



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Suzy Watkins, Harbor Director  
**DATE:** July 26, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Regional Planning Update

### **Recommendations / Proposed Motion**

1. Receive update from staff and provide direction on staff involvement in regional planning. Staff recommends that the District actively engage in the various regional planning efforts being led by other agencies.
2. Authorize the Harbor Director to engage in discussions with staff from other agencies, assist other agencies with evaluation and planning exercises and advocate for District interests.
3. Request that the Board President appoint a Regional Planning ad hoc committee to provide staff with input.

**Proposed Motion:** Approve staff recommendations.

### **Policy Implications**

- The Board of Commissioners provides direction on District goals and strategy and should specifically approve staff involvement in projects that are not solely and wholly within the District's purview.
- Sustain and enhance the Harbor's finances – provide for needed infrastructure, expand revenue sources, and pay down long-term liabilities.
- Review Master Plan and identify targeting areas for revision to prepare for future changes.

### **Fiscal Implications / Budget Status**

None at this time.

### **Alternatives Considered**

The following actions were considered but are not recommended at this time:

- No involvement with regional planning. Provide information to other organizations as requests are received.

## **Discussion**

Conversations around regional planning are currently being organized by multiple interests. The topics include Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, offshore wind energy, and recreation/open space projects. There are intersections among these conversations, and coordination is needed to protect District interests, identify opportunities and advocate for improvements that will benefit our communities.

Example participants in these discussions may include:

- County of San Luis Obispo
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- State Lands Commission
- REACH Central Coast
- Diablo Canyon Power Plant
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Other federal, state, and local government agencies

Alternatives identified in these planning exercises will have potential impacts and benefits for the District. Staff recommends engaging proactively in meetings and discussions to provide an organized approach and influence outcomes to the District's advantage. Information from these regional planning interactions will also help inform the District's Master Plan update.

The choices made by other agencies are not within District control, and conversations may move quickly at times. It would be helpful to identify an ad hoc committee to provide advice when questions are raised.

As options requiring District decisions or commitments arise, those items will be returned to the full Board for discussion and action. Briefings will be provided periodically, depending on progress of the various groups.