

Attachment A

Table of WQ/CT Committee Comments
and Revisions

City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Feedback
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Table 1, WQ/CT Committee Feedback – Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element

Element	Goal	Comment(s)	GPAC/GPUSC Revisions
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-1: Local businesses and water-dependent commercial uses in the Newport Harbor area that are preserved to maintain and enhance the economic activity charm of the waterfront community	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-2: Minimized risk of displacement by coastal hazards	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-3: A harbor, bay, and beaches that attract tourism and maintain the character of coastal neighborhoods	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-4: Sufficient coastal infrastructure that protects coastal-dependent and public recreational uses and view corridors while matching the character of the surrounding development and protecting coastal and visual resources	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-5: Coordination among City, County of Orange, State, and Federal agencies having regulatory authority of Newport Harbor and Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-6: Maintenance and enhancement of deep-water channels to ensure they remain navigable by boats	N/A	N/A

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-7: Protection and restoration of beaches and dunes	[Add to existing shoreline/sediment policies HBB-7.4 through HBB-7.6:] As part of evaluating shoreline protection, prioritize nature-based strategies (e.g., dune restoration, strategic nourishment, living shorelines) before structural armoring. Establish and maintain action thresholds for beach width and elevation that, when exceeded, trigger defined nourishment or dune management responses and budget requests. Identify structural armoring (groins/jetties/artificial reefs) enhancements to advance sand/beach retention with protection for surfing function.	See Page HBB-6. New Policy HBB-7.5 (Shoreline Protection Thresholds) added as follows: “Establish and maintain action thresholds for beach width and elevation that, when exceeded, trigger actions such as defined nourishment, dune management responses, and budget requests. Identify structural armoring enhancements such as groins, jetties, and artificial reefs to advance sand and beach retention while maintaining surfing function.”
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-8: Well-managed and economically productive harbor, bay, and beaches	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-9: Cost-efficient servicing and managing of Newport Harbor	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-10: Safe and accessible beach and harbor access points	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-11: Multifaceted and integrated coastal access	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-12: Protection of the visual and ecological resources of Upper Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Within the “Introduction” Section	Recommends replacing the Purpose paragraph with emphasis on economic impact. Potential draft (ILLUSTRATIVE FOR FLOW AND EMPHASIS, CONSULTANT	See Page HBB-6. Overview language revised to include portions of suggested language, as appropriate.

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		<p>SHOULD REVIEW FOR ACCURACY OF NUMBERS AND CONTEXT)</p> <p>“Newport Beach’s harbor, bay, and ocean beaches are the City’s most valuable public assets—foundational to our ecology, economy, and way of life. They anchor a visitor economy that draws more than 9.5 million overnight and day-trip visitors to the harbor area annually and accounts for slightly over 30 percent of all direct tourism-related spending in the City (nearly \$400 million). The harbor alone generates an estimated \$547.4 million in direct economic output and supports about 4,440 direct jobs, with total countywide output near \$787 million.</p> <p>This significant economic activity stems from coastal-dependent recreation and access to the beaches, water-based activities in the harbor and bay, and the habitats of Upper Newport Bay that buffer storms and support biodiversity. The purpose of the HB&B element should be to sustain water quality and habitat, protect and enhance public access and recreation, and direct investment in coastal resilience so that these community assets continue to support residents, visitors, and the local businesses and economy.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview Paragraph – how can we add measurable context and emphasize beaches vitality using background analysis? <p>Scale of the shoreline. Newport Beach manages an interconnected 47.7-mile shoreline system composed</p>	<p>See Page HBB-7.</p> <p>New Policy HBB-8.8 (Economic Assessment) added as follows: “Conduct regular assessments at least every 5 years of the economic viability of the harbor, bay, and beaches to track potential changes.”</p>

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		<p>of XX miles of bay and ocean beaches and vital dunes to the navigational waters of Newport Harbor and the tidal wetlands of Upper Newport Bay. Our region-serving beach and water recreation facilitates vital visitor-serving businesses and protects backshore communities, neighborhoods and infrastructure.</p> <p>Activity and access. Newport Harbor is the largest recreational boat harbor on the West Coast, with more than 9,000 recreational boats. Navigation, harbor water quality, and marina policies must complement beach access and safety. Our beaches serve an estimated 8 million visitors, swimmers and surfers a year. Beach and boating users are the backbone of Newport’s hospitality economy.</p>	
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	<p>Discovery and Potential Creation of a City Committee Emphasizing City Beaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue: The Beaches are a vital part of our community. Yet there is no clear oversight into Beach management, economic programs tied to beaches, and issues tied to Coastal Resilience. This void in management needs to be addressed, and may be best resolved by the creation of a new City committee focused on the topic. Or clarification on where this lives. • Beaches & Coastal Resilience Committee. Establish a standing Beaches & Coastal Resilience Committee to advise the City Council on ocean-beach management, sand budgeting and replenishment, dune restoration and other nature-based shoreline adaptation, sea-level-rise 	<p>After much discussion, the GPAC/GPUSC determined it was best not to recommend the creation of another City Board, Commission, or Committee, rather it could be ensured an existing body (or existing bodies) is/are tagged as having this emphasis.</p> <p>See Page HBB-5.</p> <p>New Policy HBB-5.5 (Coastal Resilience) added as follows: “Ensure that the Water Quality/Coastal Tideland Committee has adequate representation of experts in coastal resilience to ensure</p>

