



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**JOINT SAND CITY COUNCIL AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

5:30 PM

AGENDA
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1 Pendergrass Way
Sand City, CA**

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1. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY MANAGER

4. COMMUNICATIONS

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Agenda consists of routine items for which City Council approval can be taken with a single motion and vote. A Council member may request that any item be placed on the Regular Agenda for separate consideration.

- 5A. Approve a Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Deep Seabed Mining and Directing Further Policy Evaluation

[Staff Report](#)

[Resolution](#)

[OCS Historical Brochure](#)

[Letter in Opposition to Offshore Drilling](#)

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PRESENTATION

- 7A. Casa de Noche Buena Update from Staci Alziebler-Perkins (*5 minutes*)

[Presentation](#)

8. PUBLIC HEARING

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9A. Interview Candidates and Appoint a New Councilmember to Fill a Vacancy

[Staff Report](#)

[Statements of Interest](#)

10. COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SAND CITY

11. ADJOURNMENT

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**AGENDA ITEM
5A.**

**Approve a Resolution Opposing Offshore
Oil and Gas Drilling and Deep Seabed
Mining and Directing Further Policy
Evaluation**



City of Sand City

STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council of Sand City
FROM: Mayor Mary Anne Carbone and City Manager Vibeke Norgaard
SUBJECT: Comment Letter and Resolution Opposing Offshore Drilling and Seabed Mining, and Directing Further Policy Evaluation
MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Executive Summary:

With the signing of the executive order *Unleashing American Energy Act* in January of 2025, federal agencies are moving quickly to open new offshore drilling opportunities. The federal government is expected to release a new Five-Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Plan this fall, with only limited opportunities for public comment. Additionally, in April 2025, President Trump signed the *Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources* executive order, which promotes deep seabed mining that poses serious threats to California's coastal economies, marine ecosystems, and climate goals.

While the formal public comment period for the current federal proposals has closed, adoption of a resolution remains a meaningful policy action. A resolution provides an official statement of the City's position, supports coordinated advocacy efforts, and establishes a clear policy record that may be referenced in future federal, state, and regional decision-making processes.

In response, the Local Governments OCS Coordination Program has been re-established with Supervisor Justin Cummings serving as the lead board member to ensure coordinated, science-based, and timely engagement with federal decisionmakers regarding offshore drilling and deep seabed mining. Participation in this effort will ensure that our jurisdiction's voice is amplified alongside other cities and counties, including in future leasing cycles and related regulatory actions, without requiring significant diversion of local staff resources.

Background:

Efforts to lease offshore oil drilling sites in California waters have surfaced periodically since the 1970s. In response, the Local Governments Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Coordination Program was established to oppose these activities and protect our coastal

environments (Attachment 2). These proposed activities threaten California's fishing, tourism, and visitor-serving industries, the backbone of local coastal economies, and increase the risks of climate change and marine pollution.

The group's original membership consisted of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, City and County of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Humboldt, along with several cities including Santa Cruz, Laguna Beach, and Newport Beach, and SANDAG. Richard Charter was hired to coordinate and represent the group, which existed from 1980 - 1994. Through this effort the Local Government OCS Coordination Program successfully opposed those efforts, working closely with federal and state partners, which resulted in the protection of our coastal ecosystems and economies.

Today, similar efforts have re-emerged. With the signing of the orders referenced above, , and the Department of the Interior's announcement to re-open the California coast to offshore oil leases, the Mayor is urging her fellow council members to take a stance against these efforts.

On November 24, 2025, the comment period opened on the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposal Program, which proposes 6 leases for oil drilling and exploration off the coast of California. Of the six leases in California, two are in the Central Coast region. Although the public comment deadline has passed, future leasing proposals and federal actions are anticipated, and local policy positions adopted now may inform subsequent advocacy and regulatory engagement.

In addition to policy advocacy, many California coastal jurisdictions have adopted local land use ordinances that restrict or prohibit onshore facilities necessary to support offshore oil and gas development. These ordinances do not regulate offshore drilling directly, but can limit or preclude the siting of processing facilities, pipelines, or support infrastructure within local jurisdictions.

At this time, staff is not bringing such an ordinance to Council for its consideration but instead seeks City Council direction to evaluate existing local ordinances used by other coastal jurisdictions.

For these reasons we are requesting that City Council submit a comment letter and adopt a resolution to affirm our City opposition to offshore drilling and seabed mining. If this item is approved by Council, staff will look into the efforts of the Local Governments OCS Coordination Program and evaluate joining with our local coastal communities in those efforts to protect our communities and our natural resources.

CEQA:

This action does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to submit a letter from the City of Sand City Opposing New and Existing Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Seabed Mining.
2. Adopt a Resolution Opposing New and Existing Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Seabed Mining.
3. Direct staff to evaluate existing coastal land use ordinances used by other California jurisdictions to restrict or prohibit onshore facilities supporting offshore oil and gas development.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution SC 26-
2. OCS Historical Brochure
3. Letter in Opposition to Offshore Drilling

**CITY OF SAND CITY
RESOLUTION SC 26-____, 2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAND CITY OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL
AND GAS DRILLING AND DEEP SEABED MINING AND DIRECTING FURTHER
POLICY EVALUATION**

WHEREAS, the ocean covers roughly 70% of the Earth's surface, produces half the oxygen we breathe through its plant life, serves as a major highway for global trade, provides food, absorbs excess carbon from climate change, and plays a critical role in shaping weather patterns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sand City and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational and commercial activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, in California, hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state's gross domestic product rely on clean water, oil-free beaches, and abundant fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling carries countless negative effects including air pollution from toxic emissions known to cause asthma, lung cancer, and other diseases; the constant threat of oil spills that harm wildlife and their habitats; and damage to the fishing and tourism industries, which are vital to California's coastal economy; and

WHEREAS, past oil spill disasters, such as the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, the massive oil spills in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara, the Refugio Spill in 2015 off the coast of Santa Barbara, and the massive oil spill off Huntington Beach in October 2021 have caused catastrophic impacts to human life, wildlife, coastal ecosystems, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the State of California prohibits new oil and gas leasing in state waters due to unacceptably high risk of harm and disruption to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, an analysis by Oceana found that protecting all unleased federal waters from offshore drilling in the United States could prevent over 19 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions—the equivalent of taking every car in the nation off the road for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025 President Trump signed the Unleashing American Energy executive order, which encourages energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, President Trump signed the Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources executive order to permit deep seabed mining, which would have significant negative impacts on our marine ecosystems, fisheries, and local coastal economies; and

WHEREAS, California’s marine sanctuaries—including the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and others along the coast—protect unique ecosystems and cultural resources, but significant areas of the Pacific remain vulnerable to offshore oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS, the threat of future leasing proposals persists in the absence of a permanent nationwide prohibition on new offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, protecting California’s coastlines from the impacts of oil and gas development is essential to safeguarding the environment, public health, Tribal cultural resources, climate resilience, and coastal economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sand City

- a) Opposes any new or expanded offshore oil and gas drilling and deep seabed mining leases and activities, and
- b) Urges federal and state decision-makers to permanently prohibit offshore drilling and deep seabed mining in all U.S. waters, including the Pacific Ocean off California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs staff to evaluate the feasibility and implications of adopting a local land use ordinance that would restrict or prohibit onshore facilities necessary to support offshore oil and gas development.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Sand City this ____ day of February 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Mary Ann Carbone, Mayor

ATTEST:

DATED: _____

Kerry Lindstrom, City Clerk

The California OCS Local Government Coordination Program

Facilitating the Local Role in Offshore Drilling Decisions

Why Local Governments Need to be Involved in Offshore Drilling Decisions:

Local communities bear the primary impacts of offshore drilling, even though the drilling activities occur on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) under the federal jurisdiction of the Department of Interior. Air pollution from drilling operations inevitably blows ashore, the commercial fishing industry is displaced by drilling rigs, oil spills close recreational beaches, and onshore industrial facilities are needed to support petroleum development offshore. For these reasons, local government agencies were granted a role in federal OCS leasing decisions when Congress adopted the OCS Lands Act Amendments in 1978. Post-lease decisions relevant to offshore drilling come under local jurisdiction through the Local Coastal Programs adopted pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, as well as through other local land-use and planning policies.

