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Memorandum

To: Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee

From: Ben Zdeba, AICP, Acting Deputy Community Development Director 

Date: March 24, 2026

Re: General Plan Update: Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Safety Element

At its meeting on October 2, 2025, the WQ/CT Committee reviewed recommendations from the ad hoc subcommittee that reviewed the draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches (HBB) Element, Natural Resources (NR) Element, and Safety Element. The Committee ultimately forwarded the input to the General Plan Update Steering Committee (GPUSC) and General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) for review and consideration.

The GPUSC/GPAC held a special joint meeting on December 3, 2025, to review comments on the General Plan Update from City Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and to provide direction to City staff on how to incorporate responsive revisions, as deemed appropriate. The GPUSC/GPAC held another special joint meeting on January 21, 2026, and supported the comprehensive set of revised draft elements moving forward as the “Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft General Plan Update.”

The purpose of this item is to share the draft Elements, as revised by the GPAC and GPUSC to incorporate the WQ/CT Committee’s feedback from October 2025. Attachment A is a table of the comments provided by the Committee along with a note on how each comment is addressed. City staff recommends the Committee review the updated drafts, provide any additional input, and conduct a vote to recommend the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update in June 2026.

Lastly, prior to this meeting, the HBB and NR Elements were brought to the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission and the HBB Element was brought to the Harbor Commission for review and consideration. By a unanimous vote the PB&R Commission and the Harbor Commission recommended their approval.

Enclosures:

- Attachment A – Table of WQ/CT Committee Comments and Revisions
- Attachment B – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element
- Attachment C – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Natural Resources Element
- Attachment D – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Safety Element