# Informational Briefing on Lower-Cost Overnight Accommodations

July 11, 2024

#### **BRIEFING AGENDA**

- Staff Presentation
- Public Comment
- Commission Discussion



#### Types of Accommodations

#### **Overnight Accommodations can include:**



Hotels



**Cabins** 



Campgrounds



Hostels



**RV Parks** 



**Short-Term Rentals** 



Motels



Yurts

#### INTRODUCTION

Lower Cost Overnight
Accommodations (LCOAs) are
generally taken to mean those
that are priced to allow use for
lower- and middle-income
coastal visitors.

#### COASTAL ACT AUTHORITY

#### **Section 30210**

[...] maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people [...]

#### **Section 30213**

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#### COASTAL ACT SECTION 30213

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The commission shall not: (1) require that overnight room rentals be fixed at an amount certain for any privately owned and operated hotel, motel, or other similar visitor-serving facility located on either public or private lands; or (2) establish or approve any method for the identification of low or moderate income persons for the purpose of determining eligibility for overnight room rentals in any such facilities.

## SECTION 30213: BACKGROUND

2014-2016

LCOA Workshop Series 2016

AB 2616:
Added
environmental
justice to
Coastal Act

2017

AB 250: Supplemented CCC's in-lieu fee authority in Coastal Act 2019

CCC adopts Environmental Justice Policy 2019

Explore the Coast Overnight study

#### Market Conditions

70%

Of all coastal hotel rooms eliminated between 1989 and 2016 were economy rooms

Explore
the Coast
Overnight

AN ASSESSMENT OF
LOWER COST COASTAL
ACCOMMODATIONS

Coastal
Conservancy

**21**%

Of all coastal overnight accommodations qualified as lower cost in 2016

62%

Of that 21% were in private ownership and thus at risk of conversion

45%

Of Californians cited financial reasons for not staying overnight on the coast

#### IMPLEMENTING SECTION 30213

#### **Protecting**

- New hotels that cause the loss of existing lower-cost units must generally provide 100% replacement of those units.
- The Commission has also sometimes required the loss of existing moderate cost units to be mitigated.

#### **Providing**

- New hotels should provide a range of opportunities for visitors of all income levels.
- The Commission has typically required about 25% of new higher-cost hotel units to be provided at lower cost.

#### **DEFINING COST THRESHOLDS**

**LOWER** 

**MODERATE** 

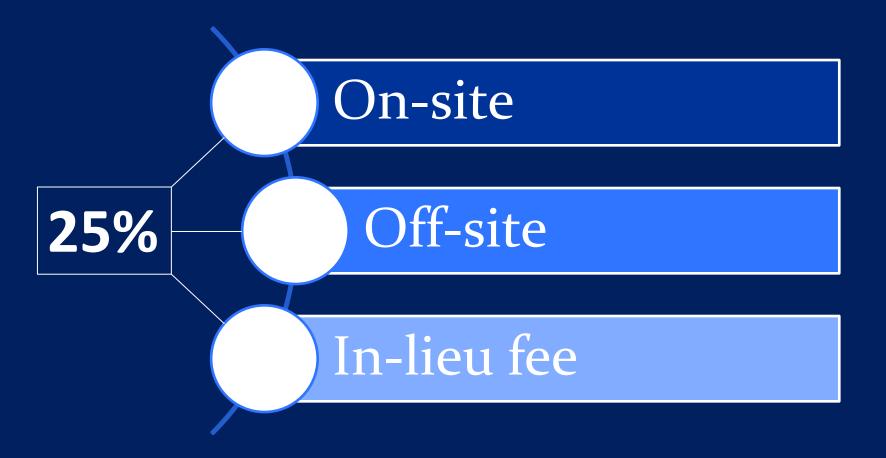
**HIGHER** 

75% of the statewideaverage room rate

Between **75% - 125%** of the statewide average room rate

Greater than or equal to 125% of the statewide average room rate

# PRIORITIZATION OF APPROACHES UNDER SECTION 30213



## ON-SITE



Dillon Beach Resort (CDP No. 2-20-0018)