In spite of a clearly-defined legislative mandate for local participation in the OCS decisionmaking process, experience in California over the past decade has demonstrated that local agencies must protect their interests with an assertive, coordinated, and high-profile strategy. Balanced against the considerable economic power and lobbying clout of the oil industry, local communities have found it necessary to diligently pursue their legitimate role in this dialog or be largely left out of the process. The protection of local interests, such as regional economies based on commercial fishing and coastal-dependent tourism, requires an ongoing effort. An effective local role relies on a constant flow of information between local agencies and the Congress, the Governor, and the Department of Interior. City Councils and County Boards of Supervisors need to remain constantly in close contact with one another, with their Congressional Delegation, with the State Legislature, and with their own constituents. The periodic opportunities for local input need to be met with an appropriate and timely local response. In California, for the past eight years, this critical city and county role in OCS decisions has been effectively facilitated by the Local Government Coordination Program.

The Local Government Coordination Program— Staff Support and Lobbying Services for Local Agencies Statewide

Californians place a very high priority on coastal protection. This fact is evidenced by the extensive system of parklands which grace our coastline, as well the intensive public use which these parklands enjoy. While California remains the fourth largest producer

of domestic petroleum nationwide, the public has grown increasingly concerned over how and where new offshore drilling will occur. This intense public concern over coastal drilling has created increasing responsibilities for local governments which must respond to federal OCS leasing proposals and also address plans for creation or expansion of onshore facilities to support offshore drilling. Local elected officials in coastal jurisdictions now find themselves on the front lines of a controversy which pits major multinational corporate interests against public policies favoring coastal protection. Frequently, staff support on OCS issues at the local level is unavailable or overburdened.

Eight years ago, local agencies along the California coast came up with a cost-effective solution to the need for local expertise by creating the Local Government Coordination Program. Since that time, the Local Government Coordination Program, directed by Richard Charter, has responded to the needs of local officials statewide with a proven track record of legislative successes, timely information, and technical expertise on OCS matters. This program has successfully addressed the many facets of the OCS leasing dialog throughout the terms of two federal Administrations, four Interior Secretaries, and two California Governors. The Coordination Program works on an ongoing basis with the California Congressional Delegation in a bipartisan fashion. The results of this cooperative intergovernmental effort speak for themselves.

A Winning Track Record:

The Local Government Coordination Program operates according to a well-defined work program administered by the County Administrative Office at the County of Santa Cruz. This work program emphasizes interagency coordination among participating local governments as well as close cooperation with Congressional representatives. The Local Government Coordination Program does not formulate policy, but rather develops suggested position papers which are made available to local officials for consideration as appropriate OCS decision points present themselves. Local agencies, acting with the staff support provided by the Program, adopt their own resolutions as determined by constituent participation and local concerns. The Coordination Program then works to translate these local positions into legislative policy. This involves coordination with the responsible federal agencies and with the Congress. Frequently, interests shared in common with other coastal states permit multi-state legislative strategies which facilitate major Congressional actions addressing local concerns.

Critical Services Provided by the Local Government Coordination Program:

Interagency Coordination:

Your agency needs to know when it is time to take action on behalf of your coastline. You need to know what comprises an appropriate response in a given situation. You need to know where to direct your views. Important deadlines appear quickly. Your participation in the Coordination Program ensures that key actions are taken by your agency in time to meet these deadlines in concert with other local governments. You will receive regular "OCS Action Alerts" as well as the popular new publication, "On the Coast". These publications make it easy to stay up to date.

Staff Support:

The Program provides timely technical information and legislative analysis which is tailored to the needs of local governments. Clear, concise action alerts let you know what's going on, how to influence decisions, and when you need to act. Your decisions and actions will benefit from the perspective provided by a national overview. Your agency will benefit from a comprehensive knowledge of the legal precedents, the legislative history, the Congressional agenda, and a careful analysis of political strategy.

Tracking Legislation and State and Federal Agencies:

What's going on along your coastline? What is the Department of Interior doing right now? What is the Congress doing and when will they act? What is going on in the State Legislature? Where does the Governor stand? How does the Environmental Protection Agency influence the decision at hand? What authority does the California Coastal Commission have? The OCS issue is moving rapidly on myriad fronts. When something is happening in Washington, D.C. or in Sacramento which affects your coastline, you'll know about it and you will be a participant.

Lobbying Activities:

When the time comes for a group of local officials to engage in direct lobbying in Congress, you will be able to join in the effort. Legislative target lists, talking points, and access to key players is provided. There is no legislative tactic which is more successful than going to the decisionmakers in person, at the appropriate time, to make your case. Legislative action has proven to be one of the greatest successes attributable to the Coordination Program.

Media Relations:

The print media, television, and radio are primary tools utilized by the Program on behalf of local governments. The public wants to know what is happening with regard to federal plans for offshore drilling on the California coast. The Coordination Program provides an educated response to local, regional, and national press whenever OCS news is breaking. Reporters nationwide call the Program every day for OCS information. The news media is constantly seeking basic background, an informed quote for a deadline story, or a list of news sources for detailed research. Because the Coordination Program has been consistent in providing reliable information, it enjoys a long-term credibility with reporters. The

Coordination Program maintains state-of-the-art telecommunications contact with news services such as United Press International, Associated Press, and the Washington Post, as well as traditional clipping services which track local papers and the petroleum trade publications. Relevant news items are forwarded to Coordination Program participants as necessary. The Coordination Program has produced successful press events for local officials visiting Washington, DC, as well as conducted numerous press conferences held in California. The Program maintains a membership in the PR Newswire in Washington, DC, enabling instant dissemination of local news items to the national media via computer when needed.

Public Relations Services:

Generating broad public awareness of the concerns of local governments relevant to the OCS issue comprises one of the major work tasks for the Program. Professional graphic arts and video production services are provided by the Coordination Program, based on twenty-two years of public relations experience serving major commercial clients. Newsletters, brochures, posters, and radio and television commercials have been designed and produced for participating local agencies. An aware and educated public is frequently the most important element in determining the outcome of key decisions affecting the coast. Turnout for public hearings, written comments in response to document review periods, or draft letters in support of important legislation have all been provided through the outreach services of the Program. The results of this outreach program have been extremely successful in elevating the OCS controversy in the public consciousness.



A number of the publications which have been designed and distributed by the Local Government Coordination Program.

Information Clearinghouse:

The offshore drilling issue requires local agencies to stay abreast of current information on a broad range of topics. The Local Government Coordination Program serves as an information clearinghouse for technical data relevant to the OCS issue. The Program tracks all relevant technical conferences, reviews scientific and industry publications, and researches relevant technical subjects. When you need information about any facet of the OCS topic, one phone call will bring you prompt answers to your questions. If what you need is not already in the extensive library maintained by the Program, the answer will be researched without delay.

Legal Coordination:

When necessary, the Coordination Program serves as the facilitating entity for a coordinated legal response to inappropriate actions undertaken by federal agencies. The clout of local agencies in the courts has been significantly enhanced through multi-agency legal actions. The Program identifies appropriate legal options, suggests competent counsel, and facilitates cooperative legal strategies. The courts logically exhibit a greater receptivity to an action brought by twenty plaintiff agencies acting in concert than to unilateral actions undertaken by a single entity. The economic efficiency provided by coordinated legal action makes possible the best possible legal representation when such action becomes necessary in defense of the coast.

