

Community Workshop Summary – February 14, 2018 DRAFT

Introduction

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, a public workshop was held to update the community on the Local Coastal Plan (LCP) Update work effort, present the results of the adaptation strategy analysis, solicit input on preliminary sea level rise (SLR) policy concepts and ideas, and gather additional community comments to inform the preparation of the draft LCP Update. To facilitate the presentation and feedback session, staff from the City of Oxnard and its consultant team were in attendance. The session was held at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Oxnard Human Resource Activity Room located at 300 West Third Street, Oxnard. The meeting was publicly noticed on the City’s website and media channels including: Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) Notice Distributions, Facebook, Next Door, and Twitter. Invitation emails were also sent to contacts that have attended previous meetings or signed up to receive updates on oxnardlcpupdate.com. Available materials included comment cards, frequently asked questions pamphlet, and an adaptation report summary flyer with the LCP Update webpage and project contact information. The workshop consisted of two parts: a LCP Update Presentation, with question and answers throughout, and a general feedback session.

General Plan Update Presentation

The City’s consultant team provided a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the LCP process and work to date and described initial policy concepts for further comments and feedback. The presentation is available for viewing on the Oxnard LCP website.

Presentation slides addressed:

- Local Coastal Program (LCP) Overview
- Next Steps and Schedule
- Coastal Hazards Review
- Vulnerability Assessment Review
- Adaptation Strategy Results
- Conceptual SLR & Adaptation Policies
- LCP Policy Next Steps



Preliminary SLR and adaptation policy concepts for consideration in the LCP Update were described for the following topics:

- Understanding SLR
- Avoid Siting New Development In Hazard Areas
- Moving Development Away From Hazards (*for Planning Area 1 –McGrath Mandalay*)
- Building Barriers To Protect From Hazards (*Planning Area 2 – Oxnard Shores & Planning Area 3-Channel Islands Harbor*)
- Community Scale Adaptation Planning

Feedback Session

A feedback session was held to facilitate questions and comments regarding the LCP Update process, analyses methodology and results, and additional opportunities for input. Conceptual policy themes were on display throughout the meeting room with facilitated opportunities to comment on preliminary concepts. Comments were also provided on meeting feedback forms. Below is a summary of community comments/questions received during the meeting by topic.

Outreach

- Request for increased advertisement of LCP community workshops (e.g. include nextdoor.com beach communities)
- Availability of MERITO Foundation to assist in outreach efforts

Understanding SLR

- Questions on how FEMA mapping intersects with SLR Modeling
- Questions on the probabilities associated with SLR projections

Building Barriers To Protect From Hazards

- Protect existing development on waterways and harbor, not new development
- No new residences in hazard areas – no new zoning
- Potential sizes of dune adaptation if it turns out to be needed

Land Use

- Interest in viewing the future LCP land use designation map (specific areas of interest include Silver Strand and Fisherman’s Wharf)
- Land use designation of Channel Islands, specifically Fisherman’s Wharf. Desire expressed to maintain Harbor/Visitor Serving Uses and not amend the LCP to match City’s 2030 General Plan or County General Plan.
- Do not allow 400 unit apartment complex, 55 feet high on coastal land
- No Urban Village on coast

Other

- Questions on whether the LCP contains policies regarding short-term rentals
- Question on how proposed Port Hueneme development would affect Oxnard’s coast and adaptation planning

All informational materials from the meeting are available at oxnardlcpupdate.com. If you have any further comments, questions, or would like to be added to the contact list to receive information regarding the LCP Update, please contact email isidro.figueroa@oxnard.org.

