



Smart Coast
California

Coastal Issues Group

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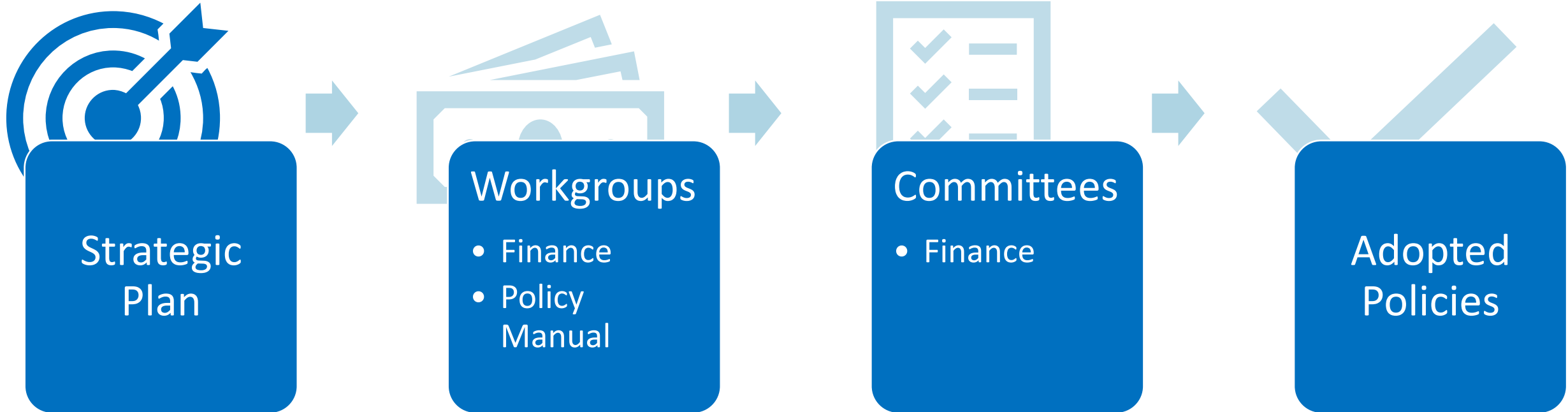


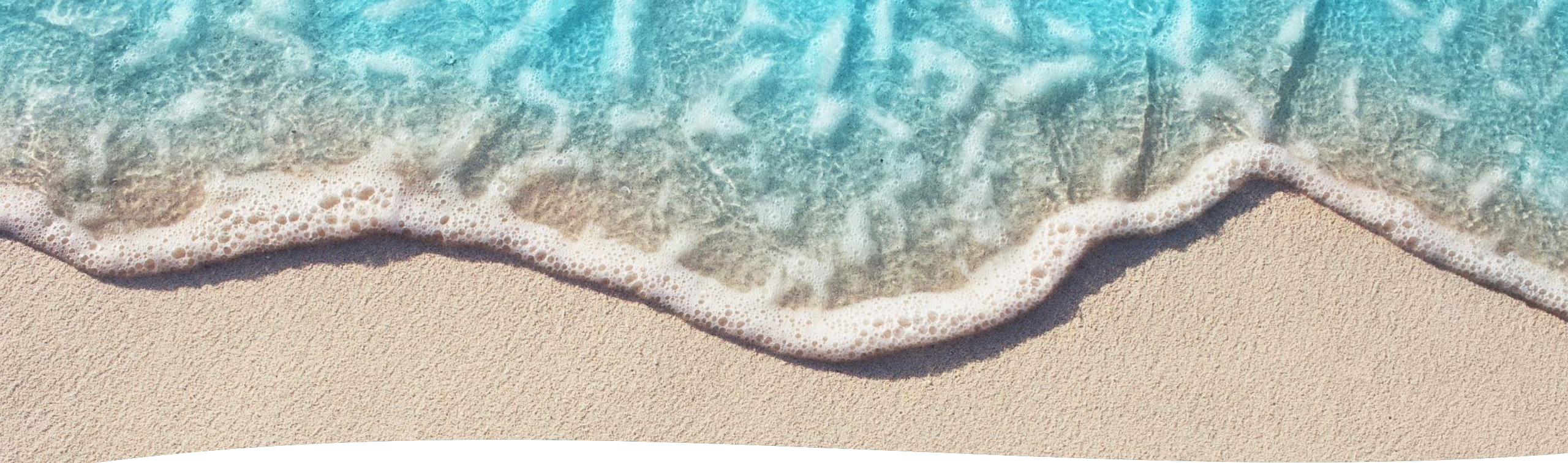
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Progress Since October