Speakers Bureau:

Gatherings of civic groups, national conferences, and legislative hearings have all benefitted from detailed presentations on the OCS issue presented by Coordination Program Director Richard Charter. The public awareness of the OCS topic has been greatly enhanced by periodic reports to the state legislature, speeches to national groups, and updates for individual Boards of Supervisors and City Councils provided by the Program. These presentations serve to broaden the understanding of the complex OCS topic by those in a position to influence the outcome.

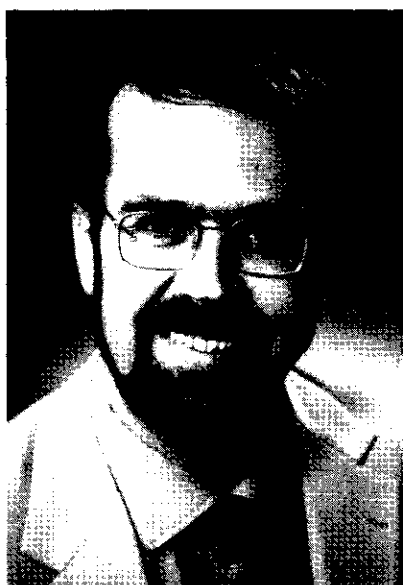


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Richard Charter has directed the Local Government Coordination Program since its inception.

Accomplishments of the Program:

Moratorium Provisions—Congressional Protection for the Coast:

Seven consecutive years of protection have been provided through Congressional action. This protection has primarily been accomplished by utilization of annual Congressional funding bans applied to the Appropriations Bill for the Department of Interior. As the aggressive OCS leasing policies of Interior Secretary James Watt threatened the most sensitive portions of the California coastline, local government pressure articulated through the Coordination Program was instrumental in convincing Congress to intervene. After Interior Secretary Hodel reneged on his 1985 agreement over OCS leasing offshore California, the Coordination Program helped to convince Congress to delay all new California OCS leasing until the next Administration (February 1989).

Preserving Coastal Zone Management Authority in OCS Leasing Actions:

When Interior Secretary Watt proceeded to lease environmentally-sensitive tracts offshore central California over the objections of the California Coastal Commission, the Coordination Program enabled numerous local agencies to mount the necessary legal challenge in response. Twenty-four local governments ultimately joined the State of California as Intervenor in pursuing legal action through the U.S. Supreme Court. More recently, the Department of Commerce has undertaken actions aimed at undermining legitimate Coastal Zone Management authority in California. The Coordination Program has facilitated "Dear Colleague" letters and other Congressional actions designed to preserve the important coastal management role being carried out by the California Coastal Commission.

Protecting the Local Role in OCS-Related Land Use Decisions:

The Program has been instrumental in Congress and in California in assisting Santa Barbara County in protecting their local voice in decisions during the development phase of OCS activities. With the assistance of the Coordination Program, Santa Barbara County was able to achieve a favorable outcome in the county's confrontation with Exxon over company plans to continue utilization of a risky and polluting "Offshore Storage and Treatment Vessel" off of the Santa Barbara coast. In addition, the Coordination Program has assisted in the passage of a total of seventeen local ordinances throughout California which are designed to preserve the local voice in land-use decisions related to onshore OCS facilities. Recently, when the Western Oil and Gas Association filed suit seeking to overturn many of these local ordinances, the Coordination Program brought together a collective legal defense strategy which has resulted in a cost-effective and well-planned legal defense.

Accomplishments:

Expanding Local Agency Involvement in OCS Issues In California:

The network of local agencies served by the Local Government Coordination Program in California has undergone extensive expansion since the Program was first established eight years ago. A computer data-base of interested and dedicated local officials is maintained and is constantly being expanded. The Coordination Program has been used as a model by other coastal states seeking to strengthen the local role in federal OCS leasing decisions.

Creation of a National Coalition on OCS Issues:

In March of 1988, representatives of major coastal interest groups from Florida, New England, the Gulf states, Alaska, Oregon, Washington State, and California held their first meeting in Washington, DC. A very considerable constituency nationwide was represented at this three-day meeting. The media coverage of this conference helped to elevate the coastal protection issue from a multi-regional provincial topic to the national political agenda. This meeting saw the formulation of a strategy involving multi-state cooperation in Congress and the courts. Two weeks after this national conference, Interior Secretary Hodel announced that he was deleting the Florida Keys from further consideration for leasing in the current Five-Year OCS Plan, an action potentially related to the national response to his leasing proposal. Continued cooperation among various regions of the country is now taking place, with the Coordination Program playing a key role in these efforts. Congressional intervention in Interior's leasing plans for sensitive areas offshore California and New England, a stronger role in leasing decisions for coastal states under the Coastal Zone Management Act, and a national media campaign focused on coastal protection are a few of the elements encompassed in the national strategy. The offshore drilling controversy has clearly become a national issue in the 1988 Presidential campaigns.

Liaison Between Local Governments and Citizen Groups:

The commercial fishing industry, the visitor-serving industry, and numerous established citizen groups have many interests in common with coastal local governments with respect to the OCS issue. In recognition of this fact, the Coordination Program assisted in the formation, eight years ago, of a statewide coalition of interest groups responding to OCS-related proposals. The Coordination Program continues to participate in the OCS Coalition on an ongoing basis. In addition, a new Southern California OCS Coalition has recently been founded with assistance from the Coordination Program.

Technical Support and Liaison with the California Congressional Delegation:

A bipartisan consensus on OCS topics within the California Congressional Delegation is due in large part to the close communication between local officials and their counterparts on Capitol Hill. This intergovernmental communication has been facilitated by the Coordination Program. Since 1985, Richard Charter has spent as many as three and four months of the year maintaining

an office in Washington, DC, for the purpose of providing staff support to Congressional representatives engaged in day-to-day deliberations over OCS proposals for the California coast. This direct ongoing presence has enabled local agencies to stay in close contact with the Congress at critical junctures in the decisionmaking process.

Protection for the Commercial Fishing Industry:

The Local Government Coordination Program has played a key role in legislative and regulatory initiatives aimed at protecting the commercial fishing industry along the California coast. Most recently, the Coordination Program played a pivotal role in helping to convince the California State Lands Commission that permits for seismic survey activities conducted by geophysical vessels operating within state waters should be subject to preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. Evidence of significant impacts on the commercial fishing industry was researched and incorporated in testimony presented by the Program at key hearing opportunities in Sacramento. The resulting unanimous ruling by the State Lands Commission has curtailed all seismic survey activities within state waters until a full environmental impact document is prepared and subjected to public review.

Legal Coordination:

The California Attorney General is presently engaged in litigation challenging the Department of Interior Five-Year OCS Leasing Plan on behalf of the State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission. The Coordination Program has facilitated the participation of several local agencies as intervenors in this litigation on behalf of the State of California. Several other coastal states are also participants in this action. At issue is whether or not the Department of Interior complied fully with relevant federal laws when preparing the current Five-Year OCS Leasing Plan.

National and Statewide Conferences:

The Local Government Coordination Program co-sponsored the successful "Troubled Waters: The Future of the Coast" conference held on November 9, 1987 in Santa Monica, California. This conference attracted an overflow crowd from around the state and the nation. Conference presenters included key Congressional players, local leaders on the OCS issue, informative technical panels, and "Cheers" television star Ted Danson. Mr. Danson presided over a unique awards ceremony for local officials who have played important roles in protection of the coast. All Presidential candidates were invited to address the conference via videotaped interviews. On January 25, 1988, the Coordination Program produced another well-attended conference in San Francisco, entitled "Saving the North Coast: A State of the Coast Conference on Mendocino and Humboldt County Offshore Drilling Issues". Speakers at this conference included California Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, Attorney General John Van deKamp, local elected officials, and several well-received technical panels. This "Saving the North Coast" conference helped to set the stage for the massive turnout for the public hearings on Lease Sale #91 held two weeks later in northern California.



Over 3500 people attended the Lease Sale #91 public hearings held by the Department of Interior in Ft. Bragg.

The Largest Public Hearing Ever Held in California:

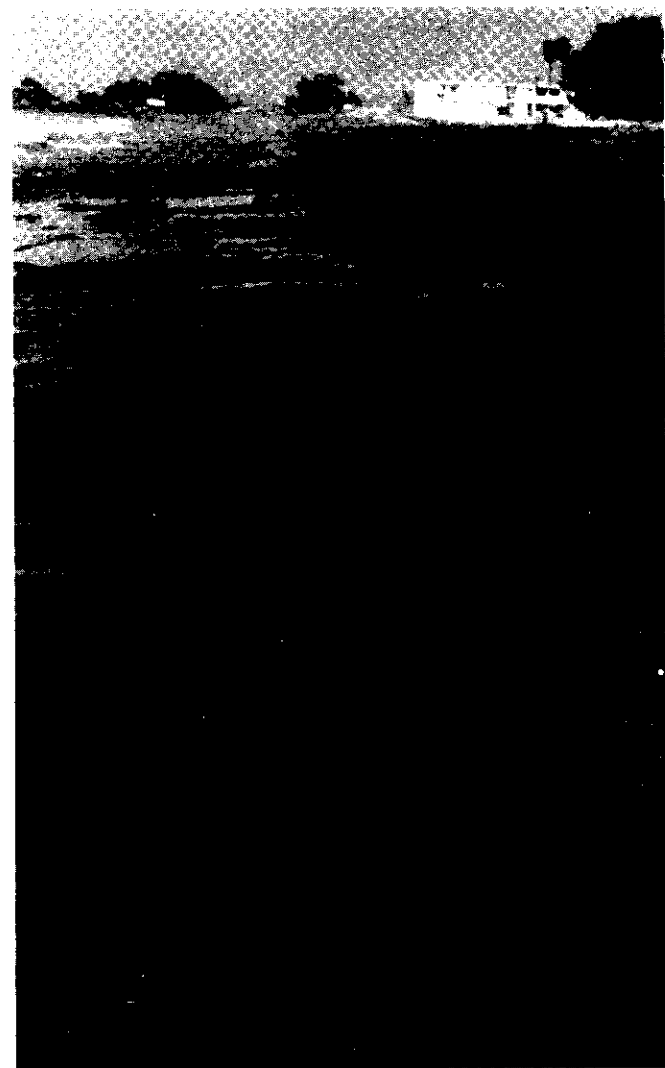
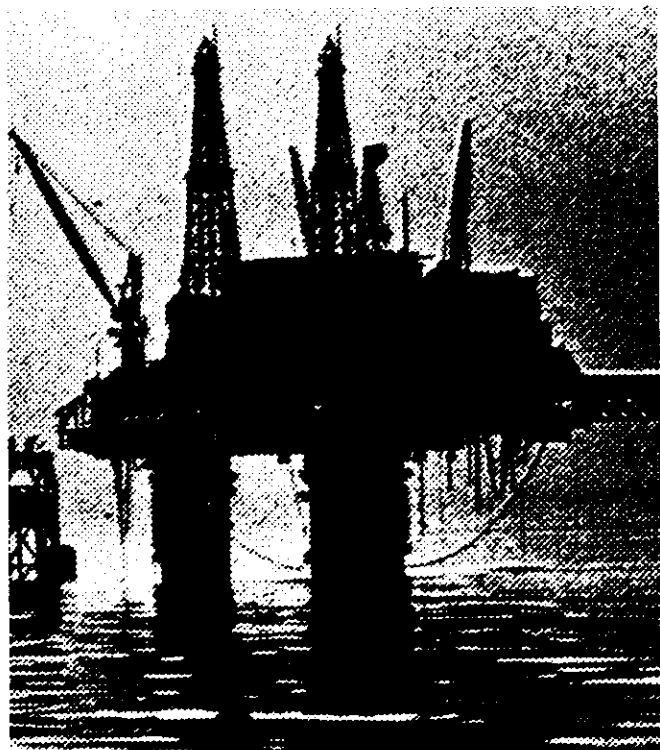
In early February of 1988, a Department of Interior hearing panel traveled to northern California to take public testimony on the Lease Sale #91 proposal, which targets the coast of Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. The hearing panel began to get the idea that something unusual was occurring when the February 1 hearing in Eureka overwhelmed the hearing room and had to be continued for eighteen hours, well into the early morning hours. But the Eureka hearing, extensive as it was, proved to be only a warmup for the followup hearing begun on February 3 in Ft. Bragg. Over 3500 people turned out for the Ft. Bragg event, quickly filling the hearing hall beyond its 600-person capacity. Another 200 individuals gathered in a nearby church to watch the proceedings on a video link. Eventually, an entire block-long section of the street outside was closed, filling with people from end to end. The massive crowd outside was addressed by author Alice Walker and other luminaries, and entertained by singers Bonnie Raitt and Holly Near.

Inside the hearing, Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, Attorney General John Van deKamp, former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, and a nearly endless procession of elected officials and citizens testified against Lease Sale #91 and in favor of proposed California Ocean Sanctuary Legislation. The Department of Interior had sent out written confirmation of specific timeslots for presenting testimony to many of the 1000 individuals who had signed up to testify. Over 750 people who had pre-registered to testify were eventually turned away by the Interior Department without being allowed to speak. After two days and half of one night filled with 25 hours of highly-charged testimony, the hearing panel finally gave up due to exhaustion and closed the proceedings. The legal process for Lease Sale #91 may have been seriously flawed by the premature conclusion of the hearing. The national media, in the meantime, had a field day with the immense crowd scene. The Ft. Bragg public hearing was covered on NBC Nightly News by Tom Brokaw, the "Today" Show, and the Boston Globe, among others. All over the nation, and especially on Capitol Hill, Americans were awakened to the threat posed by OCS development to the national treasure represented by the north coast. Logistical support in preparation for the Ft. Bragg hearing provided by the Local Government Coordination Program included design and production of 60,000 brochures publicizing the event, production and distribution of 10,000 posters, funding for 15 television spots, and a 15,000 piece mailing to coastal property owners. Media relations before, during, and after the event were a primary responsibility of the Coordination Program.



Senator Pete Wilson addresses the November 1987 "Troubled Waters" Conference in Santa Monica.

Future Challenges to the California Coast:



Blowout. Robert Soilen

The Need for Continued Cooperative Action on Behalf of Local Governments:

Congressional Protection:

Congressional intervention in federal OCS leasing proposals which presently threaten environmentally-sensitive portions of the California coast is the single highest priority for the Local Government Coordination Program. This will consist of support for the California Ocean Sanctuary legislation as well as interim measures designed to provide temporary protection. Capitol Hill and national media efforts are planned in support of this task.

Northern California Lease Sale #91:

The pre-lease planning process being conducted by the Department of Interior is continuing to move forward. Recent public hearings on the Sale #91 Draft Environmental Impact Statement resulted in a record turnout of elected officials and citizens opposing this proposal. This massive response was largely the result of media and public relations efforts conducted by the Local Government Coordination Program. Additional important steps in the pre-lease administrative process include publication and public review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement as well as preparation of comments by the Governor and local agencies on the Proposed Notice of Sale. Lease Sale #91 is presently scheduled to be held in February of 1989, targeting nearshore tracts along the entire coastline of Mendocino County and most of the Humboldt County coast. Cooperative legal strategies on behalf of local governments may become necessary in the event that this proposal remains on track as proposed.

