AB 691 Trustee Follow-up Survey

Introduction Webinar
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Outline

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- Initial Observations
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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
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

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
Thank you!

We look forward to your feedback

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