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 Seaside
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 Malibu

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.