

Coastal Cities Group 2019 Work Program

Applies through 2019

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 working in collaboration with a group of coastal counties and preparing for a June workshop between the Coastal Commission and representatives of cities and counties.

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; 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.

In past years, this group was loosely organized and had only occasional meetings and conference calls. In 2017, an effort was offered to better organize this group. A major impetus for this change was the appointment of a new Executive Director of the Coastal 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 in 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 Coastal 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 the Coastal 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 Coastal Commission meetings in their coastal regions.
- Each Leadership Committee member will serve as the CCG representative and point of contact for the Coastal Commission for their coastal region.
- Leadership Committee intends to engage in a joint workshop on key coastal issues in 2019 with the Coastal Commission and the Coastal Counties Regional Association (CCRA).
- CCG Chair will serve as Leadership Committee point of contact with Coastal Commission and CCRA in planning for the joint workshop.
- League staff will support the planning and coordination needed for the joint workshop.
- League staff will develop and maintain relationships with Coastal Commission leadership including the executive director and the legislative director.
- League staff will develop and maintain relationships with Coastal 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 Coastal Commission, CCG may advocate separately or along with the Commission for such additional funding or such policies.

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 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 need to visitor serving lodging and neighborhood preservation.
 - Policies addressing water supply, desalination, and water recycling.
 - Policies protecting harbors and general sea level rise protections.
- CCG will hold up to two to three 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 Coastal 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 the joint workshop between coastal cities, coastal counties, and the Coastal Commission in 2019.

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 are strongly encouraged to organize and attend local events, which may include networking opportunities between Coastal 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.

California Coastal Commission Regions: Counties and Cities

Chair: Council Member Ed Spriggs, Imperial Beach

NORTH COAST

CCG Rep: Council

*Member Heidi Messner,
Eureka; Staff*

*Designees: Greg Sparks
& Rob Holmlund*

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: Vice Mayor

*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: Council

Member Jason

*Dominguez, Santa
Barbara; Staff Designee:
Community Dev.*

Director 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 Malibu¹

SOUTH COAST

CCG Rep: Council

*Member Jill Hardy,
Huntington Beach*

Staff Designee:

Antonia Graham

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

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

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.