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City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Input

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Table 1, City Arts Commission Feedback – Arts and Culture Element			
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Arts and Culture	AC-1: A community enriched by and connected to the arts, culture, and education	N/A	N/A
Arts and Culture	AC-2: Programs and exhibits in Newport Beach that are widely promoted, marketed, and attended	Revise Policy AC-2.2 with the following addition: “Conduct marketing through the City’s various social media and communications platforms to build public awareness and encourage participation in City-affiliated arts, culture, and literary activities. <u>Cultivate partnerships with local businesses and other groups for marketing efforts for cultural arts.</u> (Imp. 29.1)”	Incorporate suggested edit.
Arts and Culture	AC-3: Strong partnerships that support thriving arts, culture, and education	Revise Policy AC-3.1 with the following addition: “Partner with the community and educational institutions to encourage and strengthen arts education for children, youth, adults, older adults <u>and for people of all abilities throughout the city.</u> ”	Incorporate suggested edit.
Arts and Culture	AC-4: Funding that helps local artists and art programs flourish	Revise Policy AC-4.1 with the following addition: “Partner with, and reasonably, support non-profit, private, and community organizations in applying for public and private grants and promote community and business donations, <u>fundraising and sponsorships</u> that support art, culture, and literary activities.	Incorporate suggested edit.
Arts and Culture	AC-5: State-of-the-art facilities to host art exhibits and programs	N/A	N/A
Arts and Culture	AC-6: A wide collection of art exhibited throughout Newport Beach	Revise Policy AC-6.1 with the following addition: “Revise the City’s public art policy to (1) establish suitability criteria to guide the selection of sites for new and innovative public art installations in a manner that considers citywide needs and the balanced distribution of art throughout the city; (2) establish guidelines for the commissioning and conveyance of public art on private property; and (3) refine guidelines and criteria for accepting art donations for display in public spaces and consider establishing guidelines for storage and long-term maintenance; <u>and (4) consider an artwork</u>	Incorporate suggested edit.

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		<u>acquisition plan for expanding the [C]ity's permanent art inventory.</u> (Imp. 8.2, 9.1)"	
Arts and Culture	Not Specified	Add a new policy regarding the periodic re-evaluation of City Arts Grants for impact.	Suggested policy language: Evaluate the impact of City art grant awards periodically. This could include review of awardee-submitted progress reports.
Arts and Culture	Not Specified	Add a new policy about cultivating more culinary arts programs in the City.	Suggested policy 3.4 "Cultivate the culinary arts into City programs through partnerships with local restaurants, educational institutions, and other private and public partners that offer culinary expertise."
Arts and Culture	Within "Goals, Policies, and Actions" under "Arts and Culture Opportunities"	"Art and Culture Opportunities: Expanded art and culture opportunities can include new public art installations, culture events, <u>culinary arts</u> , and programs. Creating opportunities to engage with art and culture across Newport Beach can make art accessible to people of all backgrounds and generations."	Incorporate suggested edit.



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Table 2, City Arts Commission Feedback – Historical Resources Element

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Historical Resources	HR-1: Recognize and protect historically significant landmarks, sites, and structures	Revise Policy HR-1.4 with the following addition: “Encourage the preservation of structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and/or the list of California Historical Landmarks, and/or the Newport Beach Register of Historical Property. Provide reasonable incentives, such as waivers of application fees, permit fees, and/or any liens placed by the City for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, State Register, or the Newport Beach Register of Historical Property in exchange for preservation easements, designation applications, and other related preservation incentives. <u>Partner with and reasonably support non-profit, private and community organizations in applying for public and private grants that would preserve and maintain historical resources throughout the city.</u> ” (Imp. 8.2, 29.2)	Incorporate suggested edit.
Historical Resources	HR-2: Well-documented and protected archaeological and paleontological resources	N/A	N/A
Historical Resources	HR-3: Celebrate, preserve, and protect local history	N/A	N/A
Historical Resources	HR-4: Enshrine local history through education	Make the following revision to Policy HR-4.3: “Encourage collaboration with local preservation organizations, like the Newport Beach Historical Society, to research, conduct outreach, and develop programs and activities to encourage and support historic preservation and cultural historical tourism. (Imp. 14.16)”	N/A
Historical Resources	HR-5: Celebrate tribal cultural resources	N/A	N/A
Historical Resources	Within the “Overview.”	Add a sentence about tourism.	Incorporate suggested insert. Tie it to “historical tourism.”