New Mission Statement

Advocating for the collaborative stewardship of the coast, the special place where the land and the water meet; dedicated to community sustainability, property rights and the environment.



Mission: Advocating for the collaborative stewardship of the coast, the special place where the land and the water meet; dedicated to community sustainability, property rights and the environment.

ADVOCACY

- Advocate for equitable solutions to community sustainability, property rights and protection of the environment with California Coastal Commission for counties, and municipalities.
- Mobilizing REALTORS®, citizens, corporations, NGOs, and stakeholders at the grassroots level.

REACH/COMMUNICATE/CONNECT

- Collaborate & cooperate with strategic partners through partnerships & coalitions.
- Message stakeholders with maximum efficiency/impact by engaging case studies and stories through various media channels.
- Build relationships & alliances *through education/instruction with the organizations and NGOs by inviting & creating relationships-relations with crossover members of REALTOR® and surf communities.*
- Engage a process for content delivery, audience, and timing by developing a publicly recognized and respected 'brand'.
- Actively listen and collaborate to deliver value and effectively articulate that value in the communities served.
- Engage, empower, and motivate stakeholders while identifying and promoting SCCa champions.

LEADERSHIP

- Be the field experts, organizational leaders, and mission coordinators.
- Engage and empower REALTORS® to harness their collective influence, including partnering/collaborating with C.A.R.
- Identify, invite, and marshal volunteers and advocates.
- Work *with* local governments and municipalities while working to get SCCa members and SCCa advocates elected to public office and appointed to government boards and commissions.
- Develop/curate organizational leadership, and identify outside leaders to be invited into the organization.

CONTENT & ANALYTICS

- Deliver expertise and comprehensive analysis through superior, reliable, accurate data.
- Provide information on the impact/repercussion of decisions of financial burdens of managed retreat to property owners and municipalities by educating/informing stakeholders, providing external communications.
- Curate and share data with other organizations, NGOs, professionals, and universities.
- Coordinate with C.A.R. to share data and content for impact and organize a united response.
- Share content to show analytical value with membership.
- Be a resource to the California Coastal Commission.

RESOURCES

- Develop policies and procedures to be *nimble and agile* by creating clear processes for policy positions and selection of advocacy projects.
- Create effective communication channels that are consistent and comprehensive.
- Procedures to be outcome driven.
- Develop monthly communications to municipalities and stakeholders on upcoming issues; acknowledging the 1,100-mile coast and the diversity of topography, cities, towns, policies, procedures, issues, and challenges. "While one size does not fit all, SCCa will be the premier source".
- Have consistent communication to C.A.R. and local associations.
- Establish a work group to identify and to obtain consistent and reliable sources of funding.
- Prepare, provide, and deliver to the Board of Directors quarterly reports on the organization.
- Determine and provide the necessary resources to be effective.

SCCa Policies

Managed Retreat

The practice of managed retreat should not be applied to areas that cannot accommodate relocation of developments and those that prohibit property owners from defending their homes, businesses and related infrastructure.

Existing Development

Smart Coast California opposes any jurisdiction, including the Coastal Commission, from adopting regulations referring to January 1, 1977 for existing development in the proposed statewide interpretations or local programs/plans for sea level rise. This date is not constituted by law or regulation and would restrict property owners from defending their properties.

Takings

That property owners who are prohibited from defending their property, and those whose property is subject to a regulatory taking, have the right to compensation at fair market value at the time of taking. Funding mechanisms should be in place before the adoption of any regulation resulting in this taking.



