

General Plan / Local Coastal Program

City Council Resolution 92.014 (adopted on February 18, 1992) approved the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP). The City's LCP was certified by the California Coastal Commission on January 13, 1993. The City's LCP constitutes all of the following:

1. General Plan Land Use Map, excluding Blue Lagoon and Three Arch Bay;
2. Land Use and Open Space/Conservation General Plan Elements;
3. Zoning Map;
4. Downtown Specific Plan;
5. Laguna Canyon Annexation Specific Plan;
6. Title 25 (Zoning Code);
7. Chapter 12.08, Preservation of Heritage Trees Ordinance;
8. Chapter 14.78 Geology Reports – Preparation and Requirements Ordinance;
9. Title 21 (Plats and Subdivision);
10. Title 22 (Excavation and Grading);
11. Shoreline Protection Guidelines (as adopted by Resolution 88.43);
12. Design Guidelines for Hillside Development (as adopted by Resolution 89.104);
13. South Laguna Community Design and Landscape Guidelines (as adopted by Resolution 89.104);
14. Fuel Modification Guidelines (of the Laguna Beach Safety General Plan Element); and
15. Summer Festival Parking Agreements

A subsequent LCP amendment, approved in 2004 by the Coastal Commission, also includes Title 16 (Water Quality Control) as part of the City's LCP.

Any amendments to the above affected documents, maps, ordinances, resolutions, Specific Plans or General Plan Elements require Coastal Commission approval as LCP Amendments. Resolutions and Ordinances can be adopted and be in effect while the LCP amendment is being processed. A City Council Resolution adopting the LCP Amendment and requesting certification by the California Coastal Commission must be adopted prior to application being made to the Coastal Commission. The LCP is not amended until the Coastal Commission approves and certifies the proposed amendment. If suggested modifications are approved by the Coastal Commission, the City will have to make an analysis and policy decision on each suggested change, and it may necessitate amendments to the previously adopted resolutions or ordinances.

The Post-Certification Maps provided to the City by the Coastal Commission specify both the 'Appealable Jurisdiction' of the Coastal Commission and the 'Areas of Deferred Certification' or 'white-holed' areas of the City.