



Smart Coast California Stakeholder Meeting

March 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



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Special Guest Speaker
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Welcome

Marta Golding Brown
Chief Executive Officer



Smart Coast Policies

View policies at www.smartcoastca.org/policies

Top Policy Priorities



Managed Retreat

Should not be applied to areas that cannot accommodate relocation of development and those that prohibit property owners from defending their homes, businesses and related infrastructure.



Existing Development

Oppose adoption of regulations referring to January 1, 1977 for existing development in statewide interpretations or local programs and plans for sea level rise.

This date is not constituted in law and would restrict owners from defending their properties.



Regulatory Takings & Rolling Easements

Property owners who are prohibited from defending their property, and whose property is subject to a regulatory taking, have the right to compensation at fair market value and related costs. Funding mechanisms must be in place before the adoption of any regulation resulting in this taking.



Tiered Response

A planning principle that institutes certain defined policies only if there are specific thresholds of sea level rise that are observed, measured and documented, as opposed to relying only on projections.

2022 RECAP



22 WRAPPED - 2022 WRAPPED - 2022 WRAPP



Communications with local staff to monitor SLR planning activity and/or provide support materials

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Submitted content for comments on LCPA/SLR documents

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Collaboration and support on LCPA/SLR planning

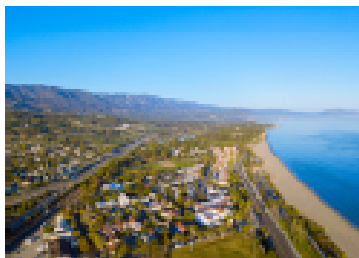
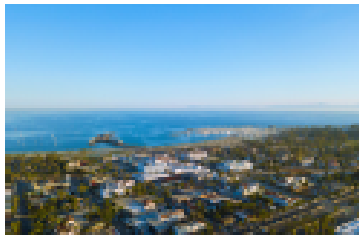
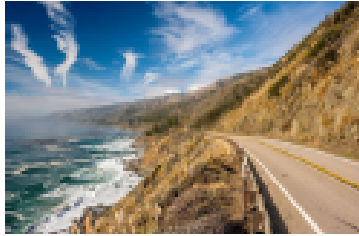
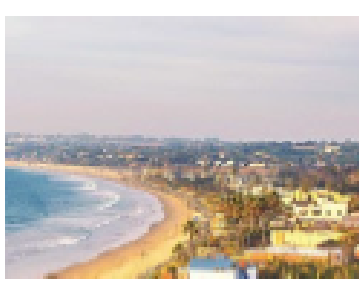
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Virtual Regional Sea Level Rise Summits

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS
BY THE NUMBERS



- SCCa is a major stakeholder at the CA Coastal Commission SLR Neighborhood-scale workshop
- Inaugural Policy Summit with over 150 participants
- Participant at the California League of Cities Conference & Expo
- Open communication with CA Coastal Commission staff and commissioners
- SCCa policy referenced in "Resilient Imperial Beach"

HIGHLIGHTS

And we're just getting started.

- Host a 2023 Policy Summit
- Continue strategic Regional Virtual Summits
- Support LCPA Certification:
 - Carlsbad
 - Pacifica
 - Imperial Beach
 - Arcata
 - Santa Cruz
 - Manhattan Beach
 - Marin County

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Local Government SLR Working Group's inaugural Neighborhood Scale Adaptation Workshop

1/27/2023



- Reviewed areas of convergence, divergence, and key questions for phased and local/regional approaches to sea level rise adaptation that comply with the Coastal Act
- Explored opportunities and challenges to “neighborhood-scale” adaptation planning
- Assessed interest in ongoing collaborative problem solving and priorities for Working Group focus
- Attended by Working Group members (supervisors, mayors, councilmembers, support staff, and CCC Commissioners/Staff)

Casa Mira Homeowners Association vs. California Coastal Commission

Lawsuit in progress with tentative
ruling published end of 2022

Addresses definition of “existing”



California Coastal Act Section 30235

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE - PRC

DIVISION 20. CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT [30000 - 30900] (*Division 20 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.)*

CHAPTER 3. Coastal Resources Planning and Management Policies [30200 - 30265.5] (*Chapter 3 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.)*

ARTICLE 4. Marine Environment [30230 - 30236] (*Article 4 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.)*

30235. Revetments, breakwaters, groins, harbor channels, seawalls, cliff retaining walls, and other such construction that alters natural shoreline processes shall be permitted when required to serve coastal-dependent uses or **to protect existing structures** or public beaches in danger from erosion and when designed to eliminate or mitigate adverse impacts on local shoreline sand supply. Existing marine structures causing water stagnation contributing to pollution problems and fishkills should be phased out or upgraded where feasible.

