



# Clatsop County – Land Use Planning

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**TO:** Interested Respondents

**FROM:** Gail Henrikson, AICP, CFM – Community Development Director

**DATE:** July 27, 2023

**RE:** **ADDENDUM #1 – RFP TO UPDATE GOALS 16 AND 17**

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A voluntary pre-submittal meeting was conducted via Zoom at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Attendees were:

- Gail Henrikson, Clatsop County Community Development Director
- Garrett Phillips, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST)
- Denise Lofman, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST)
- Adrian Laufer, Sea & Shore Solutions

The following questions were asked and answered at the meeting:

**Q1:** Is it desired that Clatsop County’s Dredged Materials Management Plan (DMMP) be updated as part of this project?

**A1:** Yes. The last update of the DMMP occurred in 2002. That plan was adopted by reference and the policies in that plan are not considered to be “enforceable policies” under the Coastal Management Zone Program. Clatsop County formally adopted the plan in 2022. However, the DMMP is now 21 years old and should be updated. The US Army Corps of Engineers is currently in the process of preparing a new DMMP. Efforts should be taken to coordinate with the USACE’s project to the maximum extent possible.

**Q2:** What is the estimated schedule to complete the project?

**A2:** Clatsop County is requesting that the project be completed by October 31, 2024.

**Q3:** What level of involvement (staff and public) is desired?

**A3:** Monthly meetings with staff (either virtual or in-person) are desired, if needed. It may be that during certain portions of the project, monthly email updates would be sufficient to keep staff apprised of the status of on-going work.

With regard to public involvement, staff anticipates two public input meetings, plus supplemental online forum(s) such as surveys. One of the public meetings could be conducted virtually. Due to limited broadband within Clatsop County, however, one in-person meeting should be factored into the proposal.

**Q4:** Clatsop County recently completed a project with DLCD to develop new public access policies for future inclusion in Goals 16 and 17. Have that project been completed?

- A4:** Yes. The project concluded in early 2023 and all policies have been finalized. These finished policies should be included in the update of Goals 16 and 17.
- Q5:** Is this project envisioned to be a wholesale review of Goals 16 and 17 or more of a “surgical strike”?
- A5:** The overall project budget is \$150,000. Staff does not know the scope of work this might purchase, but it is likely that the project may be more of a surgical strike. The #1 priority to be completed as part of this project is an update and digitization of the maps in these two goals. Staff currently works off of paper maps from 1980, which were created using stick-on lines and labels. These maps, which have been scanned, but never digitized, are very fragile and most likely outdated.
- Q6:** Does the County prefer virtual or in-person meetings?
- A6:** As discussed in question #3, virtual meetings with staff are acceptable and often preferred to maintain efficiency and reduce costs. Public meetings should offer both platforms, due to limited broadband capacity, especially in more rural areas of the County.
- Q7:** In addition to the new Public Access policies and any relevant existing policies in Goals 16 and 17, what new enforceable policies does the County want to focus on?
- A7:** Sea level rise would be one of the primary areas of concern, followed by coastal erosion. Clatsop County is currently working with DLCD’s NOAA Fellow (Carl Hendrickson) on a project that is assessing possible impacts on Clatsop County from sea level rise and developing potential mitigation strategies. This work, however, will likely not be completed until late 2024 or early 2025.
- Q8:** Other than disconnects and conflicts with the Army Corps of Engineers, are there other tensions of which respondents should be made aware?
- A9:** No. Clatsop County is currently engaged in discussions with DLCD and USACE regarding transfer site locations within Clatsop County. One of the Corps’ proposed locations is not included in the County’s 2002 DMMP and both County and DLCD staff have found the project to be out of compliance. No other situations or concerns regarding Goals 16-17 have arisen in at least 5½ years.