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Dear Carlsbad City Council, Carlsbad Tomorrow Growth Management Committee, Planning-Parks-Beach Preservation Committees; and CA Coastal Commission:

Please consider this information in the Marketplace news article: **A Southern California town reckons with its disappearing beaches.**

<https://www.marketplace.org/2022/11/21/southern-california-town-reckons-with-its-disappearing-beaches/> for:

- The next CTGMC meeting on Growth Management Plan recommendations
- Carlsbad City Council and Planning-Parks-Beach Preservation Committees' consideration of Carlsbad's Proposed Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan Amendments – Citywide and Ponto Planning Area F & Site 18
- CA Coastal Commission consideration of Carlsbad's Proposed Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan Amendments – Citywide and Ponto Planning Area F & Site 18

The issues in the article are also what Carlsbad is facing but to some different land uses – our Campground and coastal access parking lots – Land Uses Carlsbad's 2015 General Plan did not provide a credible/accountable/reasonable Coastal Land Use & Growth Management Plan to address. The CA Coastal Act has specific Land Use Policies that to land use plan vacant "upland areas" to move "CA Coastal Act high-priority Coastal Land Uses" (Coastal Recreation {i.e. Public Parks} and Low-cost Visitor Accommodations) out of harms why due to coastal erosion and bluff failures that are being accelerated by climate change and sea level rise. The City's 1<sup>st</sup> sea level rise Impact assessment was only done in 2017 and well after the City designed on a Coastal Land Use & Growth Management Plans. The 2017 Sea Level Rise impact assessment and loss of 32+ acres of Coastal Land Uses critical to "Carlsbad's Community Vision" sadly is not being considered by the Carlsbad Tomorrow Growth Management Committee. Sea level rise impacts and the loss of these 32+ acres of CA Coastal Act high-priority land uses in South Carlsbad will be derogation of Carlsbad's Community Vision and a significant negative Citywide impact to Carlsbad's Tomorrow and future generations. Ignoring this not responsible.

Since 2017 People for Ponto Citizens have been asking the City Council to honestly, and in a comprehensive open 'Citizen-based planning process' to responsibly provide a New General Plan and Coastal Land Use Plan that provides for the forever growing population need for High-priority Coastal land uses and addresses:

1. the lack of a meaningful Coastal Park for South Carlsbad (62% of the City's population),
2. the loss of 32+ acres of high-priority Coastal Land Use (Coastal Recreation {Public Parks} & Low-cost visitor Accommodations),
3. the proper land use planning of the few remaining vacant Coastal acres in South Carlsbad – Ponto, and

4. importantly the tax-payer savings of simply buying vacant Coastal parcel at Ponto to add acreage for these high-priority uses v. an inefficient and very costly PCH Relocation that does not add any new acres but simply makes a few narrow fragments of existing roadway median possibly more useable by people.

**We again ask the Carlsbad City Council, Carlsbad Tomorrow Growth Management Committee, Carlsbad City Commissions to as soon as possible provide that comprehensive Citizen-based Coastal land use and growth management plan process.** This needs to be done now. Continuing the 'over-controlled, disconnected and siloed' possesses is detrimental and promotes inefficient, disconnected and sub-optimal decisions.

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**From:** [Don Christiansen](#)  
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G'Day fellow *Carlsbad Tomorrow* Growth Management Committee Members!

A new topic of conversation that has come up as a result of weighing in on our City's eleven "performance standards" is **local electric power generation**. Please have a look at the following City of Carlsbad link from last month that gives an update on the progress of our **Clean Energy Alliance**, and how it has grown to include all the cities along the 78

corridor. <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/1360/2>

***"By 2024, the alliance will be the 10th largest community choice aggregation service in California, with 270,000 accounts."***

SDG&E will continue to provide the infrastructure. ***The question is who is going to generate the electricity?*** One option is to continue along the path of our Investor Owned Utility Monopoly (***IOU***) that typically buys energy from major players that have the financial capacity to build large scale wind and solar projects. These projects require very expensive extension cords (AKA transmission lines) to get the power to where it's actually used.

Another option is to do what makes ***sustainable sense*** and generate as much local electricity ***as feasible by*** turning rooftops, parking lots, and underutilized land that have been considered liabilities (because of maintenance issues) into assets by installing solar panels. ***LOCAL jobs*** and ***LOCAL business opportunities*** are created in the process.

Our Investor Owned Utility Monopoly will continue to earn 10% for building infrastructure (whether it's needed or not). They will simply have reduced income because fewer transmission lines and other infrastructure will be needed. Please note that SDG&E has the highest electricity rates in the United States. Those rates were lowered enough to undercut ***Clean Energy Alliance*** rates in June, but will be increased by 8% in January, which will once again put the ***Clean Energy Alliance*** at a competitive price advantage.

Carlsbad has shown leadership in the past by its early support of seawater desalination and the ***Clean Energy Alliance***. Carlsbad can show leadership in the future by supporting ***decentralized solar electric production over rooftops, parking lots, and underutilized land while creating local jobs and local business opportunities***.

***Support will also reduce pollution as mandated by Carlsbad's Climate Action Plan AND follow through on our Community Vision statement on Sustainability which reads:***

"Build on the city's sustainability initiatives to ***emerge as a leader in green development and sustainability***. Pursue public/private partnerships, particularly on sustainable water, ***energy***, recycling and foods."

The following link helps show how the City of Palo Alto is addressing decentralizing its electric energy production:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Utilities/Business/Ways-to-Save/CLEAN>

Sincerely,

Don Christiansen

Committee Member: **Carlsbad Tomorrow**

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