(*Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1330.*)

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This court finds that the statute is unambiguous, and the disputed terms are used and to be interpreted in their ordinary, general, commonsense meaning.

The phrase “shall be permitted” uses the future tense. The phrase “to protect existing structures” uses words in a present tense. A natural and ordinary reading of the statute is that if a structure *exists* presently, and the existing structure is now in danger from erosion, a seawall or revetment shall be permitted (i.e., a permit shall be issued for its construction) as long as the planned construction is also designed to eliminate or

California Coastal Commission

- New Executive Director: Dr. Kate Huckelbridge
- A number of jurisdictions are stalled awaiting feedback/action from the CCC
 - Avalon
 - Carlsbad
 - Goleta
 - Manhattan Beach
 - Oceanside
 - Pacifica
 - Imperial Beach and Eureka are proceeding without CCC review
- CCC is hiring additional staff to complete reviews of grant-funded LCPAs in 2023



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Updates from:

Avalon

Imperial Beach

Laguna Beach

Manhattan Beach

Marin County

City of Santa Cruz

County of Santa Cruz

Seal Beach

Ventura County



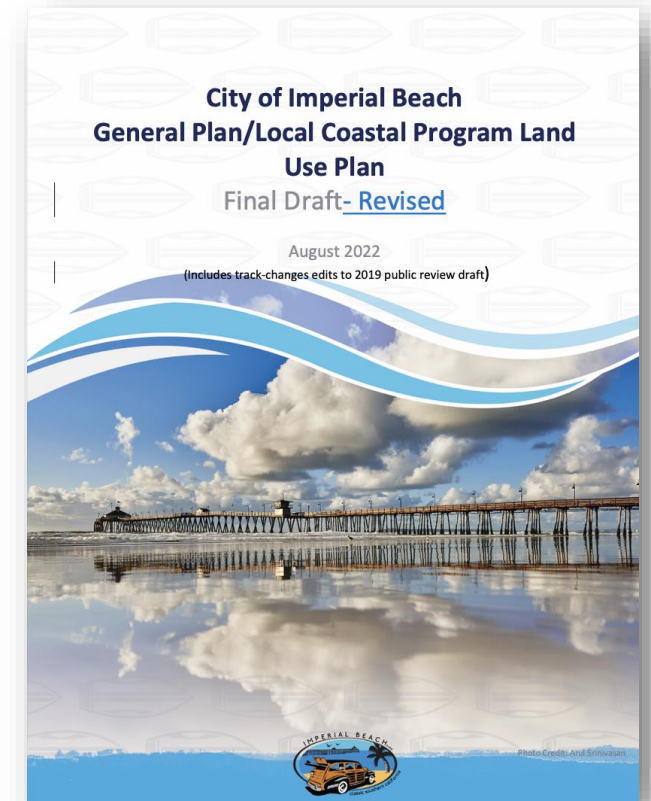
City of Avalon Updates

- City staff shortage has delayed LCPA progress
- Currently awaiting CCC's second round of comments
- The City anticipates publishing a draft LCPA in Spring 2023



Imperial Beach Updates

- Draft LCPA continues in public review and revision phase
- SCCa submitted comments in 2022
- SCCa has engaged with Planning Director regarding the LCPA, SCCa's support, and a potential Regional Virtual Summit which was received well by staff



Laguna Beach Updates

- Laguna Beach has published a targeted LCPA for shoreline/blufftop development, including establishing a Bluff Overlay District
- SCCa will submit comments for the March 7 City Council adoption hearing



Manhattan Beach Updates

- LCPA adopted by City Council in May 2022 and submitted to CCC
- CCC has extended its action deadline to late 2023



Marin County Updates

- The County published the draft Safety Element LCPA in December 2022
- SCCa submitted comments
- BOS adopted on January 24, 2023
- Next step: CCC certification

