

RESOLUTION NO. 3652-2013

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM INCLUDING THE COASTAL GENERAL PLAN AND COASTAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city and any lands outside its boundary which bears relation to its planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg ("City") adopted a General Plan in December 2002 ("2002 General Plan") which establishes policies for all land within Fort Bragg city limits and its sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 General Plan subsequently was amended by the City Council on November 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2006, the City transmitted a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment to the California Coastal Commission for certification and the LCP amendment included the 2002 General Plan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, following Coastal Commission approval of the LCP Amendment on January 11, 2008, the City Council accepted the Commission's "suggested modifications" and adopted the "Fort Bragg Coastal General Plan" on May 12, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in August 2008, the California Coastal Commission certified the City's Local Coastal Program which includes the Coastal General Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Coastal General Plan necessitated additional revisions to the 2002 General Plan to eliminate goals, policies and programs that applied only to properties located within the coastal zone and to create the Inland General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with State requirements, on August 24, 2009, the City Council adopted an updated General Plan Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, State law encourages jurisdictions to keep their general plans current through regular updates; and

WHEREAS, the Inland General Plan was amended in 2012 in order to add a sustainability element, remove references specific to the Coastal Zone, update programs, correct errors, provide new policies regarding stormwater, low-impact development, flood hazards, and housing as required by state regulations; and

WHEREAS, similar changes should be made to the Coastal General Plan so that the two planning documents are consistent with each other; and

WHEREAS, funds are reserved for this effort in the General Plan Maintenance Fee fund and sufficient funds are available for this effort; and

WHEREAS, the update process will include a public outreach process and consultation with Native American Tribes as required by SB 18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 65358(a) of the Government Code, Section 30501 of the Public Resources Code, and Section 17.94.020.A of the Coastal Land Use and Development Code, and any regulations adopted thereunder, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest to initiate amendments to the Local Coastal Program including the Coastal General Plan and Coastal Land Use and Development Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter is hereby referred to staff for processing and to the Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendation to City Council pursuant to all applicable laws.


The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by Councilmember Kraut, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 26th day of August, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Deitz, Hammerstrom, Kraut, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Courtney.
ABSTAIN: None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC
City Clerk