



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Uhring and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: October 1, 2023 Meeting date: October 23, 2023

Subject: Smart Coast California Presentation (Councilmember Grisanti)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At the request of Councilmember Grisanti, receive a presentation from Smart Coast California describing the organization's purpose and their efforts to facilitate collaboration between local municipalities and state agencies, and determine whether to join the Smart Coast Municipal Collective group.

FISCAL IMPACT: Annual dues for membership in the Smart Coast Municipal Collective are approximately \$1000/year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: This item is part of the day-to-day operations identified in the Adopted FY 2023-24 Strategic Priority Project List.

DISCUSSION: Smart Coast California was founded in 2019 to collect and distribute information about scientific studies, proof of concept adaptive projects, and the impacts of changes in the Coastal Commission requirements on cities and counties, now and in the future.

The organization provides planning and policy insight to Coastal Communities and stakeholders through Policy Summits, Stakeholder meetings and other outreach activities. Work includes the commissioning of a Sea Level Rise study to consolidate sea level rise data from across the State to allow comparison and collaboration. Current discussion being facilitated by the organization is focused on the recent effort by the State to have coastal property owners that are obtaining new permits, to sign away their right to protect their property from coastal erosion.

The organization also maintains their website at www.SmartCoastca.org which contains a wide range of coastal information, including information on managed retreat, regulatory

takings, existing development and rolling easements. It also provides a LCP renewal listing for coastal cities and counties to help applicants understand the developmental environments that exist across the State.

The Smart Coast Collective Agency is looking to add coastal city partners to their membership to expand their education and advocacy strength. Smart Coast CEO Marta Golding Brown will provide an overview of the organization and the benefits of joining the Collective Group.

ATTACHMENTS: None.