

## **Coastal Cities Group 2020 Work Program**

*Applies through 2020*

The League 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, short term rentals, and 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 League member cities and the Coastal Commission (Commission); serve as a conduit for information affecting coastal cities; coordinate with League Policy Committees on developing issues; and report to the League Board at least 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.

The League worked through the details for creating this enhanced structure, including a formal appointment process by the League 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 League board adopted this updated structure in 2017.

For the most part this effort has been as success. It has provided an opportunity for coastal cities to become more organized, and has hosted webinars and meetings with Commission members and Jack Ainsworth. Compared to past years, there is an obvious 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.

### **Objective 1: Develop relationships with Commissioners and staff**

The CCG seeks to develop positive relationships with Commissioners and staff as a means of establishing a collaborative working relationship to address issues of common importance to all coastal cities.

- Leadership Committee members will make an effort to attend Commission meetings in their coastal regions.
- Each Leadership Committee member will serve as the CCG representative and point of contact for the Commission for their coastal region.
- Leadership Committee intends to continue to engage, through joint workshops, on key coastal issues with the Commission and coastal counties.

- CCG Chair will serve as Leadership Committee point of contact with the Commission and coastal counties in planning for any future joint workshops.
- The Leadership Committee will continue to participate in the sea level rise subgroup, which consists of Commissioners, CCG Leadership Committee members, and representatives from coastal counties.
- League staff will support the planning and coordination needed for any joint workshops.
- League staff will develop and maintain relationships with Commission leadership including the executive director and the legislative director.
- League staff will develop and maintain relationships with Commission staff who may seek city comments on regulatory matters.
- Consistent with League policy, where there is agreement on policies and/or funding needs between local agencies and the Commission, CCG may advocate separately or along with the Commission for such additional funding or such policies.
  - The CCG will evaluate ways to support and advocate for funding to protect critical infrastructure due to sea level rise in coastal communities.

**Objective 2: Educate CCG members on issues pertaining to all coastal cities**

The CCG intends to provide a forum for educating all coastal cities about legislative and regulatory matters.

- Long-term key issues identified by the Leadership Committee for educational opportunities include:
  - Design and establishment of a permanent grant program for Local Coastal Program (LCP) updates.
  - Creation of an agreed-upon best practices and process for updating LCPs.
  - Policies for addressing sea level rise.
  - Policies for establishing reasonable mitigations and access requirement for public projects.
  - Meaningful vacation rental regulations that balance the need for visitor lodging and neighborhood preservation.
  - Policies addressing water supply, desalination, and water recycling.
  - Policies protecting harbors and general sea level rise protections.
  - Facilitate education for non-coastal cities on coastal issues, and the implications of these issues statewide.
- CCG will hold educational webinars, meetings, or conference calls on the topics identified above.
- Leadership Committee members will develop content and lead discussion on webinars, meetings or conference calls.
- League staff will coordinate webinar, meeting, and conference call logistics, including facilitating registration, promoting the event, administering the content and recordings.
- League staff will provide legislative updates at CCG and Leadership Committee meetings.
- League staff will facilitate contacts between Commissioners and staff seeking statewide participation for regulatory and other matters (i.e. comment periods).
- League staff will support the planning and coordination needed for any joint workshop between coastal cities, coastal counties, and the Commission in 2020.

### **Objective 3: CCG Networking & Communication**

A major function of the CCG is networking among coastal cities in order to share best practices and identify emerging issues that affect coastal cities on a regional or statewide basis

- Leadership Committee members and League staff will hold a monthly conference call to check-in on the activities of the CCG.
- Leadership Committee members and League staff will work to facilitate communication with all coastal cities through the CCG listserv.
- Leadership Committee members are strongly encouraged to organize and attend local events, which may include networking opportunities between Commissioners and city officials in each coastal region.
- Leadership Committee will develop content for the CCG Annual Conference meeting.
- League staff will provide logistical support for CCG Annual Conference meeting.
- League staff will create and administer a CCG webpage on the League's website and work with the Leadership Committee on content, as needed.
- League staff will make an effort to attend regional CCG and Leadership Committee meetings.

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

1. The coastal cities issues group of the League of California Cities will consist of all cities within the territory of the coastal zone.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Voting on matters will be reserved to one vote from each coastal city.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Chair and the leadership committee on behalf of the issues group may contact county officials interested in participating.
9. 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: Mayor Pro-Tempore Jill Hardy, Huntington Beach*

### **NORTH COAST**

*CCG Rep: Council*

*Member Heidi Messner,  
Eureka; Staff Designee:  
Dean Lotter*

#### **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: Council*

*Member Harvey Rarback,  
Half Moon Bay; Staff  
Designee: Bob Nisbet*

#### **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: Mayor Pro-  
Tempore Eric Friedman,  
Santa Barbara; Staff  
Designee: George Buell*

#### **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 Malibu<sup>1</sup>

### **SOUTH COAST**

*CCG Rep: Mayor Pro-  
Tempore Jill Hardy,  
Huntington Beach*

*Staff Designee:*

*Ursula Luna-Reynosa*

#### **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

*CCIG Rep: Council*

### **SAN DIEGO**

*CCG Rep: Council  
Member 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

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