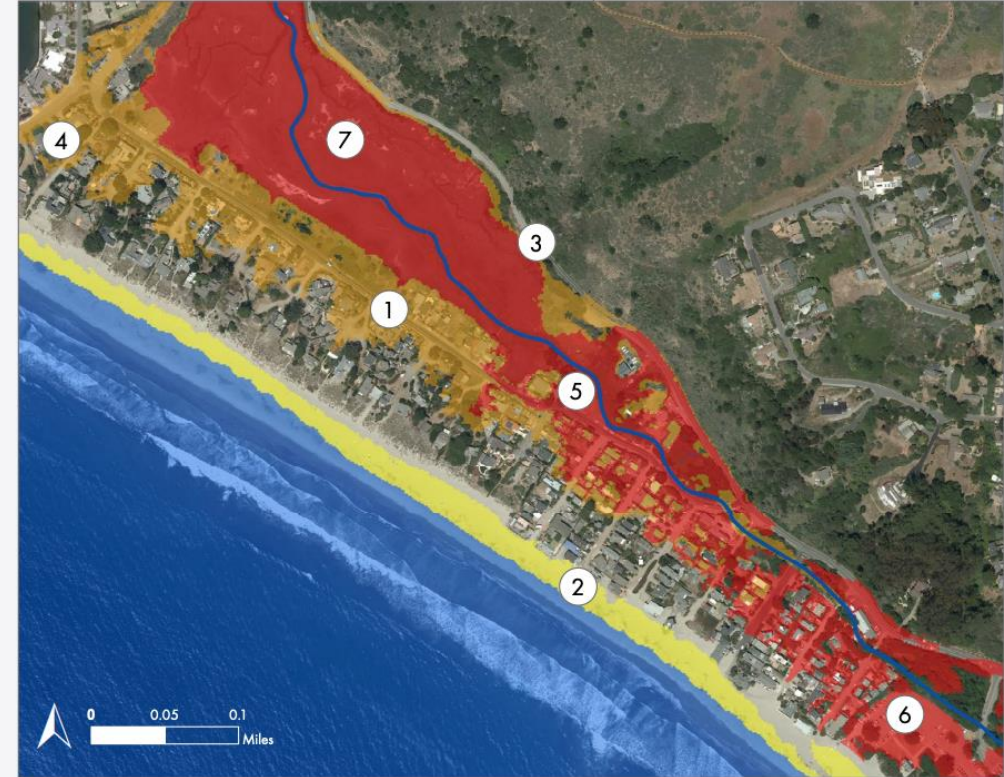


Stinson Adaptation and Resilience Collaboration (ARC)

- In progress through 2025
- Developing adaptation pathways for Stinson Beach (Marin County)

Stinson Beach Vulnerability Snapshot

Stinson is vulnerable to flooding from multiple sources: coastal sea level rise (yellow), Easkoot Creek (red), and rising waters from Bolinas Lagoon (orange). A combined flood could affect a larger area than shown by the individual flood layers here.



VULNERABLE ASSETS

Site Specific Assets Identified on Map

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| ① Calle del Arroyo | ⑤ Stinson Fire Department Annex |
| ② Upton Beach | ⑥ Beach Parking Lot |
| ③ Shoreline Highway | ⑦ Wetland Area |
| ④ Coastal Access | |

Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Storm Scenarios

- Easkoot Creek
- Baseline No SLR / No Storm
- Easkoot Creek 100-yr flood
- Coast 3.3 ft SLR
- Lagoon 3.3 ft SLR

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City of Santa Cruz Updates

- City staff finds CCC direction unclear
- Reworking the draft LCPA
- City anticipates publishing a revised draft LCPA in Spring 2023



Coastal storm damage to West Cliff Dr. -
January 2023

County of Santa Cruz Updates

- CCC denied the LCPA on October 14, 2022, due to policy differences
- County is in the process of revising policy language for an eventual resubmittal to CCC



Seal Beach Updates

- City anticipates publishing a draft LCPA in Spring 2023



Ventura County Updates

- Coastal Hazards LCPA is in progress, in close consultation with CCC staff
- County is considering proposing "neighborhood-scale" adaptation strategies for existing communities



Coastal Planner Compendium

- Statewide Status of LCPAs Addressing Sea Level Rise
- Jurisdictional Statuses Explained
- Projections for Sea Level Rise Projections: Sources
- Milliman – Key Findings and Evaluating Probabilistic Projections, Phase I and II
- Locally Proposed/Adopted Adaptation Policies
- Nature-Based Solutions
- Tiered Response
- Managed Retreat
- Defining “Existing Structures”
- Provisions for Just Compensation
- Collaborative Local Government Sea Level Rise Working Group Activity
- Neighborhood-Scale Adaptation
- Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHADs)



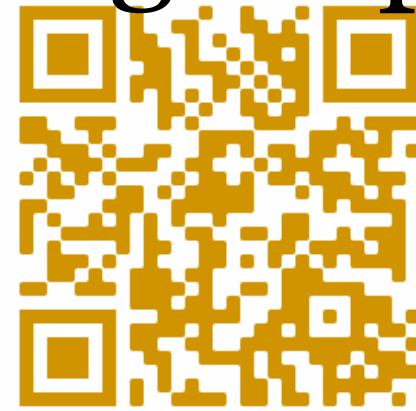
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