



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Ben Harvey, City Manager and David C. Laredo, City Attorney
MEETING DATE: March 21, 2018
SUBJECT: Local Coastal Plan City Council Subcommittee
CEQA STATUS: Does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint three City Council Members to serve on a Local Coastal Plan City Council Subcommittee tasked with reviewing staff recommendations for a lead consultant and a legal expert to review the City's Local Coastal Plan documents and make a recommendation with next steps to move forward.

DISCUSSION

At the February 21, 2018 City Council meeting, City staff presented a Local Coastal Program (LCP) update, discussing the draft implementation plan structure and proposed timeline. Following public input and City Council discussion, direction was provided to staff to return to the Council with a proposal to hire a legal consultant experienced with LCP submissions to review the City's documents and make a recommendation with next steps to move forward.

City staff has discussed Council's recommendation, and has compiled a list of legal consultants with requisite experience consistent with direction provided. However, upon reflection of Council's direction and consultation with other coastal communities with approved and pending LCPs before the California Coastal Commission (Commission), it is recommended that in addition to an experienced legal consultant, a lead non-attorney consultant be selected as well. The role of the lead consultant would be to devise an overall strategy for successfully advancing the City's draft LCP to the Commission for anticipated approval. Serving as the City's advocate, the lead consultant would coordinate the overall LCP effort on behalf of the City, working with the legal consultant, City staff, Commission staff and community stakeholders.

To review and select lead and legal consultants for the LCP effort, it is recommended that the City Council form a three Member subcommittee.

OPTIONS

1. Take no action.
2. Provide alternate direction.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact. There should be sufficient funds in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Amended Budget.

GOAL ALIGNMENT

Environment – The Local Coastal Plan is a key strategy to fulfill this goal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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