



Coastal Currently

July 2024

Highlights from the Coastal Commission's monthly meetings

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge [updated](#) the Commissioners on staff activities since the June meeting, including:

- Groundbreaking of the 7.5-mile [North Coast Rail Trail Project](#) in Santa Cruz County, one of five bicycle and pedestrian paths making up the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network.
- Successful completion of the state's [Dockwalker Program](#) this year, which included more than 200 volunteers and 16 training events aimed at improving boater safety and environmental health.
- Winners announced for this year's [Climate Video Challenge](#), which included three-minute submissions from middle and high school students.

Briefings

Staff provided a status [update](#) on efforts to implement Coastal Act policies to provide lower-cost overnight accommodations throughout the coastal zone.

Staff provided an [update](#) on the Tijuana River sewage crisis in San Diego County.

Public Access

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a \$1.5 million grant to help San Clemente complete its Local Coastal Program and boost beach restoration efforts.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) new rules for short-term rentals in the city of Seal Beach in Orange County.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) the replacement of boat slips and docks at Channel Island Harbor in Ventura County.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) repairs to Kiddie Beach parking lot in Ventura County.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) an overhaul of a beach playground that serves the public and Newport Elementary School in Orange County.

Housing & Development

The Coastal Commission [cleared](#) the way for 250 units of new housing at the Magnolia Tank Farm site in Huntington Beach, of which 20 percent would be affordable in perpetuity, and a hotel with 25% lower-cost rooms.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a request by the city of San Diego to allow a 380-unit apartment complex, including 100 affordable units along the Otay River.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) zoning changes needed for the development of 18 single-family homes and 36 accessory dwelling units in the city of San Diego.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a plan by the city of San Diego for 190 safe, overnight parking spaces and bathroom/shower facilities to serve unhoused people sleeping in their vehicles.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a plan to encourage the development of accessory dwelling units in Newport Beach.

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a plan to renovate the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco.

Water

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) replacing a wastewater pump station operated by the Orange County Sanitation District.

Habitat

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) an electronic elk detection system, warning signs and other upgrades to protect wildlife along Highway 101 in Humboldt County.

Offshore Wind

The Coastal Commission [approved](#) a request by Atlas Wind to conduct seafloor surveys for electric cable routes in state waters off San Luis Obispo County.

**All actions taken at the Coastal Commission's [public hearing](#) in San Rafael on July 10 – 12, 2024.*

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