



# City of Santa Barbara California

## PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**REPORT DATE:** April 3, 2014  
**AGENDA DATE:** April 10, 2014  
**PROJECT NAME:** Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
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On March 6, 2014 the City Council and Planning Commission held a joint worksession on the Planning Division workload and upcoming major planning efforts. This included general information about the Local Coastal Program (LCP) update. Subsequently, on March 18, 2014, the City Council formally initiated the LCP Update process. A link to the March 18<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda Report is provided as an exhibit to the staff report.

On April 10, 2014, Planning Staff will provide an overview of the LCP Update Work Program to the Planning Commission. This initial presentation will focus on:

- significant work program assumptions regarding the scope of work,
- timing and coordination with Coastal Commission staff and
- in-progress reviews by the Planning Commission, Harbor Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission.

As described in the March 18, 2014 Council Agenda Report, the California Coastal Commission has awarded the City \$123,000 in financial assistance for the LCP Update. The grant funding for this work requires that the City submit to the Coastal Commission a locally approved project by April 30, 2016. The work product at the end of this two year program will be the formal application submittal of the LCP Update, as approved by City Council, to Coastal Commission for certification.

The two year work program involves updating and re-formatting the Land Use Plan (LUP), updating and digitizing the Land Use Plan map and appeal jurisdiction areas of the Coastal Zone and incorporating relevant policies from the 2011 General Plan, 2012 Climate Action Plan, 2012 Historic Resources Element and the 2013 Safety Element Update.

City staff will prepare and submit draft chapters and maps to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff for review as they are completed. We expect the first topics to be Land Use (Locating New Development) and be Historic and Cultural Resources. Once CCC staff input is received, City Staff will present the chapter to the Planning Commission for review and input. As appropriate, chapters will also be presented to the Harbor and Parks and Recreation Commissions. Once all the

chapters and maps have been reviewed, a new, re-formatted LUP document will be released for public review, formal board and commission hearings, review and recommendations to City Council for adoption. This process will take 1 ½ years.

During the next 12-15 months, three graduate students from the UCSB Bren School will be working on a detailed Sea Level Rise analysis of critical infrastructure, vulnerable populations, habitats and recreation and public access. This study will include possible implementation strategies. The Sea Level Rise study will be submitted to CCC staff for early review and input in early 2015. A community open house, public workshops and Board, Commission and City Council review will follow in the Spring 2015.

Final review and adoption hearings for the LCP update are expected to begin in Fall 2015 and conclude in early 2016. The LCP grant requires that the update be locally adopted and submitted for CCC certification by April 30, 2016. The CCC certification process typically takes 1-2 years.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission discuss the LCP Update scope of work.

Exhibit A: [Click here for Council Agenda Report dated March 18, 2014](#)