

RESOLUTION NO. 18-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, TO ADVANCE A VISION FOR CALIFORNIA'S COASTAL FUTURE

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties are home to critical natural resources such as its beautiful beaches, diverse coastal habitats, and scenic trails and wilderness that provide important benefits to the community, are cherished by residents, and make the areas must-see destinations for tourists from around the world. The quality of life and economic vitality are rooted in the stewardship of these critical cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the coastal habitats in the counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura provide important ecosystem benefits and services to our region and beyond, including filtration of runoff and pollutants, nesting areas for shore birds including endangered least terns and snowy plovers, nursery habitats for fish, support to commercial fisheries, buffers against wave and storm surge, carbon sequestration and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, extreme events in the region, such as the Thomas Fire and the subsequent rain event and debris flow, have had devastating impacts on our communities and resources, and left our leaders and residents with difficult decisions regarding response, sediment management, and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing and urgent need to begin planning for the potential impacts of climate change and sea level rise on our coastline, the counties have initiated Coastal Resilience Santa Barbara and Coastal Resilience Ventura, multi-year planning projects to model and map future coastal hazards due to sea level rise, assess vulnerabilities, and identify resilience measures and adaptation strategies that can be taken to prepare the region for the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, statewide habitat assessment by the California State Coastal Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy, "Conserving California's Coastal Habitats: A Legacy and A Future with Sea Level Rise," found that 59% of current habitat by area throughout California is highly vulnerable to five feet of sea level rise. 78% of Santa Barbara and Ventura County beaches are highly vulnerable to five feet of sea level rise. The study presents a blueprint for conservation and adaptation of coastal habitat in the face of sea level rise, through which it is possible to achieve no net loss of habitat with five feet of sea level rise in California, but only with concerted, coordinated and sustained action. Santa Barbara and Ventura County will be critical contributors to maintaining the statewide extent of coastal habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Goleta adopts the following coastal vision: In science-guided, collective action, we will support efforts to maintain and enhance California's coastal habitats in the face of sea level rise, other climate change-induced challenges, and development, ensuring a protected coast for future generations to enjoy, replete with as much or more habitat and wildlife, as well as social, economic, and recreational benefits, as we have today.

SECTION 2. The City of Goleta will:

- Use the coastal vision to help prioritize opportunities to advance coastal resource protection and adaptation;
- Encourage the consideration of coastal habitat and beach resilience in adaptation planning for our communities and infrastructure;
- Use the data and results from the coastal habitat assessment to help inform resource protection and adaptation;
- Provide leadership and coordinate within the region to advance adaptation planning, and encourage partners to also adopt the coastal vision and commit to actions towards the vision.

SECTION 3.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

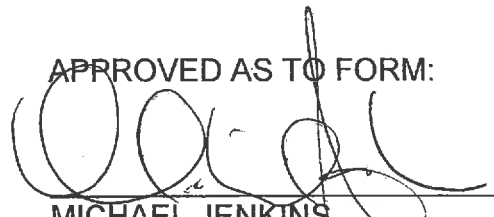
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November 2018.


PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:


DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-58 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of November, 2018 by the following vote of the Council.

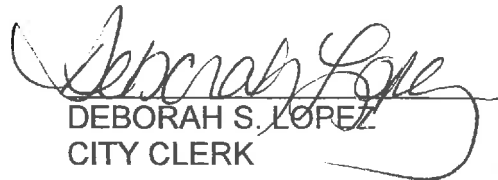
AYES: MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KASDIN,
 COUNCILMEMBERS ACEVES, BENNETT AND
 RICHARDS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(SEAL)


DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK