



## Invitation to Coastal Property Owners – Santa Cruz County SLR Summit

Smart Coast California invites you to learn more about sea-level rise and ways Santa Cruz County can adapt to it in the years to come at an interactive virtual forum!

The virtual forum will be held on Tuesday, August 16, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and there is no charge to register.

This forum is designed to give participants a basic understanding of the issues surrounding sea level rise, explain the key elements of the County's approved Local Coastal Plan Amendment (LCPA) and provide a discussion of what needs to happen to obtain California Coastal Commission certification.

The County's LCPA is the primary means through which long term protection and adaptation can be achieved. It includes a "shoreline protection exception area" from Soquel Point to the Capitola city limit, which would allow sensitive locations to be protected long-term by replacing existing riprap with a new, modern vertical seawall while also improving public access. This section of coastline includes Pleasure Point, The Hook and Opal Cliffs, to name a few favorite locations. The County's plan would provide for a continuation of the highly successful East Cliff County Parkway improvements installed in 2011. This is a critical adaptation policy that likely needs a strong showing of public support as the Coastal Commission deliberates its certification.

Speakers will include County Supervisor Manu Koenig, coastal geomorphologist David Revell, County Resource Planner David Carlson, land use expert Don Schmitz and Joe Prian, president of Smart Coast California. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentations.

This event builds upon the successful Sea Level Rise Policy Summit "One California, One Coast" that took place in Long Beach in May <https://www.smartcoastca.org/summit-program.html>. Attendees included Coastal Commission staff, local elected officials, public and private sector coastal planners and engineers, land use attorneys, representatives of coastal homeowner associations, coastal property owners, real estate industry professionals and Smart Coast California members.

Santa Cruz County is poised to enact widely beneficial coastal adaptation policies. Join Smart Coast California's virtual forum to learn more, ask your questions, and find out how the public can help the County certify its LCPA with the Coastal Commission!

You can register here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eja5q7dga4254e74&llr=rphqbdab>

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