

Coastal Cities Group 2021 Work Program

The Cal Cities board is required to annually approve the work program for the Coastal Cities Group. The main focus for the group this year will be continuing to work in collaboration with Coastal Commission representatives on issues related to sea level rise mitigation efforts, other land use regulations that impact cities in the coastal zone and the update of local coastal programs.

Background:

The League of California Cities' Coastal Cities Group (CCG) is made up of 61 out of 482 cities, all of which are situated within the territory of the coastal zone. Its primary function is to serve as a collaborative forum on coastal issues. Some of the main goals of this group are to facilitate relationships between Cal Cities member cities and the Coastal Commission (Commission); serve as a conduit for information affecting coastal cities; coordinate with Cal Cities Policy Committees on developing issues; and report to the Cal Cities Board annually. The CCG has, and will continue to, work with coastal counties on issues of mutual interest.

In past years, this group was loosely organized and had only occasional meetings and conference calls. In 2017, there was an effort to better organize the group. A major impetus for this change was the appointment of a new Executive Director of the Commission, Jack Ainsworth, who expressed an interest in forming more collaborative relationships with coastal cities and counties. To take advantage of the opportunity to build better relations with the Commission, a more formal structure for the group needed to be established, including the formation of a leadership committee.

Cal Cities worked through the details for creating this enhanced structure, including a formal appointment process by the Cal Cities President for an elected city official to represent cities from each of the six Coastal Regions. To address staffing issues, the structure also includes the city manager, or staff designee, from the cities--the idea being that the six cities that were part of the Leadership Committee could help staff this enhanced effort. The Cal Cities board adopted this updated structure in 2017.

This effort has been a success. It has provided an opportunity for coastal cities to become more organized and has hosted webinars and meetings with Commission members and Executive Director Jack Ainsworth. Additionally, a stable working group of Coastal Commissioners, County elected officials, and CCG Leadership Committee members meet regularly to collaborate on policies. Compared to past years, there is tremendous improvement.

Each year, the CCG Leadership Committee, in conjunction with the CCG Chair, develops a work plan for Board approval. This work plan serves as a roadmap for the CCG to guide the group's activities and define participation roles.

The proposed work plan is as follows:

Objective 1: Continue to work with the Coastal Commission and counties to develop a new Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy that is pragmatic, collaborative and supported by all parties.

- Sea Level Rise Adaptation strategies agreed to by all parties with thresholds

- Strategies are pragmatic and in line with local land use policies
- Strategies are specific and customized to a region's challenges and resources
- Sand replenishment/sediment procedures and analysis is completed

Objective 2: Recommend positions on state laws and regulations to the appropriate Cal Cities policy committees that impact development in the coastal zone with an emphasis on protection of local land use authority.

- Develop understanding and recommendations on what cities can do regarding California Department of Housing and Community Development rules allowing accessory dwelling unit development by right in conflict with the Coastal Act.

Objective 3: Enhance connection and communication with Coastal Commissioners, staff, and other coastal local officials.

- Continue to host webinars to share information and gather input from local coastal elected officials.
- Continue to actively participate in Coastal Commission meetings and established working groups.
- Maintain regular communications from the CCG Leadership Committee to local elected officials keeping them informed of matters of interest to coastal communities.
- Obtain more "volunteer" local staff and attorneys with coastal land use experience to enhance the CCG's capacity to work.

Adopted Board Guidelines for the Coastal Cities Group (Amended 12/11/17):

- The coastal cities issues group of the League of California Cities will consist of all cities within the territory of the coastal zone.
- The League President will appoint the chair and vice chair of the coastal cities issues group. The group will organize itself and establish a meeting schedule.
- The League President, following a solicitation of interest from elected city officials in the coastal cities will appoint a leadership committee, consisting of one city council member in each of the six coastal regions, as designated by the California Coastal Commission. The city manager, or his or her designee, of the same city as the appointed city official, shall also serve on the leadership committee. The appointments are annual, but may be continued with the approval of the League President.
- Any city official may belong to the issues group and attend meetings of the group. The leadership committee shall report periodically to the issues group on its activities.
- Voting on matters will be reserved to one vote from each coastal city.
- The Chair of the issues group will report directly to the board of directors and coordinate with relevant policy committees consistent with League policy and as appropriate.
- The Chair and the leadership committee, in consultation with the issues group, will define a work plan and goals to advance the common interests of coastal cities and to facilitate communications with commissioners and commission staff.
- The Chair and the leadership committee on behalf of the issues group may contact county officials interested in participating.
- The board of directors should annually approve a work plan for the coastal cities issues group.

California Coastal Commission Regions: Counties and Cities

Chair: Mayor Ed Waage, Pismo Beach

Vice Chair: Eric Friedman, Council Member, Santa Barbara

NORTH COAST

*CCG Rep: Vice Mayor
Barbara Burkey; Point
Arena. Staff Designee: Paul
Andersen*

Del Norte County

City of Crescent City

Humboldt County

City of Trinidad

City of Arcata

City of Eureka

City of Fortuna

Mendocino County

City of Fort Bragg

City of Point Arena

NORTH CENTRAL COAST

*CCG Rep: Mayor Sue
Beckmeyer; Pacifica. Staff
Designee: Kevin
Woodhouse*

Sonoma County

Marin County City/County of San Francisco

City of Daly City

City of Pacifica

City of Half Moon Bay

San Mateo County

CENTRAL COAST

*CCG Rep: Mayor Ed
Waage; Pismo Beach.
Staff Designee: Jim Lewis*

Santa Cruz County

City of Santa Cruz

City of Capitola

City of Watsonville

Monterey County

City of Marina

City of Sand City

City of Seaside

City of Monterey

City of Pacific Grove

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

San Luis Obispo County

City of Morro Bay

City of Pismo Beach

City of Grover Beach

SOUTH CENTRAL

*CCG Rep: Council Member
Eric Friedman;*

Santa Barbara. Staff

Designee: Melissa Hetrick

Santa Barbara County

City of Guadalupe

City of Santa Barbara

City of Goleta

City of Carpinteria

Ventura County

City of San Buenaventura

City of Oxnard

City of Port Hueneme

City of Malibu¹

SOUTH COAST

*CCG Rep: Mayor Drew
Boyles; El Segundo. Staff
Designee: Scott Mitnick*

Los Angeles County

City of Los Angeles

City of Santa Monica

City of El Segundo

City of Manhattan Beach

City of Hermosa Beach

City of Redondo Beach

City of Torrance

City of Palos Verdes

Estates

City of Rancho Palos
Verdes

City of Long Beach

City of Avalon

Orange County

City of Seal Beach

City of Huntington Beach

City of Costa Mesa

City of Newport Beach

City of Irvine

City of Laguna Beach

City of Laguna Niguel

City of Aliso Viejo

City of Dana Point

City of San Clemente

SAN DIEGO

*CCG Rep: Mayor Pro
Tempore Ed Spriggs;
Imperial Beach. Staff
Designee: Andy Hall*

San Diego County

City of Oceanside

City of Carlsbad City of
Encinitas

City of Solana Beach

City of Del Mar

City of San Diego

City of Coronado

City of National City

City of Chula Vista

City of Imperial Beach

¹ City of Malibu and the Santa Monica mountain region are considered in the South Central Region, not the South Coast Region.