

GOALS FOR THE DRAFT LOCAL COASTAL LAND USE PLAN UPDATE AND ADAPTATION PLANNING

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- Bolster efficacy of public safety efforts. Evacuations of bluff top homes have been necessary to protect the health, safety, and wellness of residents. The Adaptation Plan will assist the City to protect human life, property, and critical infrastructure in response to a catastrophic event.
- Respond to climate change. The Adaptation Plan will allow Pacifica to prepare for sea level rise and climate change impacts by identifying policies that enhance the coastal zone's adaptive capacity.
- 3. Preserve Existing Neighborhoods and Promote Environmental Justice and Local Economic Vitality. Pacifica's Coastal Zone, i.e. the land area west of Highway 1, includes:
 - 12% of the City's population
 - The majority of older, and therefore more affordable, housing stock
 - Five of six hotels (80% of the rooms) that generate transient occupancy tax revenues for City operations and bring visitors who patronize businesses
 - More than half of commercial businesses, which provide vitality to the community and tax revenue for City operations
 - Public facilities that include City Hall, North Coast County Water District, Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School, the Pacifica Pier, drainage outfalls, waste water pumping stations, sewer force mains, and the Calera Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Significant historical and public recreational assets including beaches, coastal trails, the Beach Blvd. promenade, parks and golf course.

The loss or disruption of these assets could have far reaching impacts and affect everyone in Pacifica, not just those living or doing business in the Coastal Zone. The Adaptation Plan will allow the city to create policies that will protect these areas from the impacts of sea level rise, erosion, and coastal flooding. Consistent with the Coastal Act, the Adaptation Plan shall protect existing homes, businesses, and infrastructure in Pacifica.

4. **Preserve and enhance coastal access.** Beach and bluff access to the coastline is a crucial element of Pacifica's coastal character and is valued by the community. The Adaptation Plan will allow the city to identify where bluff erosion, sedimentation, and sea level rise may threaten coastal access.