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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	<p>Harbor – HBB-1.2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify if new development is private, public or both and also whether it is at any time or only post-development. For example, a public use (i.e., Marina Park) could be redeveloped 25 years from now and it would affect water use during construction. <p>HBB-1.4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The phrase “...bridges across City-controlled roads...” is unclear. Consider adding a reference to modern mooring technology (e.g., helix anchors) and mooring field optimization to improve safety, environmental impact, and capacity. <p>HBB-1.9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the definition of a “small” boat? It should include personal watercraft and manual and human-powered craft. We should be more proactive than “teach customers how to safely operate the watercraft” entails — should this be more formal training, safety briefings, or informational materials? Support continued short-term rental of boats, wave runners, stand up paddle boards and other human power watercraft while encouraging vendors to teach customers how to safely operate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing policy. No change needed. Not related to construction, it is related to siting and design. 1.4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy added by subcommittee. Too specific for the General Plan. Should discuss removal/revisions with subcommittee. 1.9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can revise to state “small boats such as personal watercraft and manual and human-powered craft” Can revise “Support continued short-term rental of boats, wave runners, stand up paddle boards, and other human powered watercraft while requiring vendors to provide formal trainings that include safety briefings.”

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-2: Minimized risk of displacement by coastal hazards	Harbor – HBB-2.1. The bullets need more clarity on what the intent is. Also, the list seems limited.	Intent is to comply with SB 272. Original policy read “HBB-2.1: Adopt a Sea-Level Rise Plan consistent with SB 272 (2023) and update the Local Coastal Program, including the Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan, as necessary (IMP 5.1) (Policy S-1.1).” Unsure of the history as to why it was revised. Recommend reverting to the original draft language.
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-3: A harbor, bay, and beaches that attract tourism and maintain the character of coastal neighborhoods	Harbor – HBB-3.1. It is unclear how more waterfront could be created. What does the word “reasonable” mean here?	The policy relates to public spaces and beaches along the waterfront, not more waterfront. Could instead say “preservation of public spaces and beaches along the waterfront.” Reasonable is an intentional term that is meant to be subjective. The General Plan does not establish these spaces, but gives support for decisions that would provide more public spaces and beaches along the waterfront.
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	Harbor – HBB-4. Clarify what are believed to be the current “view corridors”.	View corridors are shown in NR. Can add map cross reference – “As further described in the Natural Resources and shown in Figure NR-4”

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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	Harbor – HBB-5.3. The “other controlling agencies” should be named.	Suggested revision: “other applicable controlling agencies.”
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-6: Maintenance and enhancement of deep-water channels to ensure they remain navigable by boats	<p>Harbor – Goal HBB-6. Maintenance and enhancement of deep-water channels should include a long-term sediment management funding plan. Without funding language, dredging goals may be hard to achieve.</p> <p>HBB-6.3. Has “HBB-7.1” repeated twice and should be incorporated in HBB-7.1. Confusing wording.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can add policy for a funding plan. Suggested language: “Develop a sediment management funding plan to identify long-term funding pursuit strategies to support deep-water channels.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alternatively, this could be tied more broadly to the SLR plan in policy 2.1 • Suggested language: “Encourage the use of nature-based solutions for beach and dune preservation and restoration as alternatives to traditional hard infrastructure, to the extent feasible. Nature-based solutions could include options such as dune restoration and sand replenishment and nourishment.” OR suggested language for 7.4-7.6 could be used.

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-7: Protection and restoration of beaches and dunes	<p>Harbor – HBB-7.1. This is listed twice. Clarify who is being encouraged and what traditional infrastructure would be reduced. This is unclear. Also, should the specific locations of sand replenishment and nourishment and dune restoration be named?</p> <p>HBB-7.2. What is the expected source of the sand?</p> <p>WQ/CT – [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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific locations, sand sources are too granular for General Plan level. This would likely be identified through the SLR process.