Southern California Lease Sale #95:

The initial "Call for Information" and subsequent "Scoping" steps have already taken place in preparation for southern California Lease Sale #95. Indications are that the focus of petroleum industry interest in this lease sale is on areas which have previously been under Congressional protection through the Moratorium process. Lease Sale #95 anticipates leasing activities on nearshore tracts off of San Simeon, within Santa Monica Bay, near the Palos Verdes Peninsula, along the Orange County coast, and offshore Oceanside and La Jolla. The Hodel Five-Year OCS Schedule had called for the release of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and southern California public hearings during the summer of 1988. Recently, these planning steps have been deferred for approximately four months, presumably to avoid controversy during the period immediately prior to the 1988 general elections. This revision to the Sale #95 planning process will place the public hearings in late November of 1988. As the public hearings and other planning steps for Lease Sale #95 proceed, the Local Government Coordination Program will be assisting local agencies and the public in preparing appropriate technical responses. The sale of tracts under Lease Sale #95 is presently scheduled for January of 1990.

The third leasing proposal contained in the Hodel Five-Year OCS Leasing Schedule is Sale #119 offshore central California. This sale targets nearshore tracts off of Sonoma, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties. Particular areas of geologic interest have been identified near Bodega Bay, Ano Nuevo State Reserve, Half Moon Bay, and Pacifica. The initial planning steps, including the "Call for Information" and "Scoping" hearings, are expected within the next year. After public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are completed, the Sale itself is scheduled for March of 1991.

Congressional priorities include measures to strengthen the role of coastal states in OCS-related decisionmaking by clarifying the language of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). Legislation which would accomplish this goal is being actively pursued in the Congress with the assistance of the Local Government Coordination Program.

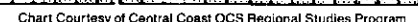
Recent efforts by the Department of Commerce to undermine coastal management in California have been met with a cooperative defense on the part of various agencies within the state. The Local Government Coordination Program will continue to work at the local level and in the Congress to defend the regulatory authority of the California Coastal Commission in OCS-related matters.

The Coordination Program will be working with the Congress on an ongoing basis to ensure that stringent environmental protections are required in federal waters where OCS leasing is presently going forward. Stipulations designed to protect onshore air quality, require oilspill cleanup preparedness, protect the commercial fishing industry, and mitigate the impacts of drilling discharges will be pursued through regulatory and legislative avenues.

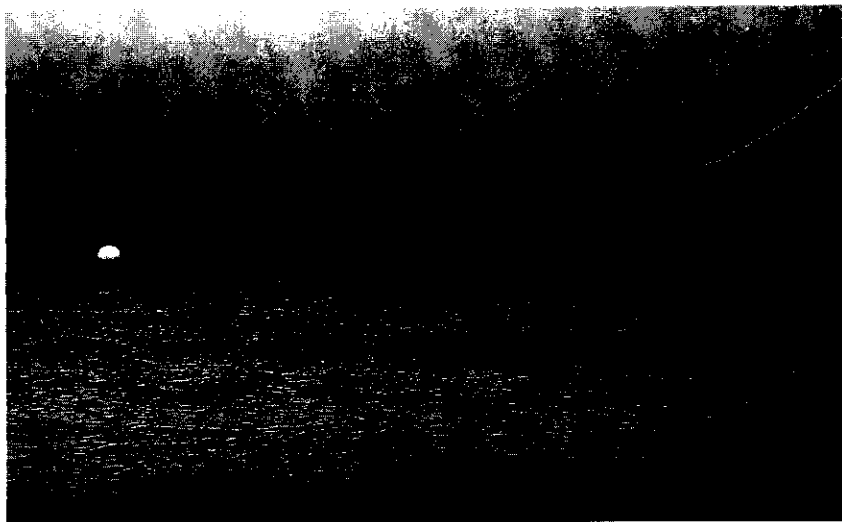
Recent increases in geophysical activities being conducted by seismic ships in anticipation of planned OCS lease sales have resulted in a strong response from local agencies and the public. As the California State Lands Commission proceeds to develop an Environmental Impact Report on geophysical activities, the Coordination Program will encourage local participation in the preparation of this document. In addition, federal permit procedures for seismic ship activity are under study by the Coordination Program at the request of affected local jurisdictions.

Local ordinances which protect local authority over OCS-related land use decisions will continue to be defended through the work of the Coordination Program. This activity will consist of legal, legislative, and public relations efforts designed to keep local land use decisions under the purview of local jurisdictions.

A number of California local agencies are presently pursuing a cooperative legal challenge to the Hodel Five-Year OCS Program in conjunction with the California Attorney General and several coastal states. The Coordination Program will continue to assist the plaintiff agencies in pursuing this action as necessary.



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P - PROPOSED NOTICE OF SALE
G - GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS DUE
N - NOTICE OF SALE
S- SALE



Program Administration:

Over the years, several counties have volunteered to administer the Local Government Coordination Program, collecting and passing through the funds at no charge to the sponsoring agencies. Currently, the County of Santa Cruz serves as the lead agency for the Program. The Coordination Program is funded on a yearly basis through shared sponsorship provided by participating local agencies statewide, including an equal funding share provided by the County of Santa Cruz. The Program is completely reliant on local sponsorship for financial support. An appropriate yearly share is requested from each county and each city which participates in the Program. The funding cycle for the Program begins each year on July 1, and sponsoring agencies are strongly encouraged to submit their funding share promptly to the County of Santa Cruz to ensure uninterrupted Program services. The Santa Cruz County Administrative Office administers Program funding in compensation for the monthly claims submitted by the consultant. An independent trust fund is maintained by the County of Santa Cruz for the Program, and accrued interest derived from this account is returned to the account itself. The County of Santa Cruz maintains a contractual agreement with the consultant which establishes a monthly ceiling on expenses and consultant services. Periodic written progress reports are provided by the consultant to enable evaluation of each of the specific task elements

in the work program. All publications, action alerts, and relevant activities of the Local Government Coordination Program are made available to all participating agencies. In addition, public outreach and public participation activities are emphasized through Program activities in each of the participating jurisdictions.

Protect Your Coastal Resources- Join Us as a Supporting Agency:

The cost savings provided by participation in this shared program are obvious. Retaining additional in-house staff would cost your agency several times the amount required for the shared staff support provided by the Coordination Program. The proven effectiveness of this project and its ability to enable local governments to participate fully in the OCS decisionmaking process guarantees that your agency will receive full value for your commitment as a funding agency. The coming year will offer many challenges to local agencies as the OCS issue enters a very dynamic phase, both in Congress and in the administrative process. Be prepared for the challenges confronting your coastline. Return the coupon below immediately for full information on how your agency can join as a sponsoring member of the Local Government Coordination Program.

Yes, we care about our coastline. Send us, without obligation, a complete information package with details about the Local Government Coordination Program. Thank you.

Send to:
Supervisor Gary A. Patton
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4069

April 1988.

name

agency

department

address

state, zip

area code & phone

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Acting Director Matthew Giacona
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Docket ID BOEM-2025-0483 — 11th National OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program

Dear Mr. Giacona:

The City of San Diego respectfully submits these comments strongly opposing the proposed 11th National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil & Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program (Proposed 11th Program) as it pertains to the State of California and, specifically, the Central Coast of California, including waters of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), which is adjacent to the City's shoreline. With over 85% of the estimated technically recoverable OCS oil and gas resources proposed to be available for leasing during the 5-year period following program approval, the Proposed 11th Program is massive in scale and represents a large-scale opening of extensive swaths of seabed adjacent to protected waters.

