

Santa Cruz County Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Project

The Purpose and Need

Santa Cruz County is experiencing significant impacts from storm waves and coastal erosion, an issue which will worsen with sea level rise. The County of Santa Cruz is conducting a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment (SLRVA) Project as part of its Local Coastal Program (LCP) specifically focused on addressing coastal hazards. The LCP is a statemandated plan that guides land use and development along the coast to balance environmental protection, public access, and sustainable growth. The community's feedback and involvement are crucial to the success of this effort.

About the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Project

The SLRVA Project will help the County update planning policies to consider sea level rise impacts and to balance the public's right to access, use, and enjoy the coastline while safeguarding existing coastal properties. This project will analyze both physical and economic impacts to the coast and compare potential adaptation approaches across the County at a neighborhood scale.

Get Involved

The County will work closely with the community and stakeholders to ensure that the SLRVA is grounded in community-lived experience. The County will work with the community to identify a vision and community adaptation solutions and pathways to enhance resiliency along the County's 32 miles of shoreline.



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Ways to Get Engaged



