

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2021010158

Project Title: City of Pismo Beach General Plan / Local Coastal Plan (GP/LCP) Update

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Project Location: City of Pismo Beach
City

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County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

See attached.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

N/A; the Recirculated EIR addresses changes to the goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP Update made following the closure of the 45-day public review period of the Draft EIR in March 2022. Language changes to existing policies and additional goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP are intended to provide a similar, and in some cases enhanced, level of environmental protection as the goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP Update at the time of the release of the Draft EIR. Accordingly, the changes to the goals, policies, and actions do not result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts than what was evaluated within the Draft EIR.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Although not responsible agencies under CEQA, several other agencies have review authority over aspects of the proposed project or approval authority over projects that could potentially be implemented in accordance with various objectives and policies included in the GP/LCP Update. These agencies are:

1. The State Geologist
2. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
3. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

CEQA Guidelines

Section 15386 designates four agencies as trustee agencies:

1. CDFW with regard to the fish and wildlife of the state, to designated rare or endangered native plants, and to game refuges, ecological reserves, and other areas administered by the department;
2. The State Lands Commission with regard to state owned "sovereign" lands such as the beds of navigable waters and state school lands;
3. The California Department of Parks and Recreation, with regard to units of the State park System; and
4. The University of California, with regard to sites within the Natural Land and Water Reserves System.

Project Description:

The Draft EIR for the Pismo Beach General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (GP/LCP) Update was circulated for a 45-day public review period that began on February 1, 2022 and ended on March 18, 2022. Following the end of the public review period for the Draft EIR, the City prepared an Administrative Draft Final EIR. In addition to addressing public comments, the Administrative Draft Final EIR reflected removal of the Facilities Element from the GP/LCP Update and incorporation of Facilities Element policies into other elements. The Planning Commission hearings for the Final EIR were held on July 25 and August 22, 2023. The City Council hearing for the Final EIR was scheduled for October 2023. However, prior to the City Council hearing, the City determined that the Safety Element would also be removed from the GP/LCP Update.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21092.1 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15088.5, the City of Pismo Beach (City) has elected to recirculate a portion of the Pismo Beach General Plan/Local Coastal Plan Update (GP/LCP Update) Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2021010158).

The changes disclosed within this Recirculated Draft EIR are made to address changes that have occurred following the closure of the 45-day public review period of the Draft EIR in March 2022, including: (1) the removal of the Facilities Element and incorporation of Facilities Element policies into other elements, (2) the removal of the Safety Element from the GP/LCP Update, and (3) changes to the GP/LCP Update, including to the goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP Update.

The changes to the policies and actions within the GP/LCP Update are primarily changes made to their numbering and lettering as a result of the reordering of policies and actions within the GP/LCP Update to more clearly define which policies and actions are applicable to the Local Coastal Program. These changes also include minor language changes to specific goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP. In addition, these changes include the addition of new goals, policies, and actions added to the Conservation and Open Space Element as a result of Senate Bill 1425 and the addition of new goals, policies, and actions added to the Circulation Element as a result of the reorganization of the GP/LCP Update. Language changes to existing policies and additional goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP are intended to provide a similar, and in some cases enhanced, level of environmental protection as the goals, policies, and actions within the GP/LCP Update at the time of the release of the Draft EIR. Accordingly, the changes to the goals, policies, and actions do not result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts than what was evaluated within the Draft EIR.

The project analyzed is the proposed City of Pismo Beach GP/LCP Update, which includes updates to the Land Use, Conservation and Open Space, Noise, and Circulation Elements of the City's 1992 GP/LCP. The GP/LCP Update does not include updates to the Parks, Recreation, and Access Element, Safety Element, and Housing Element. The Facilities Element is being eliminated and incorporated into other elements. The Design Element is being eliminated and incorporated into the Land Use Element. The Growth Management Element is being removed due to updates to California Housing Element Law and implementation of Senate Bill 330. With the GP/LCP Update, the City GP/LCP will consist of the following seven elements: 1) Circulation, 2) Conservation and Open Space, 3) Housing, 4) Land Use, 5) Noise, 6) Parks, Recreation, Access, and 7) Safety.