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-8: Well-managed and economically productive harbor, bay, and beaches	<p>Harbor – HBB-8.1. explain how expansion of existing marinas might be possible.</p> <p>HBB-8.2. Explain what is meant by “lower-cost” recreational boating.</p> <p>HBB-8.3. Consider changing the word “provide” to “maintain” as there likely isn’t space for additional anchorages in federal areas.</p> <p>HBB-8.5. Who would the temporary use be provided by?</p> <p>HBB-8.7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what the term “reasonable” means. How are the renewable annual permits in compliance with State Lands Commission? • This is on “Live Aboard permits”, shouldn’t we change “Reasonable maximum number” for a live-aboard permit and tie it to a specific percentage of moorings as it is today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.1 suggested edit “Protect and, where feasible through the use of new designs and technology, enhance marinas and expand dry boat storage facilities.” • 8.2 Suggest removal of “lower-cost” • 8.3 Accept suggested edit • 8.5 Will require coordination with Harbor Department on revisions • 8.7 Should remain vague for flexibility for future for GP purposes. No change recommended.

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-9: Cost-efficient servicing and managing of Newport Harbor	<p>Harbor – HBB-9. Consider adding language about adopting technology for harbor management (smart buoys, online mooring rentals, vessel tracking) to improve efficiency and user experience. This is in process today.</p> <p>HBB-9.1. Explain what the term “reasonable” means.</p> <p>HBB-9.3. “reasonable value for the lease rates” should be “fair market value per State Lands Commission”. Are the “waterfront developments” public, private or either? Under “Public Access to Coastal Resources”, the term “worst case” is stated in reference to sea level rise. There have been numerous sea level studies that have a wide range in theories about the total rise over time. As such, worst case should be better defined. Which study should be cited?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested policy: “Support efficient harbor management through the use of emerging technologies such as smart buoys, online mooring rentals, vessel tracking, and other technologies, to the extent feasible.” • 9.1 could say “market” rate of return instead. • 9.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use suggested edit ○ All development public and private ○ In terms of worst case, this is informed by our existing conditions analysis. This could change with further analysis conducted for the SLR plan or the best available data at a point in time.
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-10: Safe and accessible beach and harbor access points	<p>Harbor – HBB-10.5. Expand on this to commit to funding and include the Harbor Department and on the water fire suppression.</p> <p>PB&R – We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in the Preamble to HBB-10 and where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested edit: “Provide for marine safety, such as lifeguards, harbor patrol, on the water fire suppression, police, and traffic and parking enforcement through dedicated funds for the Harbor Department and other applicable departments.” • Suggested edit - See comment

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-11: Multifaceted and integrated coastal access	<p>Harbor – HBB-11. Expand wayfinding beyond signage to include digital tools (apps, QR codes, real-time maps) for visitor navigation which is in effect today.</p> <p>HBB-11.1. suggest changing the word “encourage” to “maintain”.</p> <p>HBB-11.3. It is not clear where a marine terminal could be located in Newport Harbor. Does this HBB apply?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested edit 11.5: “Improve accessibility to coastal areas and represent neighborhood character through the use of navigation tools such as wayfinding signage, real-time maps, QR codes, and other applicable methods.” • 11.1 incorporate suggested edit • 11.3 Not applicable to GP
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-12: Protection of the visual and ecological resources of Upper Newport Bay	<p>Harbor – HBB – 12.1. Maintain public use in Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve to the extent that such use is consistent with the preservation of sensitive resources including monitoring and maintenance of Newport Bay Trash Interceptor.</p> <p>PB&R – Who exactly is the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee? Also, should the Newport Bay Conservancy be referenced as a coordinating entity in HBB-12.2, as the Upper Newport Bay is their area of specialty and there is longstanding coordination with the City?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New policy suggestion: HBB 12.8: Minimize pollution in the Upper Newport Bay through support of actions and infrastructure that reduce trash such as the Newport Bay Trash Interceptor. ○ 12.2 suggested edit: “Continue interagency coordination with relevant entities involved in the protection and preservation of Upper Newport Bay.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also in policy 11.1 NR and should be carried over.
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	<p>Harbor – There should be something in this document to maintain the relationship with the County for the launch ramp facility as there are no other launch ramps in the harbor., Could consider identifying a new launch ramp location owned by the City. If the County were to end the lease arrangement, how would vessel launching be possible?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested policy: “HBB-4.5: Support the continued use of the launch ramp facility through coordination with the County of Orange; and consider opportunities for the siting and development of a new launch ramp facility owned by the City.”

