



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: February 28, 2018
TO: Planning Commission and City Council
FROM: Parks and Recreation Commission
SUBJECT: DRAFT COASTAL LAND USE PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Commission appreciates the extensive work to prepare the draft Coastal Land Use Plan (LUP) Update. Beginning in 2014, two Commission members actively participated in the Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update Subcommittee and reported the work of the Subcommittee to the full Commission. As part of its review process, the full Commission reviewed key elements of the draft LUP related to parks and recreational facilities, including the sections related to Visitor Serving and Recreation Facilities, Public Access and Coastal Hazards. The Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) received a presentation on the Draft Coastal Land Use Plan (LUP) by City Planning staff on November 15, 2017.

The Commission recognizes the critical importance of low-cost public access to the coast, diverse opportunities for active and passive recreation in coastal parks, recreational facilities and beach areas, and the opportunity to balance access with habitat enhancement and preservation. Santa Barbara is rich in public lands and recreation opportunities along the coast, and those lands and uses need to be preserved and enhanced for future generations. The Commission is cognizant that as the City addresses coastal hazards and the potential for sea level rise to require adaptation strategies, many competing needs will have to be addressed. To that end, the Commission recommends that the Planning Commission and the City Council place public access to and use of the coast as a high priority in all discussions.

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