

# **LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM**

## **SUMMARY NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION**

**SUMMARY OF PHASE 2C LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS TO THE VENTURA COUNTY COASTAL AREA PLAN AND DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 1.1, ARTICLES 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 AND 11, AS WELL AS APPENDICES E1 AND E2, OF THE VENTURA COUNTY COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE (CASE NO. PL17-0083)**

On September 9, 2022, the California Coastal Commission completed the final certification of the Ventura County Local Coastal Program (LCP). The amendments pertain to three main topic areas: Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA), outdoor Dark Sky lighting regulations in the Santa Monica Mountains (M) Overlay zone and the removal of the Planned Harbor Development Zone from the LCP.

### **Summary:**

**Coastal Area Plan (CAP):** Amendments to the CAP included the following:

- *Section 1.3 – Relationship to Other County General Plan Documents*
- *Section 4.1.3 – Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas: Contained a package of new and revised goals, policies and programs for ESHA.*
- *Section 4.1.5 – Tree Protection: Minor amendments to existing regulations to integrate with ESHA amendments and update with new fire regulations.*
- *Section 4.1.7 – Visual Resources: Moved existing policies 7 and 8 for the Santa Monica Mountains and added Dark Sky lighting policy.*
- *Section 4.1.8 – Water Efficient Landscaping: A minor amendment was made to address irrigation systems in ESHA.*

*Three sections that addressed Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) (Section 4.2.9, 4.3.10, 4.4.10) were deleted and replaced by Section 4.1.3 (above). Minor edits to correct spelling, formatting, grammar, and references were also completed.*

**Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO):** Amendments to the CZO include the following:

*Background and History:* The background and history of the current amendment process was updated within this section.

*Articles 1 (Sec.8171-9), 3 (Sec.8173-12), 4 (Sec.8174-5) and Article 5 (Sec 8175-2):* The Harbor Planned Development Zone (HPD) was removed throughout the ordinance because the zone was now considered obsolete with the passage of *the Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan*.

*Article 2, Definitions:* Terms were added or modified to clarify new regulatory provisions for ESHA and lighting provisions.

*Article 4, Permitted Uses:* Minor modifications were made to reference ESHA provisions to new ESHA section and clarify within the zoning matrix when ESHA provisions applied to development.

*Article 5, Development Standards/Conditions – Uses:* Modifications were made to reference within the following sections to either reference, clarify, correct formatting, or protect ESHA according to Coastal Act requirements in the following sections:

- *Sec. 8175-3.11 - Fences, Walls and Hedges*
- *Sec. 8175-5.2.4 – Animals and Fowl*
- *Sec. 8175-5.6.1.2.1 – Temporary Filming on the Sandy Beach*
- *Sec. 8175-5.6.4 – Standards for Film Production Activities in all Zones*
- *Sec. 8175-5.9 – Public Works Facilities*
- *Sec. 8175-5.17 – Grading and Brush/Vegetation Removal*
- *Sec. 8175-5.20.3(t) – Development Standards (Wireless Facilities)*
- *Sec. 8175-5.20.10 – Permit Application Requirements*

*Article 7, Standards for Specific Zones:* Reorganized and moved ESHA standards to new ESHA section and added Dark Sky lighting provisions.

*Article 8, General Development Standards/Conditions (Resource Protection):*

- *Sec. 8178-2 – Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA)*
- *Sec. 8178-7 – Tree Protection Regulations*
- *Sec. 8178-8 – Water Efficient Landscape Requirements*

*Article 11, Entitlements, Processing and Procedures:* This article was amended to clarify legal lot permit requirements and required permit findings for ESHA and the Santa Monica Mountains.

Two new appendices were created (Appendix AE-1 and AE-2) to address the environmental review, surveying, mitigation, and legal preservation requirements for ESHA.

The Coastal Area Plan and Zoning Ordinance are available for download on the Planning Division website at

[https://vcrma.org/docs/images/pdf/planning/plans/COASTAL\\_AREA\\_PLAN\\_10-19-21\\_Rev\\_EFF\\_9-9-22.pdf](https://vcrma.org/docs/images/pdf/planning/plans/COASTAL_AREA_PLAN_10-19-21_Rev_EFF_9-9-22.pdf)  
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The Coastal Commission will file a notice of the certification with the Secretary of the Resources Agency for posting and inspection.

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