

LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Community Meeting, November 2, 2021

- A General Plan is a State-required policy document that serves as a blueprint for the future, prescribing policy goals and objectives to shape and guide the physical development of the jurisdiction.
- The California Coastal Act requires coastal jurisdictions to have a Local Coastal Program (LCP), which includes the Local Coastal Plan, Maps, and Implementing Regulations.
- □ The City's LCP was last updated in 1995 and was combined with the General Plan.
- □ The 2030 General Plan was approved in 2012 as a stand-alone document.

- □ This LCP Update includes:
 - Reorganization to conform to the organization of the Coastal Act
 - Updates from the 2030 General Plan
 - Updates to address new State regulations
 - A new section to address Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

- □ Coastal Act Organization:
 - Public Access
 - Recreation
 - Marine Environment
 - Land Resources
 - Development
 - Industrial Development

New: Beaches and Bluffs Adaptation (Coastal Resilience)

- □ Updates related to 2030 General Plan
 - Remove obsolete or completed policies
 - Replace obsolete State and federal pollution standards and measurements
 - Neary Lagoon and San Lorenzo River Management Plans completed
 - Remove vague or dated language
 - Include references to new plans (Arana Gulch, SLURP, etc.)

- New State regulations include requirements for:
 - Objective design standards
 - New Building and Energy Code requirements
 - Require ministerial approvals for housing, including ADUs and JADUs

- □ Climate Change and Sea Level Rise
 - □ Climate Action Plan
 - Climate Adaptation Plan
 - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Resilient Coast Santa Cruz Initiative
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 - Two-year process to address climate change and sea level rise adaptation along the coast
 - Includes West Cliff Drive Public Works Plan and new policies and actions for the LCP Update

Schedule:

- Draft LCP available for review mid-November
- LCP public hearings in early 2022, submittal to Coastal Commission by April 30, 2022

Other related items:

Climate Action Plan 2030 Emissions Goals + Target
Recommendations at City Council December 14, 2021

Questions?

Election Day

There's still time to vote!