



City of Santa Barbara
SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN
SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

9:00 A.M.
Room 15, City Hall
735 Anacapa Street
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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Kristen Sneddon, City Council, *Chair*
Dave Davis, Water Commission, *Vice Chair*
Jason Dominguez, City Council
Eric Friedman, City Council
Jim Sloan, Harbor Commission
Betsy Cramer, Harbor Commission
Beebe Longstreet, Parks & Recreation Commission
Deborah Schwartz, Planning Commission
Lesley Wiscomb, Planning Commission

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

Nichol Clark, Parks & Recreation Commission

STAFF:

Melissa Hetrick, Project Planner
Timmy Bolton, Associate Planner
Krystal M. Vaughn, Senior Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sneddon opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Kristen Sneddon, Dave Davis, Betsy Cramer, Eric Friedman, Deborah Schwartz, Jim Sloan, and Lesley Wiscomb

Absent: Jason Dominguez, Beebe Longstreet

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Casey, City Administrator
Jill Zachary, Parks & Recreation Director
Dan Gullett, Principal Planner
Melissa Hetrick, Project Planner
Timmy Bolton, Associate Planner
Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator
Krystal M. Vaughn, Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Announcements

No announcements.

B. Agenda review

After some discussion, the decision was made to have public comment 10 min prior to the close of meetings.

C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda

Public comment opened at 10:22 a.m.,

Alison Thompson, Heal the Ocean, thank you for going over the interim policies and explained that these policies can be used now while we wait for the more comprehensive document.

Public comment closed at 10:24 a.m.

III. **AGENDA ITEMS**

TIME: 9:07 A.M.

A. Process, roles, and outcomes for the Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan

Ms. Hetrick presented a path forward for review of the Adaptation Plan.

Committee members provided positive comments and were confident in the new plan outlined below:

1. SLR Subcommittee meets October-December 2019 to hear information and provide initial input on the following topics:
 - a. Public outreach plan
 - b. Major takeaways from consultant/staff analysis of the following topics:
 - i. Monitoring recommended
 - ii. Adaptation strategies and needed near-term actions for the coastal bluff areas, low-lying waterfront and flood areas, Harbor and Stearns Wharf, and major infrastructure
 - iii. Implementation tools (funding, policy options, public education, agency collaboration, etc.)
2. Council Informational meeting in December 2019 on findings of Vulnerability Assessment, upcoming process for the SLR Adaptation Plan, and public outreach process.
3. January 2020 Release of Public Draft Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan developed by consultants and City Staff
4. Two to three month public outreach period including:
 - a. Council informational meeting on contents of SLR Adaptation Plan and upcoming process
 - b. Public Workshop
 - c. Commission meetings
 - d. Stakeholder meetings
 - e. Media releases
 - f. Written comment period
5. Staff compiles all input on plan.
6. Subcommittee reconvenes to hear input on plan and provide own input on plan

7. Staff produces revised Draft Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan
8. Subcommittee considers recommendation on list of near-term actions in the plan (basically a ten year to do list: studies needed, land use decisions needed, groups or collaborative processes needed, public education needed, etc.)
9. Council considers approval of Draft Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan and initiates an LCP Amendment process.
10. LCP Amendment process and implementation of other near term actions follows. It is during this process that Planning Commission would take the lead in reviewing any land use decisions and LCP Amendments.

TIME: 9:32 A.M.**B. Outline of the Adaptation Plan**

Ms. Hetrick presented an outline for Adaptation Plan.

Member Comments

In general the outline presented was well received by the committee and received positive comments.

- Resiliency has become a more general term used throughout government agencies. We can ask at the state agency forum, which term is preferred.
- Issues with the Harbor are considerably different than issues associated with Stearns Wharf. The two should be discussed separately.

TIME: 9:50 A.M.**C. Interim development review policies**

Ms. Hetrick gave a presentation reviewing the interim development review policies addressing sea-level rise that were certified by CCC and City Council in the August 2019 Coastal Land Use Plan.

Member Comments

- There should be a better internal process informing applicants or the public on when and how 3rd party sea-level rise analysis should be conducted for projects. Ms. Hetrick responded that the August 2019 Coastal Land Use Plan does actually outline in detail when and how sea-level rise analysis should be conducted. However, staff just started using the new document and is still working out the kinks of implementing it. .

TIME: 10:10 A.M.**D. Status of state and regional collaboration**

Ms. Hetrick provided an update to the subcommittee on coordination and collaboration efforts going on at the state and regional level.

Discussion held

IV. Schedule

Ms. Hetrick proposed the following schedule changes:

1. Cancel the following meetings:
 - October 8, 2019
 - November 26, 2019
2. Add a November 19, 2019 meeting to the schedule.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sneddon adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.