

Chapter 6: CONCLUSION

The ReCAP staff's findings demonstrate that the Coastal Commission has achieved much success in implementing Coastal Act policies, protecting coastal resources, and managing the cumulative impacts of development in the Santa Monica Mountains/Malibu area. A challenge facing the Commission is to continue to improve its coastal management efforts, in partnership with local government to respond to new information presented in this report, especially in light of the limited staff and resources currently available.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

An objective of the federal Section 309 Enhancement Grant Program is to achieve improvements in state coastal management programs. Implementing key ReCAP recommendations will help achieve such improvements in the Commission's coastal management program.

As noted previously, this report contains numerous recommendations which require different methods of implementation. Some of the recommendations can be implemented through changes to ongoing Commission staff procedures, while others will require additional staff or financial resources to be implemented. The ReCAP staff has made these recommendations with the understanding that their effectuation is dependent upon the availability of additional resources.

On June 9, 1999, the Commission adopted the ReCAP findings and Action Plan, which identifies the priorities for implementation of the recommendations. Staff has begun working on implementing the first priority recommendations. The ReCAP data and analysis also provide assistance to the County of Los Angeles and the City of Malibu in completing their LCPs. Some recommendations applicable to the County of Ventura's certified LCP could be incorporated into a revised LCP update or LCP Amendments. Staff is working with these jurisdictions to incorporate the relevant ReCAP recommendations into their respective plans.