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	Harbor – There should be something in the document to maintain the relationship with fuel dock owner(s). If those owner(s) decided to redevelop their property into something other than a fuel station, how would vessel fueling be possible?	Suggested policy: “HBB-4.6: Coordinate with fuel dock owners to develop strategies for the long-term preservation of vessel fueling stations.”
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	Harbor – Consider adding a section that defines the City Harbor Department’s current role and the need to maintain this.	Suggested language under “Harbor Coordination and Administration” narrative: “The Harbor Department is responsible for many of the harbor-related programs and services in the City, providing essential services such as daily harbor patrols, coordinating the use of anchorages and mooring fields, renting available slip space and moorings, and managing the guest marina and Marina Park. Their role plays a vital role in supporting the local marine-dependent economy while supporting residents, businesses, and visitors alike through coordinated safety efforts, on-the-water support, and generating revenue for the Harbor Department budget and the Tidelands Fund. The role and function of the Harbor Department supports both the daily operations and long-term sustainability of the harbor”
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	Harbor – There is no mention of the Harbor Department’s current role in managing the harbor, coordinating safety, providing on-the-water support, and generating revenue for the Harbor Department budget and the Tidelands Fund. Including these functions would	Suggested edit added above

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		acknowledge the Department’s importance in daily operations and long-term harbor sustainability.	
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Not Specified	Harbor – The Orange County Sheriff’s Harbor Patrol role is mentioned only indirectly through safety policies. Consider adding a specific policy on collaboration between the City and the Sheriff’s Department to ensure consistent, effective, and well-coordinated law enforcement on the water.	Suggested policy 5.4: “Coordinate with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department on Harbor Patrol to provide consistent, effective, and well-coordinated law enforcement on the water.”
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Within the “Economic Value of the Harbor” Section	Harbor – The data is from 2018. Should we obtain later data and add a note that this data will be updated every X years to maintain relevance?	Can use language provided combined with the language from the background report: “The City manages an interconnected 47.7-mile shoreline system composed of bay and ocean beaches, vital dunes, as well as the navigational waters of Newport Harbor and the tidal wetlands of Upper Newport Bay. Newport Harbor is the largest recreational boat harbor on the West Coast, with more than 9,000 recreational boats. The beaches serve an estimated 8 million visitors, swimmers and surfers per year. Beach and boating users are vital to the local economy. As further detailed in the Harbor and Bay Element Existing Conditions and Background Report, Newport Harbor provides significant economic benefits to both the City and the greater county. Based on visitor spending patterns, Newport Harbor is estimated to account for slightly over 30 percent of all direct tourism related spending

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			<p>(nearly \$400 million) in the City of Newport Beach. This includes spending on accommodations, entertainment, restaurants, retail, etc. during their stay within Newport Harbor, which for day-trip visitors is estimated to average slightly under four hours.</p> <p>Further, based on an analysis of maritime and visitor serving industries that are located in Newport Beach due to the presence of the harbor, it is estimated that Newport Harbor creates \$547.4 million in direct economic output. This level of economic activity supports approximately 4,440 direct jobs with earnings of \$195.8 million. In total, Newport Harbor is estimated to support approximately 5,900 indirect jobs or 1,500 additional indirect jobs in Orange County. In total it is estimated Newport Harbor creates \$787 million in total economic output to the county's economy.</p>
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	Within the “Introduction” Section	<p>WQ/CT –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends replacing the Purpose paragraph with emphasis on economic impact. Potential draft (ILLUSTRATIVE FOR FLOW AND EMPHASIS, CONSULTANT SHOULD REVIEW FOR ACCURACY OF NUMBERS AND CONTEXT) 	<p>Suggested language provided above. Doesn't make sense as purpose statement. Need to consider online format.</p> <p>Suggested new policy: “8.9: At least every five years, conduct regular assessments of the economic viability of the harbor to track potential changes.</p>

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		<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 of XX miles of bay and ocean beaches</p>	

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		<p>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>WQ/CT – 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, 	Suggested policy 5.4: Establish a committee to advise the City Council on decisions related to beaches and coastal resilience. The formation of such a committee should consider the recommendations provided by the Water Quality and Coastal Tidelands Committee as further detailed in the Outreach Summary for the General Plan Update process.

