City of Seal Beach
Local Coastal Program

LCP Goals and Policy
Workshop 3
August 21, 2018
WORKSHOP PURPOSE

- Present LCP goal/policy topics & document organization
- Identify preferred policy approaches and priorities
- Evaluate policy alternatives suggested from the public
- Additional Resources from past workshops:
  - Vulnerability Assessment & Workshop 2 Slides:
    - [https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Departments/Community-Development/Local-Coastal-Plan-Project](https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Departments/Community-Development/Local-Coastal-Plan-Project)
  - Coastal Commission Sea Level Rise Adopted Policy Guidance:
    - [https://www.coastal.ca.gov/climate/slrguidance.html](https://www.coastal.ca.gov/climate/slrguidance.html)
  - California Coastal Act
    - [https://www.coastal.ca.gov/laws/](https://www.coastal.ca.gov/laws/)
WHAT IS A LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

• Consists of a Land Use Plan (LUP) and Local Implementation Plan (LIP)

• Guides development in Coastal Zone once LCP is certified by the Coastal Commission

• City was awarded grant funding by the Coastal Commission to complete an LCP
LCP HISTORY AND PROCESS

• 2017: Coastal Commission provided grant funding to prepare and certify an LCP
  • The City selected Michael Baker International as a consultant to conduct community outreach and prepare the LCP
  • Moffat & Nichol serves as subconsultant to conduct the sea level rise vulnerability assessment

• 2018: Initiated LCP Preparation in coordination with the Coastal Commission
BENEFITS OF A CERTIFIED LCP

• Development applications and permit issuance authority within the Coastal Zone is delegated to the City

• Coastal Development Permit processing is streamlined through the City instead of Coastal Commission

• City controls local decision making in accordance with the Coastal Act

• A Certified LCP does not put additional regulations or burdens on City residents
COMPONENTS OF AN LCP

• Land Use Plan
  • Similar to a General Plan
  • Contains land use goals and policies to be used by decision-makers when reviewing projects within the coastal zone

• Local Implementation Plan
  • Incorporated as part of the Zoning Ordinance
  • Program to identify systems, procedures, or techniques that implement LCP goals and policies
GOALS & POLICIES

• **Goal** - Seal Beach General Plan Example

  *Maintain participation in a public transit system that provides mobility to City residents and employees as a logical alternative to automobile travel*

• **Policy** - Seal Beach General Plan Example

  *Coordinate with OCTA and other appropriate entities to improve bus service to and within the City*
COASTAL ACT POLICY PRIORITIES

- Coastal Dependent Land Uses
- Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas
- Low Cost Visitor Serving Facilities
- Marine Resources
- Public Access
- Recreational Facilities
- Sea Level Rise
- Scenic Resources
• Chapter 2: Land Use and Development
  • General development policies, visitor-serving facilities, coastal related development, tidelands/submerged lands, transportation, and other development.

• Chapter 3: Public Access and Recreation
  • Shoreline access, recreation facilities, vessel launching and storage

• Chapter 4: Coastal Resources
  • Environmentally sensitive habitat areas, scenic resources, water quality, cultural resources

• Chapter 5: Coastal Hazards
  • Sea level rise, floods, erosion, geologic/seismic, fire
HOW POLICIES ARE DEVELOPED

- The Coastal Act
- Coastal Commission LCP Preparation Guidance
  - Ongoing coordination throughout LCP process
- Seal Beach General Plan
- Previous Seal Beach LCP (not certified)
- Reviewed Recently Certified LCP Land Use Plans
- Community Input
COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

- Stakeholder Meetings
  - April 10th – 25th at City Hall

- Pop-Up Booth Workshop: Vision, Issues and Opportunities
  - April 27th at the Seal Beach Car Show

- Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation
  - July 17th at the Marina Center

- LCP Goals and Policy Workshop
  - August 21st at the Marina Center
INPUT INFORMS POLICY

• Public Concern: Trash brought to the beach via San Gabriel River after heavy storms
  • Potential LCP Policy: Pursue a regional approach to watershed management, particularly in regard to the San Gabriel River, and coordinate improvements within the coastal zone with local, state, federal and community-based organizations and agencies, including all jurisdictions located upstream on the San Gabriel River.
• Public Concern: Congested parking during the summer months
  • Potential LCP Policy: Provide sufficient, well-designed, and convenient on-street and off-street parking facilities throughout the coastal zone.
  • Potential LCP Policy: Consolidate parking, where appropriate in the coastal zone, to eliminate the number of ingress and egress points onto arterials.
  • Potential LCP Policy: Ensure new development within the coastal zone provides adequate parking facilities consistent with applicable city parking regulations.
• Public Concern: Coastal flooding and erosion south of the pier on Main Beach
  
  • Potential LCP Policy: Maintain wide sandy beaches through sand replenishment programs to provide critical protection against tsunami, storm surge, and rogue waves.
HOW WILL MY INPUT BE USED?

• Participants will be informed about the process of developing an LCP consistent with Coastal Commission regulations

• Gathering information and public feedback that will help inform LCP policy development

• Identify key priority areas and policy suggestions to inform our approach moving forward
ACTIVITY A

Top Priority Activity

• Review Coastal Commission priority policy topics
• Consider priority policies within the context of the Seal Beach Coastal Zone and your knowledge of the community
• Vote on your priority policy topic with a painters dot sticker on the board
• Review what others consider their priority policy topic
ACTIVITY B

Future Seal Beach

• Consider your future aspirations for the Seal Beach Coastal Zone
  • What do you hope the community looks like in 10 years? 20 years? 50 years?
• Write down your thoughts and post on the board
  • One thought per post-it note
• Review what others aspire for future Seal Beach
Coastal Zone SWOT

• Consider the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the Seal Beach Coastal Zone
  • Review the prompts on the board to spur your understanding of SWOT considerations within the context of Seal Beach coastal zone

• Post your thoughts on the board, and review what others have posted
Write Your Own LCP Policy

• Consider Coastal Commission priority policy areas (Activity A), your aspirations for Seal Beach (Activity B), and your responses to the SWOT analysis (Activity C)

• Define a goal you want to achieve

• Draft your policy to define a strategy or implementation step to achieve the goal

• Follow the steps to write your own LCP Policy
ACTIVITY E

Comment Card

• For any additional thoughts, concerns or comments on the LCP process

• Located on the clipboards at the back table
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!