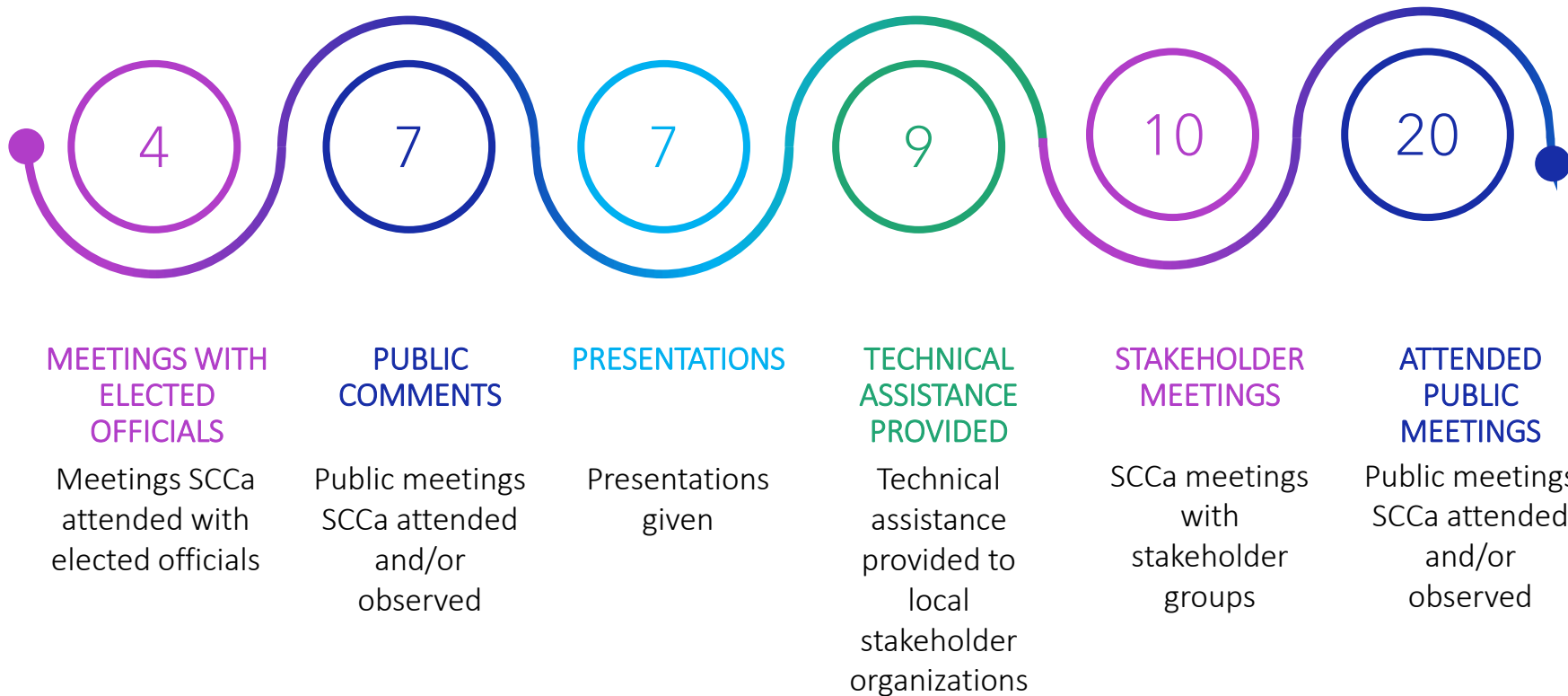
Advocacy Update

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2020 REVIEW

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Numbers provided are estimations

Increase Smart Coast California's Influence

It's important to work hand-in-hand with local and state agencies to ensure our rights as property owners and visitors are protected. There are multiple strategies to adapt to this ever-changing climate, which is causing sea level rise, but not all of them are in the best interest for property owners, local governments, businesses, and visitors. Smart Coast California encourages the California Coastal Commission, local municipalities and state agencies to listen to *all* their stakeholders and understand that there are numerous strategies to accommodate sea level rise.



City of Del Mar

Local Coastal Plan Amendment

- The first LCPA to address SLR to be heard before the California Coastal Commission in October 2019.
- CCC Staff recommended denial for not doing enough to address SLR.
- CCC and the City mutually agreed to postpone the public hearing.
- No hearing date has been scheduled at this time.