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		<p>dune restoration and other nature-based shoreline adaptation, sea-level-rise 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; 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (iv) publish an annual State of the Beaches report. ▪ (v) Assign a lead City department and form an interdepartmental coastal 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>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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Table 4, Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Feedback – Recreation Element			
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Recreation	R-1: A community with high-quality recreation programs	N/A	N/A
Recreation	R-2: Programs for older adults that benefit and are used by residents	N/A	N/A
Recreation	R-3: New parks and connections that increase resident access to recreation, parks, and open space opportunities	Would it be relevant to include something about assessing the use of parks and how under-utilized areas might be repurposed for public use? (i.e. the back corner of Sunset Ridge Park behind the playground)	I think this would best align with goal 4. Suggested policy 4.8 “Evaluate park and recreational facility usage and needs to identify needed enhancements.”
Recreation	R-4: Parks and recreation facilities that are preserved, upgraded, and well-maintained	We like the idea of promoting more dog parks. We believe this should have its own bullet point as opposed to being a part of Policy R-4.2. The bullet point prioritizing new dog parks might mention the frequency of infractions related to dogs off leash, dogs in protected areas, etc., and that additional dog parks would not only provide dogs a safe place to recreate, but reduce the dangers to people of dogs off leash and to wildlife and more of dogs in protected open spaces.	Suggested policy 3.10 “Encourage the incorporation of dog parks to provide opportunities for residents to let their dogs off leash in protected areas, while reducing off-leash occurrences in areas where it is discouraged.”
Recreation	R-5: Parks and recreational facilities that are adapted to meet a variety of needs for existing and future residents	Policy R-5.8: Use reasonable efforts to evaluate tree canopy cover in parks and the public right-of-way, considering shade and priority active transportation corridors. (Policy S-7.1.5) What is meant by this highlighted portion?	Suggested edit: Evaluate the availability of shade in parks and the public right-of-way to identify areas that could be enhanced with more shade to improve the user experience on hot days. Public parks and active-transportation corridors should be prioritized for any identified enhancements. To the extent reasonable, evaluation could occur through the development of a Parks Master Plan or similar citywide effort or through a site-specific project such as a capital improvement project.

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Table 4, Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Feedback – Recreation Element

Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Recreation	R-6: Established and well-maintained relationships to facilitate interagency and interorganizational coordination	N/A	N/A
Recreation	R-7: Protection of public beach access	We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in the Preamble to R-7 and where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.	Suggested edit: Newport Beach has approximately 251 acres of public beach recreation area, offering numerous opportunities for passive and active beach and coastal recreation. There are more than 8 miles of sandy beaches in Newport Beach that provide public facilities and opportunities for walking, sunbathing, volleyball, swimming, surfing, windsurfing, and other recreational activities. Maintaining physical access points and supportive facilities and services can help protect continued public beach access. Suggested policy: 7.6 “Provide opportunities for both passive and active beach recreation, prioritizing safe pedestrian activity.”
Recreation	R-8: Adequate support facilities at parks and recreation areas	We like the recognition of the need for providing and maintaining support facilities in parks and recreational spaces in Policy R-8. We suggest specifically calling out the need for additional restrooms or porta potties and drinking fountains near the Upper Newport Bay where increasing numbers of people are traversing the streets and pathways on foot, bicycles, and other non-foot vehicles.	Suggested Policy 8.3 “Assess support facility needs in Upper Newport Bay to accommodate the needs of pedestrians and those using active forms of transportation. The assessment should specifically consider the need for restrooms and drinking fountains.



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Table 5, PB&R Commission and WQ/CT Committee Feedback – Natural Resources Element			
Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Natural Resources	NR-1: Reduced transportation-related emissions to improve air quality	PB&R – We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in NR-1.1 (safety consideration in addition to promoting walkable & bikeable neighborhoods) and where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.	Suggested edit “Promote walkable and bikeable neighborhoods that are safe for all users by providing amenities such as wayfinding, maintained sidewalks, separated bike lanes, secure bike and stroller parking, well-designed intersections, and Americans with Disabilities Act–compliant infrastructure to support people of all abilities.
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	PB&R – We like that the policies in this Goal highlight the importance and value of our Urban Forest. Additionally, we think it is important to recognize the	No change needed.