As these lease sales are scheduled to begin in 2027 and 2029, the Proposed 11th Program places waters adjacent to the MBNMS and the City at imminent risk.

1. The Proposed 11th Program Violates Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations

The Proposed 11th Program, and particularly its Draft Proposed OCS Program, fails to comply with a host of long-standing state and federal laws and policies, including, but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the National Marine Sanctuary Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. These laws enjoy bipartisan support and should not be ignored by this Proposed 11th Program. Of particular relevance to the City, the MBNMS was created by a Republican administration with bipartisan support in response to an oil spill and to protect the greater Monterey Bay environs and the Pacific Coast from oil and gas exploration and to promote protection, research, education, and compatible uses (including economic uses). Moreover, the Proposed 11th Program violates the CZMA as it is fundamentally inconsistent with California's Coastal Zone Management Program, as required and approved by the federal government.

2. Unsubstantiated Need for the Proposed 11th Program

The Proposed 11th Program, if approved, restarts a leasing schedule even though a 5-year program (2024-2029) is already in place; the Proposed 11th Program would replace or supersede parts of the prior schedule. The 11th Program is premature and redundant and undermines recent progress under the 10th Program (which had limited lease sales and no Pacific Coast lease sales), as there is no demonstrated need for expanded leasing, especially off California's coast.

3. Economic and Community Impacts

The Central Coast economy depends heavily on ocean-dependent industries, including tourism, recreation, and fisheries. Potential oil spills, routine operational discharges, or industrial accidents could reduce tourism revenue, threaten local fisheries, and increase cleanup costs. The City's coastal and economic resilience would be directly compromised, harming livelihoods and public well-being.

4. Environmental and Ecological Impacts

Under the statutory review process (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Section 18), BOEM must balance environmental, social, and economic factors-including "other uses of the sea and seabed" such as fisheries, navigation, marine sanctuaries, and coastal communities. The expansive Proposed 11th Program, as summarized in BOEM's document (pp. 48-53, Section 3.2, "Environmental Considerations"), fails to adequately account for the high sensitivity of the MBNMS ecosystems and high-value fisheries. Scientific literature demonstrates that offshore oil and gas development introduces significant risks of oil spills, chronic hydrocarbon pollution, noise, and habitat disruption, which threaten marine biodiversity, including protected species such as sea otters, whales, and seabirds. Local waters are also critical for commercial and recreational fisheries. Even small spills or leaks could have catastrophic and long-term ecological impacts, compromising decades of conservation progress in the MBNMS.

5. Public Safety and Climate Considerations

Expanding offshore drilling in a seismically active region increases the risk of accidents and complicates emergency response. The Proposed 11th Program does not sufficiently integrate risks associated with earthquakes or extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change. Additionally, increased fossil fuel extraction directly conflicts with state and local climate goals, including carbon neutrality targets. The Notice of Availability explicitly states that the Proposed 11th Program "considers three of the four OCS Regions...including the program areas that are estimated to have some of the most prospective oil and gas resources." This supports the argument that the Proposed 11th Program is driven by fossil fuel extraction incentives rather than balanced coastal and environmental stewardship and thus undermines the MBNMS and climate protections as well as local economies.

6. Trade-Offs and Alternative Approaches

While proponents of offshore development argue for energy independence and economic growth, the trade-offs for the Central Coast are disproportionately high. Alternative approaches-such as investment in renewable offshore wind, solar, and energy efficiency programs-can meet energy objectives without jeopardizing the marine environment, public safety, or local economies.

The City strongly recommends that BOEM:

1. Exclude the State of California and, specifically, the Central Coast and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary waters from the Proposed 11th Program.
2. Prioritize alternatives to fossil fuel extraction that support cost-effective energy security while protecting marine ecosystems and local economies.

3. Require and conduct additional site-specific environmental review, including cumulative impact assessments and climate risk modeling, prior to any lease consideration.

Based on scientific evidence, economic considerations, local experience, public safety risks, as well as the legal issues that the Proposed 11th Program presents, the City urges BOEM to remove California's Central Coast waters from consideration under the Proposed 11th Program. Protecting the MBNMS and surrounding coastal communities from lease sales aligns with the law, public interest, and long-term sustainability of our economies and ecosystems.

CC: Representative Jimmy Panetta

**AGENDA ITEM
7A.**

**Casa de Noche Buena Update from Staci
Alziebler-Perkins (5 minutes)**



Funding Shortfall and Program Impact

Presented by:

Name
Title

Name
Title

WHAT WE DO

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- 35 bed emergency shelter for homeless women and families with children; 6-month typical length of stay
- Meals, hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, clothing, and computer access
- Focus on stabilization, meeting basic needs permanent housing, increased income, self-sufficiency, and improved wellbeing

WRAP AROUND SUPPORTS

- Case management, housing navigation, and rapid rehousing financial assistance
- Connections to physical and behavioral health services, mainstream benefits, and other essential support services
- Employment support, income growth, and financial stability planning



SCALE AND OUTCOMES

Each year, Casa de Noche Buena supports on average:

- ~35 women, with approximately 30% exiting to permanent or stable housing.
- ~30 families (each family ~3 members including children), with approximately 45% exiting to permanent or stable housing

Statewide, 23% of crisis response service exits resulted in permanent housing in FY 2023–24 (Cal ICH HDIS).

Over the past three years, **CDNB's** individual-weighted **exit rate** to permanent or stable housing **was 41%, nearly double the statewide outcome.**



HOW CDN B CAME TO BE

- Applied/received ~\$1.3m to establish program
- Raised additional ~\$400k from community
- Repaired and improved the County-owned modular building



Two nonprofits celebrate construction of Monterey Peninsula's first homeless shelter with a virtual groundbreaking.

Pam Martin Jun 4, 2020



Robert McRae, CEO of Community Human Services, and Steve Ableson-Parkins, executive director of Gathering for Women, in a screenshot from the virtual groundbreaking of Monterey Peninsula's first homeless shelter for women and families with children.



SUSTAINING CDN

- Annual Operating Costs: ~ \$1.2m per year
- CHS and GFW established a Special Purpose Fund through the Community Foundation, for community fundraising
- Government grants including but not limited to: HHAP, ESG, CDBG, community support



CURRENT & NEAR-TERM FUNDING GAP

Operating Costs & Projected Funding Gap

- Annual Operating Costs: ~\$1.2M

Projected Annual Funding Shortfall

(Non-cumulative; reflects gap between operating costs and confirmed revenue, assuming no new funding)

- FY 2026–27: ~\$267K
- FY 2027–28: ~\$649K
- FY 2028–29: ~\$702K
- FY 2029–30: ~\$757K

Key drivers of the gap:

- HHAP-5 and City of Monterey PLHA funds fully depleted by FY25–26
- \$345,179 CDNB Special Purpose Fund fully depleted during FY26–27

This marks the beginning of a structural deficit without intervention.



PROGRAM IMPACT WITHOUT INTERVENTION

Objectives:

- Avoid service reductions or shelter closure
- Phase in reductions or closure while pursuing funding options

Without additional funding or system-level support:

- Reduction in services or capacity
- Elimination of case management
- Conversion to overnight emergency shelter only
- Partial or full program closure

Any reduction significantly weakens outcomes and increases long-term system costs.



