

# CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM



EMC Planning Group assisted the City of Pacific Grove with updating the existing Land Use Plan (LUP) and in preparing a Coastal Implementation Plan to attain Local Coastal Program (LCP) certification so the City would obtain regulatory authority to issue permits within the coastal zone. A primary objective of the project was to provide an efficient and consistent coastal zone development review process administered by the city that promotes sustainable development, coastal access, and conservation of coastal resources consistent with the California Coastal Act and the City's General Plan.

Additional city objectives for the LCP included an updated technical understanding of the City's coastal zone resources (archaeological, biological, built, circulation, coastal access, storm water, water supply, etc.) with an emphasis on vulnerability to climate change and sea level rise, as well as improved coordination with local, regional, and state coastal stakeholders. The coastal zone of the City of Pacific Grove contains several terrestrial habitats that are considered Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs), including shoreline pine forest/sand dune plant communities, and pine/eucalyptus overwintering habitat for the Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). The Background Report and Vulnerability Assessment documents that form the backbone of the update were completed and approved by Coastal Commission staff.

## Location

City of Pacific Grove

## Client

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