San Clemente

Land Use Plan Amendment

- Aug. 13, 2020, the CCC considered a Coastal Land Use Plan (LUP) Amendment for the San Clemente to modify the definition of “Major Remodel”.
- Would change the effective date of the LUP Amendment for Major Remodels from January 1, 1977 to August 10, 2018.
- The City withdrew their LUP Amendment During the Hearing.
- Critical for Protecting “Existing” Structures and 50% Remodel for Structures.



Half Moon Bay

Local Coastal Plan Amendment

After community input, including local realtors, the Half Moon Bay Council made important changes to their draft LCPA;

- Definition of existing structures (pre-Coastal Act) deleted.
- Including other references to existing structures as being pre-Coastal Act.

LCPA was submitted to the CCC in Dec. 2020. It is waiting for the CCC to confirm that the Application is Complete



POLICY POSITION I:

MANAGED RETREAT

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POLICY POSITION II:

EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS

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POLICY POSITION III:

REGULATORY TAKINGS

Property owners who are prohibited from defending their property, and those whose property is subject to a regulatory taking, have the right to compensation at fair market value and related costs at the time of taking. Funding mechanisms must be in place before the adoption of any regulation resulting in this taking.



Predictions for 2021

- LCPA's
 - Upcoming in Q1 & Q2
 - SLR/LCP Efforts
- State legislature – more SLR bills
- Governor's coordinated group of state agencies
- Media
- Emerging pattern of Tiered Responses



Upcoming Meetings

Q1 & Q2

- **Santa Barbara** City Council to consider LCPA on Feb. 2, 2021
- **Sonoma County** Planning Commission to consider LCPA in March 2021
- **Arcata** Final Hearing on SLR to take place in Spring 2021
- **San Clemente** is expecting direction from the City Council on SLR in Early 2021
- **Santa Cruz** LCP Update Tentatively before City Council in May 2021

Recent SLR/LCP Efforts

PRIORITY	JURISDICTION	NOTES
1	Sonoma County	Public workshop scheduled for 11/10/20; PC hearings in Mar. 2021; BOS hearings in May 2021; CCC hearings in Fall 2021.
1	Pacifica	The City responded to the Coastal Commission's initial filing letter and received a second filing letter earlier this week. Staff will be working on addressing the second filing letter in the coming weeks.
1	Half Moon Bay	LCLUP submitted to the CCC in Dec. 2020. Waiting for CCC to confirm that the application is complete.
1	County of Santa Cruz	SLR LCPA approved by Board of Supervisors on Sept. 15, 2020.
1	Morro Bay	Planning Commission reviewed draft LCP on Dec. 15, 2020; City Council will review, then EIR and LCP will return to the Planning Commission for public hearings.
1	Arcata	Series of Planning Commission meetings announced; SLR meeting on Dec. 8, 2020. Final hearings in the Spring 2021.
1	Carlsbad	Planning Commission on Jan. 13, 2021 recommended approval to Council.
1	Santa Barbara	SLR Adaptation Plan completed; review by Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Subcommittee TBD; City Council consideration currently estimated for February 2, 2021.

Recent SLR/LCP Efforts

PRIORITY	JURISDICTION	NOTES
2	Monterey	LCP update in progress; two years behind schedule.
2	San Clemente	LCP "in a holding pattern pending direction from the City Council," which is expected early 2021.
2	Oceanside	Updated LUP to be published after receiving CCC comments.
2	Imperial Beach	Draft LUP completed.
2	Pismo Beach	NOP for GP/LCP EIR update out for public review; scoping meeting occurred on Jan. 28, 2021.
2	Santa Cruz	Currently working on LCP update. City Council hearing tentatively scheduled for May 2021.

