

Resolution Number 22-04

County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, California

June 29, 2022
PLP13-0014 (Local Coastal Plan Update)

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN UPDATE CONSISTENT WITH EXHIBIT A PENDING CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION AND FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Coastal Act, Sonoma County maintains a Local Coastal Program to regulate land use, and protect coastal resources in compliance with the Coastal Act; and

WHEREAS, the Local Coastal Plan serves as the “Land Use Plan” of the Sonoma County Local Coastal Program for all County properties within the Coastal Zone, defined as land and water area of the State of California from the Oregon border to the border of the Republic of Mexico, specified on the maps identified and set forth in Section 17 of that chapter of the Statutes of the 1975-76 Regular Session enacting the Coastal Act, extending seaward to the state's outer limit of jurisdiction, including all offshore islands, and extending inland generally 1,000 yards from the mean high tide line of the sea. In significant coastal estuarine, habitat, and recreational areas it extends inland to the first major ridgeline paralleling the sea or five miles from the mean high tide line of the sea, whichever is less, and in developed urban areas the zone generally extends inland less than 1,000 yards. In Sonoma County this includes all parcels designated with the CC Combining District, regulated by Chapter 26C Coastal Zoning Code; Supervisorial District No. Five; and

WHEREAS, the current Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan was certified on December 12, 2001, and Sonoma County is currently considering an update (the “Project”).

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WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to activities and approvals pursuant to the California Coastal Act by any local government, necessary for the preparation and adoption of a local coastal program as per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15265; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors are expected to consider the Project for adoption in 2022;

and

WHEREAS, the Project will not be effective until certified by the California Coastal Commission;
and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions of law, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 26, 2021 that was reopened on October 7, 2021, November 10, 2021, December 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, March 3, 2022, March 28, 2022, and June 29, 2022 at which time the Planning Commission heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has had an opportunity to review this Resolution and finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the Board regarding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission makes the following findings:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporated into the findings herein.
2. CEQA. The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15265, Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs. CEQA does not apply to activities and approvals pursuant to the California Coastal Act by any local government, necessary for the preparation and adoption of a local coastal program.
3. Coastal Act Consistency. The proposed Local Coastal Plan goals, objectives, policies, programs, and incentives are in conformance with the policies and requirements of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
4. General Plan Consistency. The proposed Local Coastal Plan implements General Plan Land Use Element and programs to protect and enhance coastal resources while guiding future development. The Local Coastal Plan is intended to be a standalone policy document that integrates the appropriate General Plan goals, objectives, and policies with those necessary to comply with the California Coastal Act. The Project will not create an internal inconsistency in the General Plan, or inhibit the implementation of any other General Plan policies or program.
5. Additional Findings
 - a. A notice of the public hearing was duly published for public review and comment at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.
 - b. The Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the staff report and presentation, and all comments, materials and other evidence presented by member of the public prior to and during the public hearing held by the Commission on July 26, 2021, and reopened on October 7, 2021, November 10, 2021, December 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, March 3, 2022, March 28, 2022, and June 29, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors find the Project to be exempt from CEQA, consistent with the policies and

requirements of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976, and adopt the requested Local Coastal Plan Update for Certification by the California Coastal Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission designates the Secretary of the Planning Commission as the custodian of the documents and other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was introduced by Commissioner Koenigshofer who moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Deas and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Commissioner District 1 Cornwall	Aye
Commissioner District 2 Reed	Aye
Commissioner District 4 Deas	Aye
Commissioner District 5 Koenigshofer	Aye
Commissioner District 2, Chair Ocana	Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Resolution duly adopted; and

SO ORDERED.