



January 13, 2014

Ms. Lesley Ewing
California Coastal Commission
c/o Sea-level Rise Work Group
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Dear Ms. Ewing:

I have reviewed the California Coastal Commission Draft Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance and offer the following comments on behalf of the City of Sand City. The Sand City Local Coastal Program (LCP) has existing policies designed to address sea level rise as part of natural hazard mitigation for land use purposes. Land Use Policy 4.3.5 of the Sand City LCP specifies, in part, that geologic reports are required for all new development within the coastal zone. Those reports must address coastal bluff and beach erosion, and storm wave and tsunami inundation risks.

In addition, the City of Sand City requires that a report (December 2003) by the Geotechnical & Coastal Engineering firm of Haro, Kasunich & Associates be used to estimate the 50-year coastal erosion setback line, also required in our LCP. The methodology to establish this 50-year line includes an estimation of sea-level rise based on: (1) the best available science; and (2) local conditions. This type of methodology is consistent with the draft policy guidance in the subject report.

Finally, "local conditions" would be vastly improved in regard to reducing coastal erosion if commercial sand mining were eliminated in the region.

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Sincerely,

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