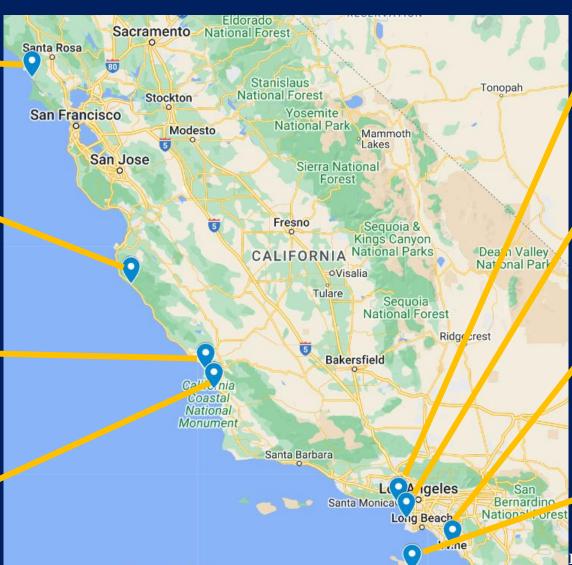
Alila Ventana Big Sur (CDP No. 3-82-171)



Salty Sister Boutique Hotel (CDP No. 3-16-0287)



Flying Flags Avila Beach (LCPA No. SLO-1-05)





Shore Hotel (CDP No. 5-18-0872)



SW Beach Hotel (CDP No. 5-20-0597)



Crystal Cove Cottages (CDP No. 5-16-0552)



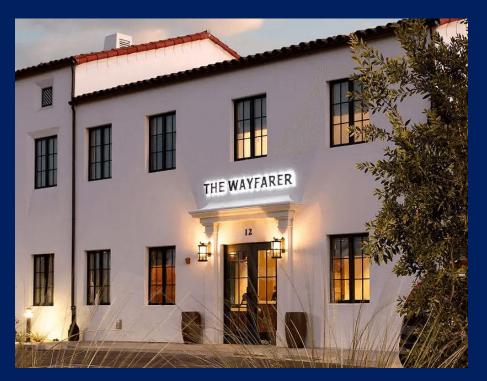
Hermit Gulch Campground (CDP No. 5-82-316)

#### ON-SITE PROGRAMMING



The American Tin Cannery Hotel Resort (CDP No. A-3-PGR-22-0004) would provide at least 300 "bed-nights" per year at no or lower cost to programs that serve school groups, lower-income communities, and other underserved populations

# **OFF-SITE**





The Wayfarer Hostel, a lower-cost hostel required as offsite component of Santa Barbara Hilton Resort (CDP No. 4-81-205)

## In-Lieu Fees



HI Santa Monica Hostel



**Crystal Cove Cottages** 



San Mateo State Park Campground



Fostering Interest in Nature Program (Newport Beach)



Sonoma Coast State Park Campground



Tijuana River Valley Campground

# In-Lieu Fees Required by CCC

Total Required	\$57.9 million
Total Collected (excludes un-issued permits)	\$40.0 million
Total Spent	\$22.9 million
Total Available (includes interest, excludes spent)	\$19.2 million
Total Funds Remaining Without a Target Project	\$8.2 million

#### CURRENT IN-LIEU FEE CALCULATION

Planning & Development Costs



Adjust for Turner Building
Cost Index

Based on Hostelling International's estimate for hostel development in 2014

A national index for calculating inflation in materials and labor costs

Current value = \$149,311 per room

# POTENTIAL IN-LIEU FEE ELEMENTS

UPDATED Planning & Development Costs (About 2x current approach)



Adjust for California
Construction Cost Index

Based on updated Hostelling International estimate for hostel development



10% admin costs



Land costs



Operation costs



**Programming** 

A California-specific index for calculating inflation in materials and labor costs

# CASE STUDIES



American Tin Cannery (Pacific Grove)



Harbor Hotels (Dana Point)



Ocean Avenue Hotel (Santa Monica)

# OPEN DISCUSSION

#### **PRIORITIZATION**

#### In-Lieu Fee Elements

On-site

Off-site

In-lieu fee

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