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Draft Local Coastal Plan Policies Addressing Sea Level Rise Adaptation Available for Public Review

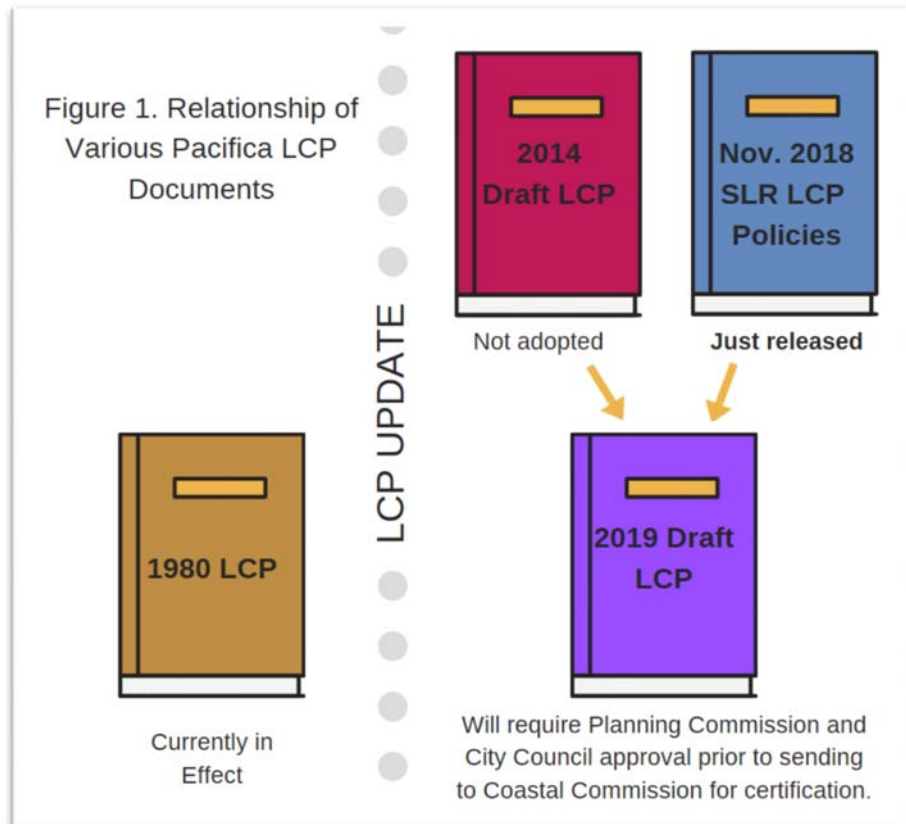
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) –

The City of Pacifica has released draft Local Coastal Plan (LCP) policies to address coastal hazards related to sea level rise (draft SLR policies). This effort was conducted in response to recent coastal hazards as well as legislation directing that climate change impacts be taken into consideration as a part of planning studies.

After preparation of background studies and 11 months of community input, the SLR policies have been drafted to protect neighborhoods, businesses, and infrastructure by allowing repair, maintenance, and construction of shoreline armoring structures. Other adaptation measures include beach sand replenishment and flood protection mitigation.

The draft SLR policies are not recommending managed retreat for Pacifica and explicitly state support for private protection devices. Having a community plan stating such policies is important to proactively prepare for climate change and sea level rise impacts. It is also anticipated that the draft SLR policies will support the City's efforts to obtain grant funding for shoreline protection of public areas.

In 2009, the City began the process of updating the LCP. In 2014 draft documents were prepared, but not adopted. Following Planning Commission and City Council review of the draft SLR policies, the policies will ultimately be incorporated into the 2014 Draft Local Coastal Plan to create a 2019 Draft LCP (see Figure 1). Staff will commence an effort to re-familiarize the Council, Planning Commission, and the public on the remaining portions of the LCP (2014 Draft LCP) in 2019. The whole 2019 Draft LCP will be brought to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval prior to sending to the California Coastal Commission for certification.



The draft SLR policies are available at the City website (www.cityofpacificca.org/sealevelrise). The Planning Commission will provide input on the draft SLR policies on November 19, 2018 (starts at 6:00pm). On December 10, 2018, the City Council will consider and provide direction on the policies related to sea level rise adaptation for incorporation into the Draft Local Coastal Plan. Both meetings will be held at the City Council Chambers, 2212 Beach Blvd., Pacifica.

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