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		threat of invasive species and the significance of their eventual removal.	
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
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	<p>WQ/CT - (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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install storm drain screens on all storm drains that dump directly into the bay or ocean. 	Suggested policy revision: NR-13.2 “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

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Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
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
Natural Resources	Not Specified	<p>WQ/CT – 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.” 	<p>Relates to goal 13 “limit runoff”</p> <p>Suggested policy:</p> <p>“13.14: Assess methods to reduce plastic waste to protect water quality, natural habitats, local wildlife, and to comply with AB 1276 (2022) and any subsequent applicable laws or revisions. The assessment should identify short- and long-term strategies to meaningfully reduce single-use plastics and the potential impacts of such strategies on water usage, landfill capacity, and economic impacts. 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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Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	



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Table 6, Planning Commission and WQ/CT Committee Feedback – Safety Element			
Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Safety	S-1: A community that is resilient to coastal flooding	WQ/CT – [Insert in Safety Element under Coastal Hazards; cross-reference in HBB Administration/Coordination.] Policy S-1.X / HBB-NEW-SLR (Finish Early). 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. 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.	Can revise. Need to coordinate any changes with HBB 2.1.
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

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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
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



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Table 7, Planning Commission Feedback – Land Use Element			
Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Land Use	LU-1: A City that manages growth and change through land use decisions that are consistent with the General Plan	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-2: Well-balanced land uses with adequate community services and supporting infrastructure that support livability, provide residential opportunities, promote new complementary uses, sustain and enhance economic vitality, and sustain the natural environment	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-3: A city that values an aesthetically pleasing built environment	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-4: Distinct neighborhoods and villages that accommodate planned development while maintaining their unique character	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-5: Residential neighborhoods that are well-designed and contribute to the livability and quality of life of residents	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-6: Commercial districts and centers that are well-planned and exhibit a high level of architectural and landscape quality	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-7: Mixed-use districts designed and planned to ensure compatibility among a variety of uses	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-8: Office and business parks exhibit a high-quality image, are attractive, and provide quality working environments for employees and services for the community	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-9: Industrial districts that provide flexibility to incorporate community-serving uses and encourage transition to co-locate employment, residential, and creative and artistic uses	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-10: Public and institutional uses that enhance the quality of life for residents and are located and designed to complement Newport Beach's neighborhoods	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-11: Housing opportunity sites: A City with sufficient housing opportunities	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-12: Corridors that are compatible with surrounding uses, are well-designed and attractive, minimize traffic impacts, and provide adequate parking	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-13: Corona del Mar: A pedestrian-oriented village serving as the center of community commerce, culture, and social activity	N/A	N/A

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Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Land Use	LU-14: Mariners’ Mile: A mixed-use corridor that reflects the Newport Bay waterfront, supports and respects residential uses, promotes pedestrian activity, and exhibits a high-quality visual image	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-15: Old Newport Boulevard: A corridor of uses and services that support Hoag Hospital and nearby residential neighborhoods	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-16: Western Entry Corridor: A gateway corridor with connections to the Santa Ana Bike Trail and Randall Preserve, as well as commercial clusters that serve local residents and coastal visitors at key intersections, interspersed with compatible residential development	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-17: Airport Area: A connected and complete community that supports residents and businesses	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-18: Balboa Peninsula: A series of pedestrian-oriented districts with a mix of visitor-serving, marine-related, retail, live/work, and residential uses	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-19: Balboa Island: A walkable, compact coastal district with residential, visitor-serving, and community-oriented uses	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-20: Newport Center/Fashion Island: A high-quality downtown that supports residents, businesses, and visitors	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-21: West Newport Mesa: A live/work community connected to key resources	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-22: Coyote Canyon: A community that balances homes with the natural environment	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-23 Dover/Westcliff: A mixed-use community connected to citywide resources	Consider a policy that prioritizes opportunity for residential redevelopment in this Focus Area.	Consider adding language to Policy 23.1 as follows: “Priority Uses (Focus Area). Encourage standalone residential projects and mixed-use buildings that integrate residential with commercial or office uses on the ground floor.
Land Use	LU-24: Infrastructure that supports new development, maintains and improves existing development, and is adaptable to new technologies	N/A	N/A

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Element	Goal	Comment(s)	Staff Response(s)/Recommendation
Land Use	LU-25: A prompt and efficient system for development permit processing	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-26: Efficient use of land to create livable neighborhoods and support economic development	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-27: A city with healthy communities for all	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-28: A City with mutually beneficial land use conservation and development	N/A	N/A
Land Use	LU-29: Sphere of Influence: A regional natural resource that is preserved for future generations	Reconsider the inclusion of encouraging a “linear park.”	This could be removed to be more general.