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		<p>planning to include Local Coastal Program (LCP) update recommendations, watershed education and outreach, and provide direction on Tidelands Infrastructure Capital Plan priorities affecting ocean beaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scope and Deliverables. The Committee’s annual work program will include: (a) a State of the Beaches report (conditions, monitoring results, postings, and access); (b) an Annual Sand & Shoreline Work Plan (recommended nourishment/retention actions, sequencing, and partnerships); and (c) advice on grant applications and interagency agreements (e.g., with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board). ○ Composition. Appointments should reflect Peninsula, Corona del Mar, and Upper Bay neighborhoods and include expertise in coastal engineering/geomorphology, Harbor Commission/marina operations, lifeguard/ocean safety, hospitality industry, environmental/nonprofit stewardship, tourism/hospitality, and youth/education. ○ Implementation Considerations. Add to the Implementation Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) adopt an establishing resolution and bylaws; ▪ (ii) assign staff liaisons from Public Works/Harbor Commission, Community Development, and Utilities/Water Quality; ▪ (iv) publish an annual State of the Beaches report. ▪ (v) Assign a lead City department and form an interdepartmental coastal 	<p>that this topic remains a priority for the City.”</p> <p>NOTE: At the March 3, 2026, PB&R Commission meeting, the Commission requested to be included in this Policy as part of its motion to support the draft Element for City Council adoption.</p> <p>Although not reflected in the attached draft, a modified Policy will be included in the version submitted for City Council consideration and would read as follows:</p> <p>“Ensure that the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee <u>and/or the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission</u> has adequate representation of experts in coastal resilience to ensure that this topic remains a priority for the City.”</p>

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		<p>resilience team (Public Works/Harbor, Community Development, Utilities/Water Quality, and Fire-Lifeguards with liaison from City Council). Establish quarterly coordination with County and State partners.</p> <p>Coordination & Roles (Cross-References)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify roles among bodies as follows: Beaches & Coastal Resilience Committee — beach condition, sand budgets, nature-based shoreline adaptation, and related public education; Water Quality / Coastal Tidelands Committee — water quality and habitat; Harbor Commission — navigation, moorings, and harbor operations; Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission — park/beach programming and amenities. Direct staff to bring an annual joint session among relevant groups to review the State of the Beaches report, monitoring results, economic impact, and the Annual Sand & Shoreline Work Plan before budget adoption. 	



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Natural Resources	NR-1: Reduced transportation-related emissions to improve air quality	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-2: Electric vehicle charging or other clean technology infrastructure to serve the growing share of clean-energy vehicles	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR 3: Reduced air pollution emissions from ground operations at John Wayne Airport Mineral and Oil Resources	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-4: Preparation for the orderly transition of oil and gas resources, as deemed appropriate	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-5: Increased electrification or use of renewable energy at public facilities to reduce gasoline and natural gas usage and emissions	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-6: Electrification or renewable energy incentives for existing buildings to reduce natural gas emissions	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-7: Native and naturalized non-invasive species habitats in parks and public open space	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-8: Cooperation with State and Federal resource protection agencies and private organizations to protect terrestrial and marine resources	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-9: Community-driven initiatives for ecosystem conservation	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-10: Land use and development standards to conserve important ecosystem services and habitats	N/A	N/A