WHAT'S AT STAKE

WITHOUT INTERVENTION

- **Reduced funding scenarios**
 - Reduced shelter capacity (fewer people served)
 - Reduced staffing levels (longer stays, fewer exits to PH)
 - Reduced services (limited case management)
- **Severe funding reductions**
 - Elimination of case management and housing navigation
 - Conversion to overnight emergency shelter only (beds/meals only)
- **Worst case scenario**
 - Partial or full program closure

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

- Partnership on stabilization or bridge funding for FY26–27
- Exploration of replacement funding or coordinated system solutions
- Commitment to preserving services that propel independence



Casa de Noche Buena works.

With support, it remains a pathway to stability.

*Without it, homeless families and women remain stuck
in crisis and system costs rise.*

Thank you for your partnership and consideration.

email@chservices.org

email@gatheringforwomen.org

**AGENDA ITEM
9A.**

**Interview Candidates and Appoint a New
Councilmember to Fill a Vacancy**



City of Sand City

STAFF REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Vibeke Norgaard, City Manager
SUBJECT: Selection of New Councilmember
DATE: February 3, 2026

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On December 16, 2025, the City Council declared a vacancy on the Council due to Councilmember Sofer's resignation which went into effect on December 31, 2025. At the same meeting, the Council adopted procedures to appoint a new Councilmember. The Council authorized the City Manager to publicize the vacancy and accept "statements of interest" from prospective City Council candidates until January 14, 2026 at 5 PM, and to initiate an interview process at its regular meeting on February 3, 2026. The City Manager received three statements of interest before the deadline, which are attached to this staff report.

In accordance with the procedures Council adopted and has used to fill vacant council seats on prior occasions, on February 3, 2026, the Council will interview the candidates and vote on their preferred appointee. The procedure is recommended as follows;

- The candidates draw straws at the beginning of the meeting as to the order in which they will be heard.
- The City Council hear a brief (maximum 10 minute) presentation from each candidate and have the opportunity to ask questions of each candidate immediately following that candidate's presentation.
- Public comment will be opened after all three candidates' presentations have been made and Council's questions to the final candidate have concluded.
- After public comment is closed, the City Council will then discuss the candidates amongst themselves in the public meeting.
- Council will vote to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy as follows:
 1. Each Councilmember will announce their top two choices.
 2. The City Clerk will tabulate the top two choices.
 3. The Council will then vote again on their top choice out of the remaining two.

If the City Council cannot decide upon an appointment, then the item will be continued to the next meeting for additional discussion and selection. Under the charter provision, a new Councilmember will be required to be selected, or the appointment will be decided by the Mayor. The new Councilmember will serve for the remainder of former Councilmember Sofer's term, ending on December 31, 2026.

CEQA: This action does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this process.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Council follow the procedure outlined above and appoint a new Councilmember on February 3, 2026. The person selected will be sworn in at the following meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:
Statements of Interest

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

CITY COUNCIL OF SAND CITY, CALIFORNIA

Name: Luke Eben Kilpatrick

Contact Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Address of Current Residence: [REDACTED]

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am eligible to be considered as a City Council Member representing Sand City, meeting the residency requirements and all other local and state laws. I understand that the information provided in this Statement of Interest will be available online and provided as public information in its entirety.

Luke Kilpatrick
Signature

12/16/2025
Date

This form and written responses to the questions below are to be submitted for consideration by the City Council. This form together with any other documentation such as a resume, letters of support, and questionnaire responses must be received by the City Council of Sand City by 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2026.

This Statement of Interest and supporting material will become a public document and distributed to the City Council for their review and consideration.

Please include a written response to the following questions. Attach additional sheets as needed.

1. Provide a resume and/or statement outlining your professional experience, community participation, public service, education, and other related activities that make you an ideal candidate to be appointed to the vacant City Council position.
2. Provide a brief statement identifying three reasons why you are interested to fill the vacant City Council seat to benefit our community.

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CITY OF SAND CITY

Mayor and Councilmembers,

I moved to Sand City in 2020 and have made it my long-term home. I am applying for this appointment because I can step into the work immediately with minimal ramp-up, and because the community has already demonstrated meaningful support for my service. In the November 5, 2024 election for Sand City Council, I received 70 votes, just 3 votes behind Michelle Adams (73) and 9 votes behind Marilee Diaz (79). I have remained engaged in the efforts of City Council attending many meetings and supporting the efforts as we improve our city. My support for the South of Tioga Project and the MST SURF! Project are exciting opportunities for our community, and I want to continue my support in an official capacity.

I understand the expectations of the seat: preparation, collegial deliberation, respect for staff expertise, and a focus on decisions that protect Sand City's finances, quality of life, and long-term vision.

Professional experience, community participation, public service, education, and related activities

Professionally, I am an entrepreneur and operator. I run local small businesses based here in Sand City, including a short-term rental that brings visitors to Sand City and helps them see what we already know: this is a great place to live, work, and do business. I am also an author and creator of the Mia Kingtide book series, which I sell locally and at community events. I have been a West End vendor, and I am invested in keeping that event and other opportunities available for our artist community because it is one of Sand City's real differentiators.

I also bring a serious day-job skill set: building products, leading teams, managing budgets, and executing plans in the real economy. That matters on Council, especially as we keep pushing forward on land use transition, development standards, and the practical work of running a small city with big regional responsibilities.

2024 endorsements

I was endorsed by a strong cross-section of organizations that do their homework and care about governance, jobs, and community outcomes:

- Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Democratic Women of Monterey County
- Monterey/Santa Cruz Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- Monterey County Weekly

Three reasons I am interested in filling the vacant seat to benefit our community

1. Continuity and readiness to govern now

This appointment is about keeping the Council fully staffed and functioning well. You all know I have been present, paying attention, and doing the work. I can step in immediately, be prepared, and help cover the regional and committee responsibilities that come with the seat, without a long ramp-up. The 2024 results also show I already earned meaningful support, and I take that responsibility seriously.

2. Helping Sand City execute its arts-forward vision with high standards

Sand City is in the middle of a real shift: from a historically industrial and commercial footprint into something more walkable, mixed-use, and creative, while still protecting what works and what pays the bills. The West End and South of Tioga direction only succeeds if Council holds the line on quality, infrastructure readiness, and long-term fiscal health. I want to help make sure we keep approving the right projects, in the right way, with outcomes we can be proud of five and ten years from now.

3. Bringing a working, resident operator's lens to Council, grounded in service

I want to serve because I live the reality of Sand City every day as a resident, a parent, and someone running businesses in the current economy. That gives me a practical perspective on what regulations feel like on the ground, what it takes to keep small business healthy, and how we keep Sand City welcoming without losing control of quality of life. I am not looking to "make a point." I am looking to do the work, contribute respectfully, and help Council make durable decisions that balance residents, businesses, visitors, and our city's identity.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST
CITY COUNCIL OF SAND CITY, CALIFORNIA

Name: JUSTIN R. RUMPS

Contact Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Address of Current Residence:

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[Signature]
Signature

14 Jan. 2026
Date

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CITY OF SAND CITY

JUSTIN R. RUMPS

Candidate for City Council

Professional Summary

Community-focused leader with nearly 40 years of public service as a United States Marine and Federal civil servant. Brings disciplined, ethical leadership grounded in accountability, transparency, and service. Experienced in leading complex organizations, managing public resources, and long-term strategic planning. Committed to smart growth, environmental stewardship, and open local government that earns public trust.

Public Service Experience

Federal Civil Service | 2009 - Present

Program & IT Leadership

- Provided oversight of large-scale programs, systems, and compliance requirements.
- Managed budgeting, lifecycle management, and risk mitigation.
- Fostered collaborative leadership across agencies and stakeholders.

