



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 4, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Acknowledging Receipt of the California Coastal Commission's Conditional Resolution
of Certification of the Amended Local Coastal Plan and Approving Local Coastal Plan
With The Amendments Suggested by the Coastal Commission**

Whereas, section 30500 of the Public Resource Code requires each County and City within the coastal zone to either prepare a Local Coastal Program for the portion of the coastal zone within its jurisdiction, or request the Coastal Commission to do so. Sonoma County has prepared a Local Coastal Program, which in Sonoma County is comprised of the Local Coastal Plan (LCP), the Coastal Zoning Resource Districts Ordinance (Chapter 26C), all accompanying land use and zoning maps, and the Coastal Administrative Manual;

Whereas, following extensive public outreach with a diverse array of stakeholders, the Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearing on July 26, 2021, October 7, 2021, November 10, 2021, December 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, February 3, 2022, March 3, 2022, March 28, 2022, and June 29, 2022, to consider an update to the Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan;

Whereas, at the conclusion of 35 hours of public testimony and deliberations by the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission recommended an update to the Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan for adoption by the Board of Supervisors;

Whereas, pursuant to Sections 21080.5 and 21080.9 of the Public Resources Code and Sections 15250, 15251(f), and 15265 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preparation, approval, and certification of a Local Coastal Program update is exempt from the requirement for preparation of an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or initial study because the California Coastal Commission's review and approval process has been certified by the Secretary of Resources as being the functional equivalent of the environmental impact report process;

Whereas, on October 4, 2022, April 4, 2023, and July 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearings on this update, received public comments, and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, and subsequently submitted its amendments to the Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code section 30510 (Amended Local Coastal Plan);

Whereas, on November 14, 2024, the California Coastal Commission held a noticed public hearing, received public comments, and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, and unanimously approved a Resolution of Conditional Certification for the Local Coastal Plan incorporating Coastal Commission staff suggested modifications;

Whereas, pursuant to section 13544 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, implementing Public Resources Code section 30512(b) of the Coastal Act, the Executive Director transmitted the suggested modifications to the County on December 5, 2024;

Whereas, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 30512(b) of the Coastal Act, the Local Coastal Plan amendments are deemed certified once the Executive Director of Coastal Commission confirms that the suggested modifications were adopted;

Whereas, Exhibit A to this resolution contains the suggested modifications;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accepts and agrees to the Coastal Commission's modifications.
2. Adopts the County's Amended Local Coastal Plan found in Exhibit A.
3. Direct County staff to implement the amended Local Coastal Plan.
4. Pursuant to section 13544(c)(1) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations,

agrees that the County shall issue coastal development permits for the total area

5. included in the certified local coastal program, as it has been amended by this resolution.
6. Directs Permit Sonoma to file a notice of exemption in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.