

Local Coastal Program Update

The California Coastal Act requires that coastal jurisdictions prepare local coastal programs (LCPs) that establish policies and regulations for land use within each locality's state-prescribed coastal zone. In Oceanside, the coastal zone extends to the inland side of Coast Highway and along portions of the City's coastal watersheds (e.g., San Luis Rey River, Loma Alta Creek, and Buena Vista Lagoon). (A map of the City's coastal zone can be accessed at <http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=25415>.) The City's current LCP was adopted in 1986.



With financial assistance from the California Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy, the City is preparing its first comprehensive LCP update. In addition to amending LCP policies and regulations to address existing conditions and achieve consistency with the goals of the California Coastal Act, the project will involve a coastal hazards vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan. To this end, the project team is now in the process of identifying those public and private assets along the coastline that are vulnerable to sea level rise and associated phenomena. These assets include public amenities such as the small craft harbor and the municipal pier, roadways such as The Strand, drainage facilities, water and wastewater facilities, habitat areas, and residential uses.

The project will involve a broad-based public outreach effort that will include stakeholder interviews, online surveys, public workshops, and "pop-up" outreach activities at various community events. Staff is also available to meet with neighborhood groups, business groups, and other interested parties upon request. The City encourages residents and others with an interest in the future of the City's coastal zone to participate in the LCPU public outreach process. Please visit the project webpage at https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local_coastal.asp to learn more about the LCP Update and opportunities to provide input.