RESOLUTION NO. 18-048

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM TO THE
CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFICATION

FINDINGS

1. A Local Coastal Program (LCP) is comprised of a certified Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan. This LCP, once formally adopted and certified, will replace the 1989 certified Land Use Plan and constitute the City's first implementation plan. When a certified LCP is in effect coastal development permitting authority transfers to the City. The proposed Local Coastal Program is the culmination of a thorough public engagement and review process coupled with extensive consultation with other public agencies, especially the Coastal Commission.

2. The City has a Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP) that was certified in 1989, but does not yet have a certified Local Implementation Plan (IP).

3. In April 2014, the Coastal Commission awarded the City a grant in the amount of $130,000. The goal of the grant was to develop an updated LCP in conformance with the California Coastal Act and which reflects current circumstances and new scientific information, including new understandings and concern for the effects of climate change. The City has augmented the grant with additional City funds.

4. The LCP incorporates guidance provided in the California Coastal Commissions' Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance document, the Coastal Commission Land Use Plan Update Guidance document, and gained through public outreach.


6. The City conducted various outreach methods and venues to engage the community in developing the Local Coastal Program including but not limited to: a Local Coastal Program webpage; community meetings and workshops, presentations at local high schools and other educational institutions, multiple Planning Commission and Council meetings, an email distribution list and an online survey.
7. A series of stakeholder community meetings commenced in November 2014 to solicit community comments and included coastal walks, archeology talks, and ESHA tours at Asilomar State Park. Two well publicized Community Workshops were held in October 2015 and February 2016 respectively. In addition a joint meeting of the City's Planning Commission with the City of Monterey Planning Commission on Sea Level Rise was held in October 2015. A Community meeting was held in October 2018. Noticed Planning Commission meetings were held in June and November 2016 and January 2018. Planning Commission recommendations were received and considered by Council and noticed Council meetings were held in June 2016, February 2017 and November 2018.

8. The Land Use Plan conforms to the Coastal Act requirements.

9. The Implementation Plan implements the policies in the Land Use Plan in conformance with the Coastal Act.

10. The City intends to carry out the Local Coastal Program in a manner fully in conformity with the California Coastal Act.

11. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21080.9, CEQA does not apply to activities and approvals by the City as necessary for the preparation and adoption of an LCP. The LCP does not take effect unless and until certified by the Coastal Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE FINDS, ORDERS, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council certifies that the local coastal program is intended to be carried out in a manner fully in conformity with Coastal Act.

2. The City Council approves the Local Coastal Program for submittal to the California Coastal Commission for certification and authorizes the City Manager to make such submittal.

3. The LCP approved and submitted for certification by this Resolution will require formal adoption after Commission certification. The LCP will take effect only if certified by the Coastal Commission and then after subsequent action by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 28th day of November 2018, by the following vote:
AYES: Mayor Kampe, Councilmembers Cuneo, Fischer, Huit, and Peake
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Garfield
RECUSED: Councilmember Smith

APPROVED:

BILL KAMPE, Mayor

ATTEST:
SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney