



# City of Santa Barbara California

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 14, 2021

**TO: Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee:**  
Kristen Sneddon, City Council, *Chair*  
Dave Davis, Water Commission, *Vice Chair*  
Eric Friedman, City Council  
Mike Jordan, City Council  
Jim Sloan, Harbor Commission  
Betsy Cramer, Harbor Commission  
Beebe Longstreet, Parks & Recreation Commission  
Deborah Schwartz, Planning Commission  
Lesley Wiscomb, Planning Commission

**FROM:** Melissa Hetrick, Project Planner

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Council on Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan

Since its formation by Council in June 2018, the Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee (SLR Subcommittee) has met 21 times to review information on sea-level rise; discuss adaptation recommendations; and provide valuable guidance on process, implementation, and priorities for adaptation. On December 9, 2020 the SLR Subcommittee unanimously voted to forward the following recommendation to Council on the Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan dated December 2020:

*The Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee recommends that:*

1. *City Council approve a resolution to:*
  - a. *Adopt the City of Santa Barbara Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan (Adaptation Plan).*
  - b. *Initiate a Local Coastal Program Amendment to update the City's Local Coastal Program as needed with current best available sea-level rise shoreline hazard information and other policy edits to implement the Adaptation Plan.*
  - c. *Begin implementation of the Adaptation Plan, including development of a Five-Year Implementation Plan and a Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Program.*
  - d. *Include a robust public information and engagement component into the Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Program, with all data, studies, actions, and processes being publicly transparent.*
2. *City Council commit funding necessary to implement the City's Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Program."*

This recommendation has been carried forward into the draft Resolution for Council consideration at its upcoming meeting of February 2, 2021. Thank you for your commitment and guidance in getting us to this important milestone and moving forward as we continue to prepare for the impacts of sea-level rise.