal Program Grants awarded in November 2018 (listed from North to South). Funds spent through June 30, 2021 total \$431,259.15 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 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. City Council meetings are planned for November 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, including map revisions.
 - 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 LCP draft was published 9/25/2019; some revisions were made to the format and organization based on public input. The Revised Public Review Draft for consideration by Planning Commission was published on 6/21/2021 and public comments will be collected through 10/7/21.
 - 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 8/5/19. All planned Public and topic-specific workshops are complete. Discussion papers on topics of interest and related policy options were included in the Planning Commission packet, and are available [online](#).
 - Adoption and Certification (Task 3): *In Progress*. A Board of Supervisors workshop session was held virtually on 11/10/20, the first Planning Commission hearing was held on 7/26/2021, and a second Planning Commission hearing is planned for 10/7/21. Board of Supervisors adoption hearings are expected in early 2022.
- **Grant Term:** 3/21/2019 – 12/31/2021

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 it 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): *Complete*. 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, with the Draft LCP Update expected by 9/15/21. Local hearings are tentatively planned for Fall 2021 and submittal to the CCC tentatively planned for Winter 2021.
- **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): *Complete*. The Final SLR Vulnerability and Risk Assessment was posted online in June 2021, and it reflects public input, CCC staff comments, and companion technical studies on groundwater hazards and confluence modeling for stormwater infrastructure, both of which received public and CCC staff input.
 - Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (Task 3): *In Progress*. A Revised Draft SLR Adaptation Plan now reflects the SLR Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (Task 2), public input, CCC staff comments, and coordination with other City efforts including the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, a stormwater infiltration project for the area around Bruce's Beach/28th street outfall, a Beach Dune Restoration pilot project/living shoreline project. Additional revisions to reflect additional community input from stakeholder workshops is expected in Fall 2021.
 - Develop LCP LUP Language (Task 4): *In Progress*. The Draft Annotated LCP Land Use Plan Outline was shared with CCC staff in summer 2021 and CCC staff returned comments. A full draft LUP update on SLR is expected by December 2021.
 - Public Process and Outreach (Task 5): *In Progress*. The Public Engagement Plan was finalized in 11/2020 and a list of stakeholders was developed. Extensive outreach has been conducted to date.

- Agency and Regional Coordination (Task 6): *In Progress*. City and District CCC staff meet every four weeks, and the City has coordinated with regional partners through events such as the regular Beach Ecology Coalition meeting, the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference, AdaptLA and LARC meetings, and meetings with individual city staffs.
- **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.
 - 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.
- **Grant Term:** 3/20/2019 – 12/31/2021

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**Appendix C****3rd 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 June 30, 2021 under each grant. Funds spent through June 30, 2021 total \$395,268.71 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, along with the general public. Online surveys for coastal professionals as well as visitors and the public have been conducted along with interviews.
 - 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. Research has begun into potential regulatory frameworks and funding opportunities to use in regional adaptation.

- Feasibility Study (Task 3): *In Progress*. Outreach and initial research into core challenges in regional SLR adaptation planning has begun.
- **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*. After issuing an RFQ for development of the CHRP and reviewing applicants at the January 14, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, the SSCSD awarded Dudek with the contract, issued a Subrecipient Agreement, and discussed a draft scope of work with Dudek to be finalized in the late summer/Fall 2021.
 - 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): **Complete**. **During previous reporting periods**, 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. On 3/16/21, the Planning Commission

recommended adoption of the LUP to the City Council. In this reporting period, the City Council held three public hearings on the LUP on 4/27/21, 5/11/21 and 5/25/21, and the LUP was formally adopted at the last meeting. The formal application for LCP certification was submitted to Coastal Commission staff on 6/29/21. The Coastal Commission approved the LUP as submitted on 8/12/21.

- 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): *In Progress*. City staff and consultants have initiated updates to the Zoning Code/Implementation.

- **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 a Coastal Land Use Plan and a Zoning Ordinance update (Implementation Plan update). They 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 the Fall of 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. Program status updates were provided at two Development Review Committee meetings on 4/8/21 and 6/10/21.

- **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*. Building off many other outreach events and efforts completed during past reporting periods, during this reporting period, County Planning staff briefed a Supervisor on the project, participated in a BEACON workshop, and coordinated with Cal Lutheran University on analysis of the survey results. Community outreach events as well as six County interagency working group meetings were completed. Staff presented the draft Working Group Results Report to the Ventura County Planning Commission on 7/15/21 and is now updating it based on Planning Commission comments.
- Prepare LCP Amendments (Task 2): *In Progress*. The Draft Coastal Hazards Policies and Zoning Amendments were completed and are under review by other County Counsel prior to submittal to the Coastal Commission. It includes over 60 new policies and edits to many existing policies.
- County Adoption Hearings (Task 3): *In Progress*. County staff has begun drafting supporting documents that will be used for Planning Commission staff report exhibits.

- **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): *Complete*.
 - 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 was formed, and a survey and outreach events completed during previous reporting periods. In this reporting period, a draft Conceptual Adaptation Strategies Memo, including illustrations of adaptation concepts, was developed and reviewed by the TAC and at a June 2021 public engagement meeting. A public survey on proposed adaptation strategies will be analyzed and used to inform the final Conceptual Adaptation Strategies Memo.
 - 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 entered into a new contract with the Consultant in February 2021. Work effort is focusing on completing review of Commission comments and preparing the public review draft of the Land Use Plan.
 - 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.* During previous reporting periods, a Baseline Conditions Assessment and Memo was completed. The Draft SLR Vulnerability Assessment was posted for public and CCC staff review through 7/26/21 and is now undergoing revisions.
 - Coastal Resiliency Plan Update (Task 3): *In progress.* The consultant team is drafting web content and a virtual public outreach strategy for City staff review.
 - 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*.
 - 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