



Resilient Coast Santa Cruz 2.0 - Shoreline Adaptation Blueprint

Advisory Committee Meeting #4

Meeting Notes

Meeting Time: June 29, 11am – 1pm

Meeting Location (In-person):

- Tony Hill Room at the Civic Auditorium (door on parking lot side of Civic).
- Address is 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz. *Note: there is construction occurring on Church Street on 6/29. Please observe no parking signs.*

Total Attendees: 7 Advisory Committee participants, 3 City of Santa Cruz staff, 3 UCSC Coastal Science and Policy Graduate Students, 2 consultant staff

In-Person Attendees

- Tiffany Wise-West – City of Santa Cruz
- Claire Gallogly – City of Santa Cruz
- Akana Jayewardene – City of Santa Cruz
- Patricia Fonseca Flores- CMG (project consultant)
- Sierra Ramer – Pathways (project consultant)
- Valerie Mishkin – Smart Coast CA
- Scott Rohlf – State Parks
- Bella Bonner – Black Surf Santa Cruz
- Jesse Traller Ojeda – California Marine Sanctuary Foundation
- Jonathan Hicken - Seymour Center
- Shaun Burns – Save the Waves
- Fifer Garbesi – Future Forum, resident



Agenda Topics

1. Welcome + Project Update (5 mins)

Tiffany gave an update on the project schedule, actions completed since the last Advisory Committee meeting, and described active coastal projects that the City of Santa Cruz is working on.

Project Update

- Project options identified
- Evaluation Criteria developed
- Mock-Up of Table Top Exercise Complete + in testing
- Workshop Dates Finalized + Draft Comms Plan
- Funding + Financing Study Kickoff

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Workshop Dates:
Mon, Aug. 3, 5:30-7:30pm
Sat, Aug. 8, 10:30-12:30pm



Update on Active Coastal Projects

- Lighthouse Point Hazard + Alternatives Analysis proceeding
- Path relocation at Getchell's and Its Beach, design complete, going to Planning Commission 7/23
- Road and path relocation at damaged bluff at 800 West Cliff into Lighthouse Field in design, CEQA public review starting 7/2
- Coastal Commission permitting in progress for West Cliff Storm Repair Projects (infill walls), converting emergency permits to regular permits, including mitigation
- Mosaic for Bethany Curve Bridge – in progress



2. Summary of 3rd Advisory Committee Meeting (10 mins)

Tiffany described some of the City's actions since the last Advisory Committee meeting. At the last Advisory Committee meeting, City staff received feedback on the project evaluation criteria. The following slides show additional updates that Tiffany discussed and the final evaluation criteria.



Follow up from last meeting...

- Developed videos to illustrate existing and projected future conditions and possible high level adaptation alternatives with tradeoffs. Promotion starts this week. Please share!
- Review revised evaluation criteria including alignment with Local Coastal Program policies
- Translated fact sheet
- Working with CBOs and scheduling focus groups to ensure feedback from hard to reach groups

Final Evaluation Criteria

Vision	Alignment with Vision	Aligns with vision statements development through 50-year West Cliff process + draft vision statements (to be finalized through this planning process).
Feasibility	Technical Feasibility	Coastal Act: 30108: "Feasible" means capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, social, and technological factors.
	Regulatory Feasibility	The extent to which there is a current regulatory pathway.
Equity	Minimizes burdens and maximizes benefits to environmental justice communities	Maximizes benefits to BIPOC, tribal communities, and frontline communities, improves accessibility to coast, maintains or enhances low-cost visitor serving resources. See equity screening questions. LCP requirement.
	Tribal Community	LCP requirement?
Community Safety	Maintains or enhances safety and quality of life of the neighborhoods abutting Subareas	– Transportation safety: accommodating multiple user groups. – Neighborhood safety: and accessibility; and quality of life for neighborhoods. – Improves emergency access: for emergency responders.
	Maintains or Enhances Environment and Nature:	– Ecological Systems & Habitats: Coastal and marine habitats (bird nesting areas, pollinators); ecological connectivity. – Water Quality:
LCP Consistency	Minimizes shoreline armoring to max extent feasible:	Uses alternatives to shoreline armoring wherever feasible, uses the least environmentally damaging alternative. Prioritizes non-structural nature-based adaptation strategies. LCP Requirement.
	Minimizes visual resource impacts:	Maintains or improves visual appearance, scenic areas, reduces visually blighted areas. LCP requirement.
	Protects and Enhances Access and Recreation	– Public access – Coastal recreation areas: Natural features for non-transportation recreation (fishing, surfing, beach-going, etc.) bluff, shoreline, offshore areas, sandy beach width, surf breaks, bluff access areas. – Multi-use trail: the ability of all users to enjoy, preserves separated bicycle and pedestrian access, supports through access.

3. Community Workshops Preview (75 mins)

Tiffany provided an introductory presentation describing coastal hazards, different types of adaptation strategies ("toolbox of potential solutions"), and an overview of the table-top exercise. After the presentation, participants conducted the interactive exercise and provided detailed feedback to City staff.

Advisory Committee members had the following suggestions for the table-top exercise:

- Breakout Exercise & Workflow:
 - The hybrid strategy map received positive feedback for its balanced approach (combining armoring, retreat, and restoration).
 - Participants expressed concerns about narrow table sizes, map orientation/legibility, and limited space on feedback cards. Suggestions



were made to use sticky notes, add more street names, and provide separate sea level rise reference maps.

- **Specific Projects & Concerns:**
 - **Beach Nourishment:** Participants requested clearer details on sand sources and cost/efficacy, noting it should be marked as optional or conditional.
 - **Access & Parking:** Concerns were raised regarding safety for stepped pools, formal access impacts to Pyramid Beach, and the proposed removal of parking without clear replacement plans.
 - **Artificial Reefs & Kelp Monitoring:** Recommended consulting UCSC experts on surf impacts and relocating kelp bed monitoring to general project lists rather than map callouts.

4. Community Engagement Updates (5 mins)

- a. Community Workshops scheduled for early August
- b. Tabling Activities
- c. Please share with your networks. More information about the workshops is available here: <https://www.santacruzca.gov/Government/Climate-Initiatives/Resiliency/Resilient-Coast-Santa-Cruz/Shoreline-Adaptation-Blueprints>

5. Announcements from Advisory Committee Members (5 mins)

6. Closing and Next Steps (10 mins)