Recent SLR/LCP Efforts

PRIORITY	JURISDICTION	NOTES
3	Marin County	Low priority, as the LCPA was submitted to the CCC in last year.
3	County of Ventura	Phase II involves more detailed technical studies and public outreach and is scheduled to conclude in March 2022.
3	Santa Barbara County	SLR LCPA submitted to CCC in Apr. 2020; one-year time extension requested.
3	Del Mar	As of 2021-01-18, the City has not heard back from CCC staff as to the status of their LCP sea level rise amendments.
3	Fort Bragg	Low priority due to conflict of interest.
3	Trinidad	Comprehensive LCP update in progress.
3	Santa Cruz	Currently working on their adaptation plan; LCP update to follow.
3	Marina	Comprehensive LCP update in progress; behind schedule.
3	Goleta	LCP certification in progress.
3	Carpinteria	Currently at the steering committee level.
3	Oxnard	LCP certification in progress; nothing scheduled.
3	Los Angeles - Venice Segment	LUP update and LCP certification in progress.
3	Manhattan Beach	LCP update in progress.
3	Hermosa Beach	GP/LCP update in progress.
3	Avalon	SLR LCP update in progress.
3	Seal Beach	LUP certification in progress.
3	Dana Point	SLR LCP amendment in progress.
3	Solana Beach	Working on LUP and IP now.
3	Coronado	At the SLR consultant selection stage.

Sea Level Rise – Big Focus of State Legislature

At least 6 bills have been introduced so far on SLR

Source - capradio.com

- **AB 50 - Climate change: Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network: sea level rise**
 - Create Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network within the existing Ocean Protection Council
 - Goal is to provide local governments facing sea level rise with information and scientific expertise necessary to mitigate it
 - Would have to be voted on in the 2022 statewide general election if passed
- **AB 66 - Coastal resources: research: landslides and erosion: early warning system: County of San Diego.**
 - Give \$2,500,000 general fund dollars to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the UC San Diego for research on coastal cliff landslides and erosion in San Diego County
 - Requires the institution to provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for developing a coastal cliff landslide and erosion early warning system by March 2024
- **AB 67 - Sea level rise: working group: economic analysis.**
 - Require state agencies to take into account the current and future impacts of sea level rise when planning or building infrastructure in the coastal zone
 - By March 2022 it would require the Ocean Protection Council and the Office of Planning and Research, to establish a multi agency working group to come up with recommended policies, resolutions, projects, and other actions to address sea level rise
- **AB 72 - Environmental protection: Natural Resources Agency: coastal adaptation projects: sea level rise: regulatory review and permitting: report.**
 - Would require the Natural Resources Agency to create a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects
 - Require the agency to submit a report with suggestions to the legislature by July 2023.
- **SB 1 - Coastal resources: sea level rise.**
 - Expand the duties of the California Coastal Commission to adopt recommendations and guidelines for the minimization and mitigation of sea level rise across its programs.
 - Create the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative to aid in helping coastal communities deal with the crisis
 - Require the newly established collaborative to spend no more than \$100 million yearly on grants to local governments for updating land use plans that take into account sea level rise.
- **SB 83 - California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.**
 - Create a low-interest loan program so cities and counties can buy coastal properties vulnerable to sea level rise.
 - **C.A.R. LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER A POSITION**



Regulations & More Regulations

- The coordination by the Governor's group of state agencies will continue to meet, and we will probably see a joint position statement
- Continuation to coordinate on the adoption of *new* regulations in each agency.



Media

- Newspapers and broadcast media will increasingly provide a voice for scientists who are speculating on cataclysmic ice sheet failures
- Slight probability that there will be 5 ft. of SLR by the end of the century will be increasingly pointed out at the local level, which will be countered that it might be much worse
- This is not a scientific consensus

Tiered Approach

Local jurisdictions will increasingly include in their plans the ability of certain neighborhoods to defend themselves as opposed to managed retreat with:

- beach nourishment
- kelp forests
- offshore reefs
- seawalls



Next Steps

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Vice President

Smart Coast California



Organizational Goals

Q1 & Q2



**Adopt Policy
Manual**



**Fill Secretary
Position**



Finance Committee

- Financial Dashboard
- Review All Contracts
- Identify Additional Funding Sources



**Additional
Committees & Work
Groups & Task
Forces As Needed**



Finance

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Finance

Financial
Dashboard

Reviewing All
Contracts

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