

ShoreScore Update

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Planning Commission to Receive Draft Shoreline Plan

As announced in our December Update, City staff will deliver the draft Shoreline Management Program (SMP) to the Planning Commission starting this week. Originally intended for delivery in its entirety by Jan. 11th, the associated parts will be delivered at 3 meetings over the next month.

Commission meetings are planned for January 12th, January 26th, and February 9th.

Jan. 12th will set the stage. Staff will review the State requirement to update the SMP, its relationship to other parts of City code, and background documents which have been developed over the last several years. Also to be included will be the guiding policies, which staff notes they've modified.

Jan. 26th has been announced as the actual date for the full regulatory package to be delivered. Staff plan on providing a report on what you, as an applicant, will face as permit procedures and an estimate of the costs that will be involved.

Feb. 9th will focus on the relationship of the new shoreline regulations with the more restrictive Critical Areas code passed in 2006.

WSSA plans on addressing the Commission at each of these meetings.

The Sensible Plan

WSSA's Board and our attorney will be reviewing the draft SMP regulations to assure compliance with the State Act and will report to the Commission instances where there is deviation from state Guidelines.

Also, we will be preparing elements of the "Sensible Plan". Using the services of qualified professionals, WSSA will recommend features for the SMP that recognize the needs of our lakes and the need to monitor the results of the program. Please support our efforts with a contribution.

Stay Involved, Stay Informed

We urge your attendance at Commission meetings, as it definitely makes a difference. This encourages Commission members to probe more deeply the questions that we've raised and the proposals we'll be making.

WSSA will keep you updated in the coming weeks on key events. The two most important will be an Open House where staff will provide a public oriented presentation and the formal Public Hearing before the Planning Commission. We expect the Open House sometime in March and the Hearing in April. However, the timing will depend upon the need for additional meetings by the Commission to discuss staff and WSSA's proposals.