

AB 691 Trustee Follow-up Survey

Introduction Webinar

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Outline

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- **Initial Observations**
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- **Survey Introduction**



Update

Reviewed and evaluated assessments against criteria

- Categorized granted land types

Identified challenges

Adopted a supplemental approach

- Identify best practices
- State synthesis comparing similarities and differences
- Strong recommendation for State support

Next Steps: Survey, increased outreach, summary report

Link to Feb 28 [Staff Report](#) and [Commission Presentation](#)



Initial Observations

- Overall: All assessments are different and represent diverse approaches
- Difficult to interpret AB 691 legislation and criteria
- Few specific adaptation strategies proposed
- Key Challenges...



Key Challenges

- General language in the legislation, vague criteria
- Assessments often evaluated resources, infrastructure and assets outside of the granted lands (MHTL), using previous studies
- Different methods to estimate financial costs
- Lack of financial or proprietary data
- Differences in granted land sizes, revenues and primary or secondary public trust uses
- Availability of suitable sea level rise hazard data
- First time – no examples



Photo: San Mateo County

Unevaluated Future Challenge – MHTL moves

Legislation: “The geographic scope of a local trustee’s assessment of the impacts from sea-level rise is not required to go beyond the boundaries of the local trustee’s granted Public Trust lands.”

(In most cases, this means anything inland of MHTL)

Examples of unevaluated challenges:

- Coastal armoring, infrastructure, development increasing their footprint on Public Trust lands
- Wetland restoration projects in tidally-influenced areas that will migrate inland as sea levels rise and expand granted land

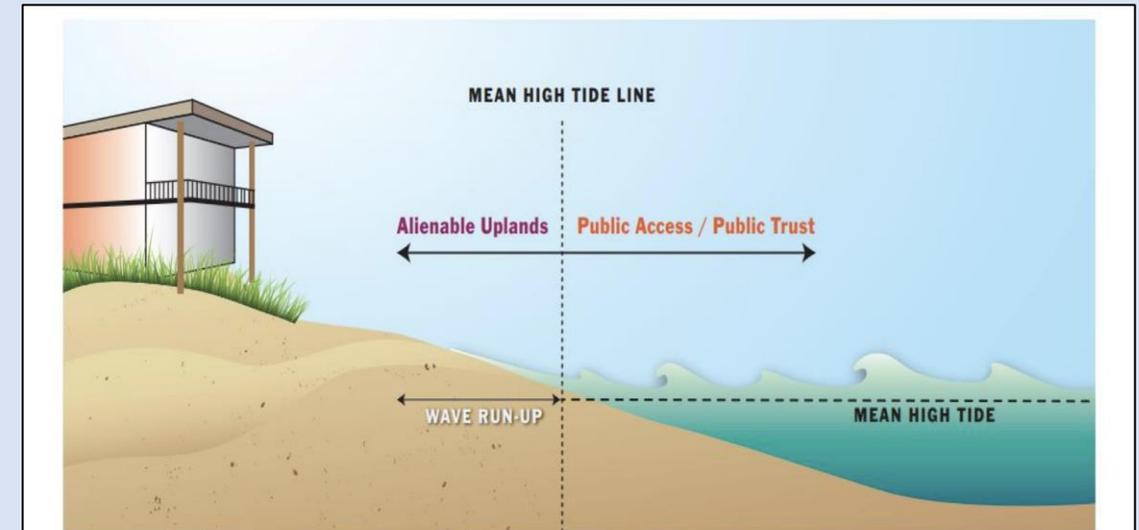


FIGURE 1 Important coastal boundaries. The mean high water line, or mean high tide line, is the boundary between public tidelands and uplands in California.

Source: Center for Ocean Solutions. *The Public Trust Doctrine: A Guiding Principle for Governing California's Coast Under Climate Change* (2017), p.17.

Purpose of the Survey

Address gaps and differences

Understand diverse methodologies

- Public Trust boundary movement
- Economic analysis

We want to make strong recommendations to the State on funding and planning needs, as well as clear criteria and frameworks.



Survey Questions

- **Questions 1-2: Primary Public Trust uses and assets**
 - Focus is to identify primary and secondary uses of each granted land and critical infrastructure for primary uses
- **Questions 3-6: Economic analysis questions**
 - Get a better understanding of the methods used to estimate financial costs
- **Question 7-10: Approaches to adaptation over time**
 - Lack of variety in adaptation measures over time
 - Lack of focus on resources immediately adjacent to granted lands (MHTL question)

Survey Steps

- Email with [survey link](#), slides and recording to follow
- Due date: April 22
- Survey reporting in aggregate form

Contacts in the following final slide



Photo: Port of San Diego

Thank you!

We look forward to
your feedback

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