



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 2, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Planning Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Local Coastal Program Grant Application Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara supporting a grant application to update the City of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program (LCP) to address sea-level rise, coastal hazards and other climate change-related impacts.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Santa Barbara's existing LCP was originally certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1981. The LCP needs a comprehensive update, which will require a significant, multi-year effort and include close coordination with Coastal Commission staff. Should this grant application be successful, all funding would be applied towards this comprehensive update effort.

California's 2009 *Climate Adaptation Strategy* identified the need to support regional and local planning to address sea-level rise impacts, and specifically highlights the importance of updating Local Coastal Programs as a key adaptation strategy. The purpose of this grant is to encourage local governments and other entities responsible for planning under the California Coastal Act to develop and adopt updated plans that conserve and protect coastal resources from future impacts from sea-level rise and related climate change impacts such as extreme weather events.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

If this application is successful, the City would receive up to \$250,000 and \$100,000 is proposed in the application for pass through funding to support additional staff at the local Coastal Commission office for dedicated staff time to the City's LCP update, for a total of grant request of \$350,000.

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