

Local Coastal Programs

Local Coastal Programs, or LCPs, are planning tools that allow local governments to regulate and guide development in their coastal communities. These plans implement the California Coastal Act on a local level, emphasize protection of coastal resources, and often reflect the character and values of a community. On a practical level, LCPs address the type, location, and scale of new development or changed uses.

Our attorneys are experienced working with LCPs in all respects. We assist local governments in updating and revising their LCPs, including assisting with the process for the California Coastal Commission's approval of LCP amendments. We also advise on LCP implementation issues for our public agency clients with LCPs, including permit issuance under an approved LCP. And, for clients seeking approval of a project governed by an LCP, we provide practical advice focused on project compliance with the LCP.

Whether our clients are public agencies with regulatory responsibilities in the coastal zone, or private parties seeking to understand the implications of an LCP, we put our significant experience to work for our clients.

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