



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Peter Imhof, Planning & Environmental Review Director

PREPARED BY: Dana Murray, Sustainability Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Execution of Grant Funds from the California Ocean Protection Council through the Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 26-___, entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Approving the Application for and/or Execution of Grant Funds from the Ocean Protection Council Under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Proposition 68, Environmental License Plate Funds, Once Through Cooling, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, or General Funds”; and
- B. Approve a budget appropriation of \$550,000 in both state grant revenue and expenditures in the California Natural Resources Agency Fund (Fund 307) for the California Ocean Protection Council's SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program award for Climate Ready Goleta: Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Analysis & Adaptation Plan, as described in the Fiscal Impacts section of this report.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) into law. SB 1 directs the state to provide funding to local and regional governments to develop sea level rise (SLR) adaptation plans and implementation projects. Under the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is a cabinet-level state body that works jointly with state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), tribes, and the public to ensure that California maintains healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems.

OPC's SB 1 SLR Adaptation Grant Program (SB 1 Grant Program) aims to provide funding for coastal communities to develop consistent SLR adaptation plans and projects to build resilience to SLR along the entire coast of California and San Francisco Bay. The SB 1 Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest, formerly known as Cap-and-Trade, dollars to work

reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities. The SB 1 Grant Program is also supported by Proposition 4 (the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024).

On March 4, 2026, the City Council's Green Committee discussed staff preparation of a grant proposal for SB 1 funding and provided support for the City to move forward with submission of the grant application. The OPC grant aligns with and supports Planning & Environmental Review's adopted Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Work Program and Sustainability's planned work on the SLR study and is aligned with several of the City's Strategic Goals.

On March 20, 2026, the City of Goleta submitted a grant proposal for SB 1 funding for a multi-phase project to develop Climate Ready Goleta: SLR Vulnerability Analysis & SLR Adaptation Plan. Through this grant, the City proposes to (1) develop an SLR Vulnerability Analysis (VA) to identify compound hazards using best available science, as outlined in the 2024 State of CA SLR Guidance document; (2) develop a long-term SLR Adaptation Plan (AP) with phased adaptation pathways up to 2100 with clear timelines, thresholds, and triggers to ensure long-term coastal resilience in the face of SLR and compounding coastal hazards; and (3) include meaningful and diverse community engagement throughout the planning process. Climate Ready Goleta will inform a future Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment that will bring the jurisdiction into SB 272 compliance.

This initiative will increase the City's preparedness for climate change and compounding coastal events, such as SLR, high tides, storm surges, precipitation, groundwater inundation, and coastal erosion.

The grant proposal submission to the OPC included preparation of a thorough grant proposal, letters of support from eight (8) organizations/universities/local governments, and detailed responses to OPC staff's follow-up questions.

On June 16, 2026, the California Ocean Protection Council unanimously approved funding the City of Goleta's grant proposal of up to \$550,000 for "Climate Ready Goleta: Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Analysis & Adaptation Plan."

DISCUSSION:

The California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures. Those procedures require a resolution certifying the approval by the potential grantee's governing board prior to execution of the grant agreement. Adoption of the attached resolution satisfies this requirement and appoints the City Manager, or designee, as the City's agent to negotiate and execute the grant agreement and all related documents. No further Council action is required to execute the agreement with OPC. Prior to disbursement of funds, OPC's June 16, 2026 authorization requires the City to submit a detailed work plan, schedule, staff requirements, budget, and the names of any contractors for review and approval by the OPC Executive Director.

The grant period is two years after the contract is executed with OPC, with the grant period likely from about September 2026 through August 2028. At the conclusion of the grant, staff will bring the final documents (SLR Vulnerability Analysis & SLR Adaptation Plan) to City Council for adoption. Staff also anticipates bringing the SLR Vulnerability Analysis to the Green Committee and, later, the City Council, as a study session midway through the grant.

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

City-Wide Initiative:

1. Support Environmental Vitality
2. Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities
3. Ensure Financial Stability
9. Ensure Equity, Inclusion, and Access in City Programs, Services, and Activities

Strategic Goal:

- 1.1 Promote renewable energy, energy conservation and local energy resiliency
- 1.2 Adopt best practices in sustainability
- 2.2 Support programs that enhance quality of life in the Goleta community such as recreation, public safety, human services, and cultural arts
- 3.2 Enhance revenue by seeking grants and implementing financing strategies that strengthen the City's budget
- 9.3 Strengthen public outreach, promote public engagement in the civic process, increase attendance at City and community events, and improve awareness of and access to City services for all City residents, including underrepresented groups

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The City of Goleta has been awarded a state grant of up to \$550,000 through the SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Program, with no requirement for a local matching contribution. Disbursement is conditioned on OPC Executive Director approval of the City's detailed work plan, budget, schedule, and contractor list.

The grant is reimbursement-based, with the City fronting eligible costs and invoicing OPC quarterly for reimbursement. Only costs incurred within the two-year grant period (anticipated September 2026 through August 2028) and consistent with the OPC-approved budget are eligible. The grant funds were not included in the adopted FY 2026-27 budget. To assist with tracking future reimbursements and expenditures, staff recommends revenue and expenditure budget appropriations for the state grant as outlined in the table below. Unspent appropriations will be carried forward annually until project completion.

Table 1- Budget Appropriations, FY 2026-27

Fund Name	Account	Account Name	Requested Appropriation
California Natural Resources Agency	307-40-4500-44400	Grant Proceeds - State	\$550,000
	307-40-4500-51200	Professional Services	\$550,000

There are no ongoing operating or maintenance costs associated with the grant deliverables, which are planning documents. Adoption of the final Vulnerability Analysis and Adaptation Plan, any subsequent future Local Coastal Program amendment, and any implementation projects would return to Council as separate actions with their own fiscal analyses.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may elect not to approve the Resolution and receipt of grant funds and provide staff with alternative direction.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 26-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Approving the Application for and/or Execution of Grant Funds from the Ocean Protection Council Under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Proposition 68, Environmental License Plate Funds, Once Through Cooling, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, or General Funds"

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 26-___, entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Approving the Application for and/or Execution of Grant Funds from the Ocean Protection Council Under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), Proposition 68, Environmental License Plate Funds, Once Through Cooling, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, or General Funds"

RESOLUTION NO. 26-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND/OR EXECUTION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84), PROPOSITION 68, ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUNDS, ONCE THROUGH COOLING, GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND, OR GENERAL FUNDS

WHEREAS the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval by the potential grantee's governing board either before submission of said application(s) to the State or prior to execution of the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS the Applicant/Grantee, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project;

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

SECTION 1. If applicable, approves the filing of an application for Climate Ready Goleta: Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Analysis & Adaptation Plan; to be funded by SB 1 GGRF.

SECTION 2. If applicable, certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so.

SECTION 3. Certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, the California Labor Code, disabled access laws, and that prior to commencement of the project, all applicable permits will have been obtained.

SECTION 4. Certifies that the Applicant/Grantee will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy,

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protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1.

SECTION 5. Appoints the City of Goleta City Manager, Robert Nisbet, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

SECTION 6. 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 ___ day of _____ 2026.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
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. 26-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day of
_____ 2026, by the following roll call vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK