



PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 SUMMARY



The City is undertaking the Local Coastal Program Update in partnership with the California Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy. These two agencies have made the project financially feasible by contributing \$200,000 in grant funding. Once adopted by the City Council, the updated Local Coastal Program will require certification by the Coastal Commission.

WHEN AND WHERE

November 8, 2018

5:30PM – 7:30PM

City Council Chambers

300 North Coast Highway

Oceanside, CA

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Oceanside has initiated an update of its Local Coastal Program (LCP). The City adopted its current LCP in 1986. Over the past 31 years, the City's coastal zone has seen considerable change, necessitating a comprehensive LCP update that both acknowledges progress in achieving Coastal Act goals and addresses ongoing and emergent issues occasioned by physical conditions, evolving policies and regulations, and new information about coastal hazards. As the potential impacts of sea level rise and associated coastal hazards become more apparent, it is the State's expectation that Oceanside will study its vulnerability to these phenomena and prepare adaptation strategies. Thus, the vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning will be key aspects of the LCP Update.

Public Workshop #1 was held on November 8th as the first in a series of public workshops for the LCP Update. Objectives for the workshop included:

- To provide an overview of the LCP Update Process
- To share feedback that has been received thus far from the online surveys
- Ensure an understanding of State Guidance for LCPs (including sea level rise planning)
- Provide scientific context for climate change and sea level rise planning
- Present findings of the Oceanside Vulnerability Assessment
- Provide opportunities for people to ask questions and get answers
- Facilitate input and discussion of the community's priorities for Oceanside's coastal community and coastal assets
- Ensure community understands next steps and future opportunities for public input

Past Community Engagement Events

- Stakeholder Interviews (November 2017)
- Turkey Trot Booth (November 2017)
- King Tide Event (January 2018)
- Pier Event Booth (February 2018)
- Public Workshop #1 (November 2018)

Ongoing Engagement Activities

- Online Surveys
- Email Updates
- Project Webpage

https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/local_coastal.asp

NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications for Public Workshop #1 were provided via the following:

- City webpage
- Email to interested parties
- Facebook, other social media
- Signage at major intersections in the coastal zone
- Direct outreach to community groups
- Press release

WORKSHOP FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Registration

A welcome table provided information about the workshop including an agenda, a written survey, and an LCP overview handout. Attendees were asked to sign-in even if they were already on the City's email subscription list. Approximately 60 people attended the workshop.

Copies of the materials provided at the registration table are attached in Appendix A.

Presentations

Overview of the LCP Update Process

Russ Cunningham, Principal Planner and LCP Update Project Manager, welcomed the attendees and introduced the project team. Russ's presentation provided an overview of the LCP Update process and answered the following questions:

- What is the LCP?
- Why are we updating it?
- Where are we in the updated process and what comes next?
- What are the expectations of the Coastal Commission?
- How does the LCP address the priorities and concerns of coastal zone residents?

Russ also summarized the survey results from the City's online resident and visitor surveys which will be posted to the City's webpage within the coming weeks.

Project Team/Presenters

City Staff

Russ Cunningham (Presenter)

Scott Nightingale

Shannon Vitale

ESA (Consultant)

Lindsey Sheehan (Presenter)

Kimiko Lizardi

Scripps Institute of Oceanography

Julie Kalansky (Guest Presenter)

Sea Level Rise: Why All the Uncertainty?

The next presentation was given by Julie Kalansky, Ph.D., and Program Manager and Post-Doctoral Researcher at Scripps Institute of Oceanography. She was invited by the City as a guest speaker to discuss the scientific basis for sea level rise projections.

City of Oceanside Vulnerability Assessment Overview

Lindsey Sheehan, Coastal Engineer with ESA, provided an overview of the Vulnerability Assessment prepared for the City of Oceanside. The presentation walked through the steps followed in the Vulnerability Assessment (which follow CCC sea level rise policy guidance) and included:

- Establishing planning horizons and sea-level rise scenarios
- Developing an asset inventory
- Mapping flood and erosion hazards
- Overlaying hazards with assets to develop the vulnerability assessment

Lindsey shared a selection of coastal hazard and asset maps as well as an example vulnerability table to help guide attendees through the components of the Vulnerability Assessment. Attendees were informed that the Vulnerability Assessment and the full set of maps are available on the City's webpage.

A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix B and is also posted on the City's webpage.

Small Group Activity

After the presentations, remaining attendees were asked to participate in a small group discussion. The approximately 25 remaining attendees were divided into four small groups. Each group was asked to select a recorder/representative to summarize the group's input and then each group was asked to discuss the following questions:

- What are the resources or qualities that define Oceanside's coastal zone?
- In light of the findings of the vulnerability assessment, what coastal resources should the city prioritize in its adaptation planning efforts?
- What additional information is needed to guide future discussion of specific adaptation strategies?

A summary¹ of the input provided during the small group discussion is provided below.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the feedback provided by the small groups.

Resources/Qualities

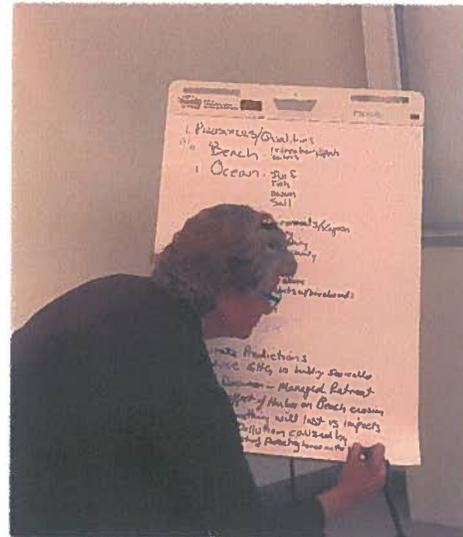
- Beach
- Homes/Private Property

¹ It should be noted that due to a competing event (Sunset Market) and parking constraints, the workshop started later than expected. This required some changes to the workshop format including a condensed summary discussion by the larger group and exclusion of the dot prioritization exercise.

- Pier
- Harbor
- Ocean
- Riverine Environments/Lagoon
- Parks
- Infrastructure

Priorities for Adaptation

- Minimizing public safety hazards
- Maintaining adequate public safety access and emergency response
- Protecting roads and utilities (key infrastructure)
- Preserving the beach and coastal amenities
 - Harbor
 - Restrooms
 - Pier
 - Parks
- Preserving private property values and the property tax base
- Supporting businesses in the coastal zone
- Sand replenishment and retention (including consideration of jetties/barriers)



Information Needed

- Sufficient information to weigh policy decisions:
 - Discussion of managed retreat
 - How long strategies will last vs. impacts
 - Accounting of potential environmental impacts of different adaptation strategies (i.e. building seawalls and GHG impact, pollution caused by damaged structures)
- Understand the net cost of adaptation strategies (i.e. cost of protecting homes vs. property tax revenue generated by private residences)
- Study impact of the boat basin and harbor on beach erosion

The summary reports for the individual groups are provided in Appendix C.

PARTICIPANT SURVEY

Workshop participants responded to a brief survey that queried them on 1) how they learned of the workshop, 2) who else they believe the City should engage on the project, and 3) what motivated them to attend the workshop. Survey responses are summarized below:

- Participants learned of the workshop from staff emails to interested parties, signage located at key intersections in the coastal zone, and newspaper announcements.
- Participants encouraged staff to engage emergency services personnel, business owners, lower-income households, boaters, the surfing community, other coastal cities, Camp Pendleton, and owners of property within hazard zones.

- Participants were motivated to attend the workshop due to concerns about beach erosion, impediments to beach access, the potential impacts of sea level rise on coastal development, changes to the visual character of the coastal zone, and what some construe as a lack of public amenities on the beachfront (e.g., restrooms and showers).

Appendix A

- **Agenda**
- **Survey Form**
- **LCP Overview Handout**

Appendix B

- **Public Workshop #1 – PPT Presentation**

Appendix C

- **Small Group Discussion – Instructions/Summary Reports**