United States Marine Corps | 1987 - 2009

Officer (Retired)

- Led personnel and operations in high-accountability environments.
 - Managed logistics, technology, and mission-critical systems.
 - Developed leaders and enforced the highest ethical standards.
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Education

- M.A., Executive Master of Public Administration (summa cum laude)
Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA, 2022
 - M.S., Information Technology Management
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 2005
 - B.S., Information Systems Management
University of Maryland Global Campus, 2000
 - Leadership for a Democratic Society
Federal Executive Institute (FEI), 2023
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Core Skills & Expertise

Leadership & Management	Information Technology
Program & Product Management	Agile & Scrum Methodologies
Strategic Planning & Risk Management	Information Assurance & Cybersecurity
Supervision, Hiring & Mentoring	Systems Modernization & Engineering
Public Service & Accountability	Change & Release Management
Budgeting & Cost-Benefit Analysis	Requirements Analysis & Metrics
Customer Service & Transparency	Life-Cycle Management

Certifications & Professional Training

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)
- Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO)
- ITIL v4 Foundations, Specialist & Strategist
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- DoD Acquisition, DevOps, CMMI, Ethics, EEO

Honors & Community Leadership

- Awards: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- Leadership: President, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Kansas City Chapter; Project Management Institute (PMI) Member
- Community: Operation Surf Volunteer; Coalition of Homeless Service Providers (CHSP) Volunteer; City Government Academy Graduate (Fishers, IN)

Service Before Self • Integrity • Accountability • Community First

Statement of Interest for Sand City, CA City Council vacancy:

Why I Want to Serve on City Council

1. I bring a lifetime of public service and accountability.

With nearly 40 years of service in the Marine Corps and currently as a Federal civil servant, I approach leadership as a responsibility to serve others, uphold standards, and earn public trust through discipline and integrity.

2. I am committed to smart, responsible growth.

I want to help guide development that protects our coastal environment, preserves property values and viewsheds, and ensures that growth fits the character and capacity of our community.

3. I believe in transparent, accessible government.

I want to ensure city decisions are made openly, with clear rules, meaningful public input, and accountability to the residents we serve.

KIM SCUDDER, MA, BS, RN

January 9, 2026

Ms. Kerry Lindstrom
City Clerk for Sand City California
1 Pendergrass Way
Sand City, CA 93955

Dear Ms. Lindstrom:

Thank you for collecting submissions for application to the Sand City Council. I enclose my responses to the survey questions along with a general profile. Letters of support will be mailed directly from the references supplying the letters. Feel free to call me if you need anything further. Thank you very much and my wishes for a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,



Kim Scudder
Enclosures

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CITY OF SAND CITY

STATEMENT OF INTEREST CITY COUNCIL OF SAND CITY, CALIFORNIA

Name: Kim Scudder

Contact Phone Number:

Address of Current Residence:

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am eligible to be considered as a City Council Member representing Sand City, meeting the residency requirements and all other local and state laws. I understand that the information provided in this Statement of Interest will be available online and provided as public information in its entirety.

Kim C. Scudder
Signature

December 19, 2025
Date

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Please return to Kerry Lindstrom, City Clerk.

KIM SCUDDER, MA, BS, RN

PROFILE

Extensive experience working on multidisciplinary teams that serve ethnically, culturally, and socio-economically diverse populations. Practiced in strength-based analysis and risk assessment. Capable of synthesizing complicated information and using critical thinking to prioritize and execute appropriate action plans. Recognized for maintaining a calm demeanor in high risk and trauma situations. Openminded with a sincere love of learning. Attuned to the interdependence of all life and the preciousness of each form of life.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1981 - 2022

Registered Nurse Serving People in Physical and Emotional Need

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

CERT Monterey County

Trauma Recovery Coach

Bereavement Support

Life Transition Doula

EDUCATION

MA, The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA

BS, Russell Sage College, Troy, NY

AAS, Adirondack Community College, Queensbury, NY

Hunter College of the City of New York, New York, NY

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Cloquet, MN

The C G Jung Foundation, New York, NY

The C G Jung Institut, Zurich, Switzerland

CERTIFICATIONS

American Heart Association, BLS, ACLS, PALS

ANCC: Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse

Heavenly Joy Institute: Life Transition Doula

International Association of Trauma Recovery Coaches (IAOTRC) (in progress)

OTHER

Mother, Grandmother, Homemaker

Artist: Tempera on paper, Photography, Writing

Beachcomber, Hiker, Mountaineer

Further Details Upon Request

Survey Question Responses

1. My heart holds deep respect for Sand City Mayor, Mary Ann Carbone for her loyal representation of all of the people of Sand City, those who can speak up for themselves, and do, and those who do not, or cannot, e.g., children, the marginalized, the hungry, the missing. I appreciate and respect our Sand City leadership. We have a team I would be honored to serve with, to grow and learn from, and to support.

I am aligned with the projects underway in Sand City. I offer my service to see the Bike Path and Art Park Expansion Projects through to completion in appreciation and in honor of the many years of dedicated effort by both current and past elected Sand City leadership.

I uphold the advancing plan to build affordable studio housing in the heart of Sand City to retain talented, working Sand City artists. This is an important initiative to safeguard that Sand City's artists can live where they work and stay where they live. It protects our identity as a city devoted not only to art, but to the creative process, and the value of that process, irrespective of income.

I support advancing plans to extend the bicycle path through Sand City to route school children and people biking to and from work, through our city on The Bike Path, rather than around our city on dangerous roadways. I uphold The Bike Path Extension in support of children who love the prospect of a longer bike trail, and both recreational bikers and tourists who will be routed through the city past the advertising that Sand City businesses can display along the trail. These projects represent what Sand City stands for: community, equality, inclusiveness, neighborliness, love of culture and the arts, and local sovereignty.

2. I believe all life is interdependent. What happens to some effects all. I have a duty to remember this because it is sacred.

We strive for balance in a fast-paced, evolving story while simultaneously holding a long view for generations to follow. Even if subconsciously, our sense of value and purpose is rooted in reciprocity with each other and with all other life.

Year 2026 promises widespread change, not all bad change to be sure, but big change. What will happen with our currency? Will they digitalize the dollar and if they do, what will that mean for us? We are warned of a worsening recession, supply chain shortages, and worst of all to me, movement toward dangerously unresolvable differences among ourselves as a nation. There may be turbulence ahead.

What does a City Council do if things take a serious turn for the worse? Humble answers waft up:

- Assure Safety
- Model Stability
- Maintain Transparency
- Offer Resources
- Stay Connected

I believe in the adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," only I say, "a ton."

Should unusual difficulties arise, I like what Oxford University Scholar, Dr. Marc Gafni, suggests, " . . . Learn to bracket off the pain to keep present for others, and then from there look further into the larger field where you'll find another level of reality, full of billions of acts of goodness. Within this goodness, all possibility opens . . ."

I cannot claim to know how to handle anything that happens. I can, "bracket and look further," and I have had success supporting others to do this with me.

3. I support initiatives that draw good businesses to Sand City. I support cultural projects that bring enhanced quality of life to our community, through public education using resources we have right here in Sand City, in interesting and environmentally healthy ways. I support a strong, well-resourced police department. I support assuring that Sand City maintains a sound and well-functioning infrastructure to keep us attractive to business investment and to assure occupancy of our buildings.

Obviously, we have limited space. We are on the Central Coast with a sensitive ecosystem to protect. We juggle the rights of residents with imperatives of local industries and the businesses that keep Sand City vibrant.

Expansion that works will require meticulous attention to balance. Everyone involved will have a perspective. I will listen to every perspective. I will support innovative solutions that combine excellent management of our existing resources with technological strategies that solve problems.

I will uphold the pillars our Sand City Council stands solidly upon now:

"We See You"

"We Hear You"

"You Matter"

"We Care."

Keeping Sand City thriving is an exciting, collaborative adventure. I would be greatly honored to work more formally with the wonderful people of our community.

Respectfully submitted,



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