

## LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

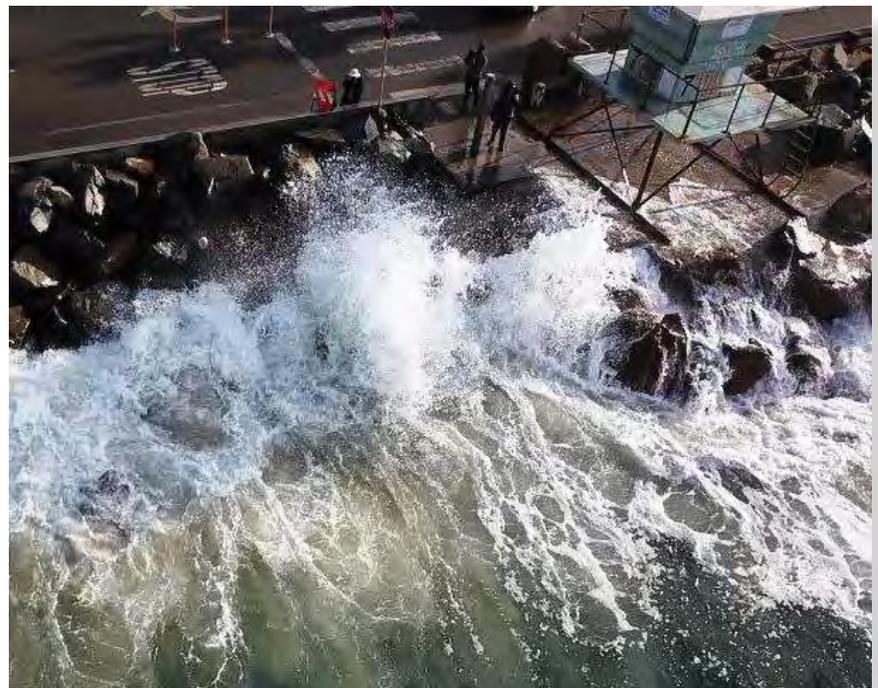
The City of Oceanside's coastal zone is one of the City's most valuable assets, providing a wide range of economic, environmental, and social benefits to both the Oceanside community and visitors from around the world. The City's coastal zone runs the entire length of the City's three miles of coastline, extending to Coast Hwy. and farther inland along the City's three coastal watersheds: the San Luis Rey River, Loma Alta Creek, and Buena Vista Lagoon. The City's coastal zone is governed by the state-certified Local Coastal Program (LCP), first adopted in 1986. The California Coastal Act of 1976 requires coastal jurisdictions in California to adopt an LCP to ensure compliance with the California Coastal Act, which calls for local coastal resource protection, preservation and enhancement of public access to the shoreline, adequate recreational amenities, a proper balance of visitor-serving commercial goods and services, and reasonably-priced overnight accommodations.

Since the adoption of the LCP 31 years ago, the City's coastal zone has experienced considerable change, necessitating a comprehensive update that acknowledges the City's progress in achieving Coastal Act priorities while addressing ongoing and emergent issues occasioned by changing physical conditions, evolving policies and regulations, and new information about coastal hazards.

The LCP Update will also include assessment of the City's vulnerability to sea level rise and associated coastal hazards, as well as a plan to adapt to rising sea levels. The vulnerability assessment will be based on sea level rise scenarios promulgated by the National Research Council (NRC) and modeled by the United States Geological Service (USGS). Data from these sources will allow for the analysis of the relative risk coastal flooding and erosion. With input from the community, adaptation strategies will be developed to address the risk that sea level rise and associated coastal hazards pose to key coastal resources

The City is conducting extensive public outreach in support of the LCP Update. Public outreach efforts include the following:

- **LCP WEBSITE:** The City has developed an LCP Update website featuring announcements of upcoming outreach activities, draft work products, and supportive materials. The project webpage can be accessed at [http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local\\_coastal.asp](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local_coastal.asp)
- **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS:** In November of 2017, Planning Staff with the assistance of the project consultants (ESA an Environmental Science & Planning Firm) conducted a series of stakeholder interviews with local community groups, public agencies, and NGOs. A summary of Information and perspectives provided in the interviews are currently being reviewed and analyzed for potential implementation of the revised LCP.
- **ONLINE SURVEY:** A survey has been posted to the project webpage: [http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local\\_coastal.asp](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local_coastal.asp) The survey seeks the input from the public on sea level rise impacts, commercial uses in the coastal zone, and the most significant challenges facing the coastal zone in future years.



- **"POP-UP" OUTREACH:** Staff will continue seek public input at various community events.
- **EMAIL UPDATES:** Staff provides periodic updates on projects status and upcoming public outreach events to those who have joined the interested parties list. If you would like to join the interested parties list, please contact staff or sign up on the project webpage.
- **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS:** Three public workshops will be conducted, the first of which will allow for public input on the draft sea level rise vulnerability assessment. While a specific date and time have yet to be determined, this first workshop will occur in early spring. Please visit the project webpage periodically for additional information regarding this first workshop.

The project team is currently working on background studies that document existing conditions within the coastal zone. Topics addressed in these studies include existing land use patterns, major planned improvements, land use policies and zoning regulations, demographics and economic characteristics, visitor-serving facilities, parking facilities, biological resources, and coastal hazards and shoreline protection devices.

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