



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2025

**From:** Jeremy Dennis, City Manager

**Subject:** Brisbane Lagoon Sea Level Rise Update

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Sea Level Rise Subcommittee receive an update and provide feedback on the Brisbane Lagoon Sea Level Rise Adaptation project.

### Background

The City was awarded a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant by Caltrans in the amount of \$259,920 (with a local match of \$34,000), for planning work on the Brisbane Lagoon Sea Level Rise Adaptation study. The goal of the project is to develop and adopt a Brisbane Lagoon Watershed Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan (Plan). As part of the Plan's development, the project team will study if the Lagoon has enough storage capacity to contain increased flows from upstream, while maintaining the ability to drain into the Bay as tides rise. The Plan will identify three alternative strategies to reduce sea level rise impacts, with the ultimate goal of selecting a preferred strategy that best meets the public's expressed desires while achieving the project objectives.

The Plan will identify solutions that:

- Enhance shoreline resilience to sea level rise, while supporting natural systems
- Improve ecological function and habitat continuity
- Explore opportunities to improve existing public access

The Plan will be developed collaboratively by the City, civil engineering firm Schaaf & Wheeler, and will be informed by public input gathered through a project advisory committee and upcoming community meetings and public comment.

- June-Oct 2025 - Existing Conditions Analysis
- Oct 2025 - Public Engagement
- Nov 2025 --Mar 2026 - Strategies Development and Draft Plan
- April 2026 - Request for Public Input
- May-Aug 2026 - Draft Strategies refined based on public input
- Sept-Oct 2026 - Final Plan Developed
- Nov 2026 - Final Plan presented to the Public
- Dec 2026 - Brisbane City Council Reviews/Approves Final Plan

### **Discussion**

The City and the project consultants hosted its first public engagement on October 21, 2025 at the Brisbane Library. At this meeting, the public learned more about historic and existing conditions, the effects of climate change, and possible mitigation and enhancement measures. Community engagement is expected to continue through Winter 2026/27 with additional community meetings and a farmer's market pop-up event. Staff appreciates any feedback the subcommittee may have on the project and the public engagement process.

With initial information now collected from the public engagement event, staff recommend that the Subcommittee provide feedback on next steps in the strategies development/draft plan.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact on receiving this feedback.

### **Attachments**

1. Brisbane Lagoon Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan City Council Staff Report
2. October 21, 2025 Public Engagement Presentation



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