



City of Del Mar Memorandum

TO: Carey Batha, CCC LCP Grants Coordinator

FROM: Joseph Smith, AICP, Senior Planner

DATE: January 29, 2016

RE: Task 2.3 – Stakeholder Outreach Report through December 2015
LCP-14-13 A/2

Ms. Batha, the following is a summary of stakeholder outreach completed to-date, including requested presentations made to our Sea-Level Rise Stakeholder-Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

Guiding Document

Public Outreach Plan (Task 1.4) – City completed a Public Outreach Plan pursuant to Task 1.4 on September 30, 2015, a copy of which has already been submitted to the California Coastal Commission.

Presentations to STAC

The following presentations were made at STAC meetings at the request of the committee:

1. Presentation from Laura Engeman, San Diego Climate Collaborative on their recent grant request to NOAA (which the City supported) and other related work in the region
2. Presentation from City Community Services Department on historical erosion and shoreline trends observed in Del Mar
3. Presentation from Dr. Chet Koblinsky, former NOAA Climate Director on national and international issues related to sea-level rise
4. Presentation from North County Transit District (NCTD) to provide an overview of NCTD's railroad right-of-way through Del Mar as it relates to bluff erosion, storm-surge and sea-level rise, consideration for the long-term use of the right-of-way, and the regulatory context for railroad operations

Additional Outreach

As part of the establishment of STAC, the City actively sought out a variety of stakeholders in an effort to appoint nine (9) members. Members need not be residents of the City of Del Mar. Outreach was sought from stakeholders experienced and/or affected by sea-level rise and coastal-flooding issues:

1. Those with technical expertise in Sea-Level Rise (SLR), dynamic modeling, and coastal engineering, including researchers and practitioners.
2. Those who could be directly impacted by SLR, including property owners in the City of Del Mar with property in beach areas and bluff-tops, and users of City beaches and trails.
3. Those with a broader interest in coastal resources including representatives from citizen groups, non-profits, and regional organizations.
4. A biologist experienced in wetland preservation and restoration.
5. Representatives from the 22nd District Agricultural Association and/or the North County Transit District.
6. Members from City advisory committees (e.g., San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, and Parks & Recreation Committee).

Included you will find the nine members selected by the City Council, as well as a brief background on each. As a result of selecting members from such a wide range of expertise and involvement, the City has committed itself to a proactive and involved outreach effort with key stakeholders involved, including beachfront and bluff-top residents, a staff member of the California Coastal Commission, a staff member from the 22nd District Agricultural Association (owners and operators of the Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds), the Surfrider Foundation, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and recreational users of the City's beaches and lagoons.

Though not a member of STAC (they were invited but declined to join), the City has also been keeping the North County Transit District (NCTD) informed during progress on our work program. At the November 2015 STAC meeting, NCTD provided the committee with a presentation as described in the section above.

In addition to NCTD, the City also invited other groups to submit an application for membership on STAC, including the Sierra Club, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, San Diego Coastkeeper, San Diego Foundation, San Dieguito River Joint-Powers Authority, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, and Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley (no applications were submitted, but we continue to keep all these stakeholder informed throughout our process).

The City has also reached out to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and requested a presentation at their February 2016 STAC meeting for a brief overview of what SANDAG has done recently and is planning to do that pertains to the effects Del Mar – i.e., beach replenishment, upstream planned San Dieguito restoration, bridge projects, etc. SANDAG has confirmed that they will present.

In preparation for a community forum to be hosted by STAC in January 2016, the City utilized its Public Outreach Plan to send forum invitations to all interested parties, stakeholders and agencies included in the document, including over 1,000 bluff-top and beachfront owners.



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The Sea-Level Rise Stakeholder-Technical Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, serving approximately one to two years, no term length established

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City of Del Mar STAC Members and Background

Active member of Surfrider's Beach Preservation Committee for four years;
PHD in Organic Chemistry

Kristin Brinner

Coastal Program Manager from the Coastal Commission San Diego Office

Gabriel Buhr

Beach area resident; member of the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee

Robin Crabtree

Beachfront Property Owner

Charles Fletcher

Environmental Planner with the 22nd District Agricultural Association

Dustin Fuller

Resident; Former Finance Committee Member

Terry Gaasterland

Blufftop Property Owner

Mark Handzel

Scripps Institute of Oceanography (Technical Expertise in SLR)

Sarah Giddings

Resident and Design Review Board member;
Sustainability Advisory Board Ex-Officio Member

Bruce Bekkar