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Natural Resources	NR-11: Coordination with relevant agencies to reduce pollutants of concern in Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-12: Enhanced green infrastructure to help prevent runoff into Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-13: Standards and programs to limit runoff of pollution to preserve water quality of groundwater sources	(Note – I think we need to add more specifics around storm drain instillation – the City apparently has a plan to do this but I have not seen the implementation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install storm drain screens on all storm drains that dump directly into the bay or ocean. 	See Page NR-8. Policy NR-13.2 (Water Pollution Prevention) revised to include feedback as follows: “Promote pollution prevention and elimination methods that minimize the introduction of pollutants into natural waterbodies. Methods may include the installation of storm drain screens, increased green infrastructure to absorb runoff, and the use of retention ponds and wetlands.”
Natural Resources	NR-14: Minimized adverse effects to water quality from sanitary sewer outflows	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-15: Beach nourishment, sand retention, and sediment restoration projects	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-16: Reduced potable water use for landscaping on public lands	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-17: Water-efficient landscaping incentives for private property	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-18: Viewsheds and corridors that are preserved	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-19: Minimized visual impacts of signs and utilities	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-20: Protection of archaeological and paleontological resources	N/A	N/A

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Natural Resources	Not Specified	<p>City-wide initiative to reduce its trash footprint to prevent runoff into Upper Newport Bay, Harbor and Beaches. Consideration of targeting single use plastic waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single use plastic waste is the number one trash category that negatively impacts Newport Beach’s marine environment, impacting water quality, coastal habitats and beach and harbor recreation. • Combatting single use plastic waste in our environment is now a global crisis. Require Newport Beach to conduct analysis on short and long term measures to reduce single use plastic waste in the City limits and all areas of City operations. • Comply with plastic waste reduction mandates already passed into CA law, specifically AB 1276 (passed in 2022), otherwise known as the “Skip the Stuff.” • Implement programs that would encourage and/or incentivize businesses, particularly restaurants and food establishments, to reduce their single use plastic footprint. • Develop public outreach programs to raise awareness around the negative impacts of plastic pollution. Leverage local NGO partners and other community-based organizations. • Initiate review of the short- and long-term fiscal impacts to a waste reduction program including, energy consumption, water reduction, capacity of landfills for municipal waste and future State laws and mandates. 	<p>See Pages NR-8 and NR-9.</p> <p>This best relates to Goal NR-13: <i>Standards and programs to limit runoff of pollution to preserve water quality of groundwater sources.</i></p> <p>New Policy NR-13.14 (Plastic Usage Reduction) added as follows: “Assess methods to reduce plastic waste to protect water quality, natural habitats, and local wildlife, and to comply with Assembly Bill 1276 (2022) and any subsequent applicable laws and revisions. The assessment should identify short- and long-term strategies to meaningfully reduce single-use plastics, and the potential for water usage, landfill capacity, and economic impacts of such strategies. Strategies may include outreach and engagement, partnerships with local non-profit organizations, and partnerships with local establishments with higher single-use plastic usage.”</p>



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Table 3, WQ/CT Committee Feedback – Safety Element

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Safety	S-1: A community that is resilient to coastal flooding	<p>[Insert in Safety Element under Coastal Hazards; cross-reference in HBB Administration/Coordination.] Policy S-1.X / HBB-NEW-SLR (Finish Early).</p> <p>Adopt and submit a Sea-Level-Rise (SLR) Plan and Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendments for California Coastal Commission certification by December 2029—four years ahead of the statutory deadline—to protect beaches and public access and to take advantage of accelerated application processing for state and federal funding afforded to early certification communities.</p> <p>Consider Funding Sources. Establish and maintain shoreline protection reserves in the Capital Improvement Program and / or Tidelands Infrastructure Capital Plan to implement early actions identified in the SLR Plan.</p>	<p>See Pages S-5 and S-6.</p> <p>Policy S-1.1 (HBB-2.1) (Sea Level Rise Plan) revised to include funding component as follows: “Adopt a Sea-Level Rise Plan consistent with Senate Bill 272 (2023) and update the Local Coastal Program, including the Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan, as necessary. Establish and maintain shoreline protection reserves to implement early actions identified in the Sea-Level Rise Plan...”</p>
Safety	S-2: Beaches that are maintained and protected from erosion	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-3: Current and accessible data and information on flooding, beach erosion, and bluff erosion	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-4: Buildings and utilities that are protected from seismic and geologic hazards	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-5: Stabilized bluffs to minimize erosion and prevent landslides in developed areas	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-6: A community that is resilient to and protected from inland flooding	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-7: Reduced and well-managed urban and wildland fire hazards	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-8: A community protected from the impacts of hazardous materials	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-9: A community protected from airport-related hazards	N/A	N/A

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Safety	S-10: A built environment adapted to provide relief from extreme heat	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-11: Tested and effective communication systems for emergency preparedness and response	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-12: High-quality public safety, emergency preparedness, and response services	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-13: Evacuation routes and centers that are maintained to provide functionality during hazardous conditions	N/A	N/A
Safety	S-14: A community where residents, employees, and visitors feel a sense of comfort and safety	N/A	N/A

