



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING
1441 CANYON DEL REY BLVD.
Friday, July 17, 2026
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ian N. Oglesby	Mayor
David R. Pacheco	Mayor Pro Tem
Alexis Garcia-Arrazola	Council Member
Rita Burks	Council Member
Alex Miller	Council Member

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. STUDY SESSION

A. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND KEY PROJECTS (CITY MANAGER GREG MCDANEL)

B. RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND REMARKS FROM CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY PANETTA

C. RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND REMARKS FROM STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY OF SEASIDE

6. ADJOURNMENT

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August 6, 2026
5:00 p.m.

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City of Seaside Legislative Packet



LEGISLATIVE STUDY SESSION

Projects, Priorities, and Partnership Opportunities



JULY 17, 2026



Legislative Session Briefing Guide

Projects, Priorities, and Partnership Opportunities

PREPARED FOR	HOSTED BY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
City Council Legislative Session	City of Seaside	July 17, 2026 2:00 p.m.	Embassy Suites by Hilton Monterey Bay Seaside 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd (Laguna Grande Room)

Welcome & Purpose

Welcome to Seaside. We are honored to share the City's legislative priorities and the projects that reflect our commitment to thoughtful growth, resilient infrastructure, public safety, environmental stewardship, and community vitality. This packet is designed to provide a concise overview of the City's highest-impact funding and policy opportunities, each aligned with Seaside's long-term vision and regional partnerships.

We appreciate your time, attention, and partnership as we work to advance investments that will serve Seaside residents, strengthen the Monterey Peninsula, and prepare our community for the future.

Briefing Flow

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At-a-Glance Project Priorities

Featured Projects & Legislative Requests

#	Project	Legislative Ask	Impact Area
1	Municipal Potable Water Well Project	\$10,000,000	Drinking water security
2	Seaside Trash Capture Project	\$1,500,000	Water quality protection for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
3	Fort Ord National Monument Access Improvements	\$1,500,000	Recreation access, tourism, public safety
4	Fire Station #2	\$24M-\$34M	Emergency response and wildfire resilience
5	Regional Fire Training & Resilience Tower	\$3M-\$4.5M	Regional disaster preparedness
6	Kimball Avenue Storm Drain Project	\$1,500,000	Flood mitigation and roadway safety
7	Fort Ord History & Cultural Center	Federal property conveyance	Historic preservation, cultural tourism

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FACT SHEET



Seaside Municipal Water System Potable Water Well Project

*Ensuring reliable, compliant, and resilient drinking water service for
Seaside's municipal water customers.*

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside is advancing the Potable Water Well Project to restore regulatory compliance and ensure a reliable secondary drinking water source for customers served by the Seaside Municipal Water System (SMWS), reducing the risk of service disruptions and protecting public health.

BACKGROUND

SMWS serves approximately 2,947 residents through 799 service connections, representing about nine percent of the City of Seaside's population. The system currently relies on one active potable water source, Water Well No. 4.

In 2015, Water Well No. 3 was retired, leaving SMWS without the secondary drinking water source required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64554(c). Since that time, SMWS has relied on an emergency intertie with California American Water (CalAm) as a contingency measure.

In May 2023, CalAm notified the City that it cannot guarantee emergency water deliveries to SMWS in the event of a system failure due to capacity limitations and its obligation to serve its own customers. As a result, SMWS remains vulnerable to service interruptions and out of compliance with state regulatory requirements.

The City has retained a consulting firm to evaluate potential well locations and develop project design. A preferred site has been identified, and a test well will be required to confirm hydrogeologic conditions prior to full well construction.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking financial assistance to design and construct a new potable water well for the Seaside Municipal Water System. Preliminary planning indicates an estimated project cost of approximately \$10 million, with final costs to be refined through design and test well results.

SMWS water rates are insufficient to support the capital cost of a new well without imposing an undue burden on ratepayers. Seaside already experiences high water and utility costs, and the service area includes a significant low- and moderate-income population. As a result, further rate increases to fund this project are not feasible.

Additionally, while the City has pursued grant funding opportunities, the SMWS service area no longer qualifies as a disadvantaged community under federal thresholds, limiting eligibility for traditional assistance programs. State and federal funding is therefore critical to restoring regulatory compliance and ensuring long-term system reliability.

SUPPORT

Support is requested for state and federal funding to advance the Potable Water Well Project as a critical public health, regulatory compliance, and water resiliency investment. The project reflects coordination among local and regional partners, including regulatory agencies and water management entities, to ensure safe and reliable drinking water service.

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FACT SHEET

Seaside–Fort Ord National Monument Access Enhancement Project

Expanding access and connectivity between Seaside and the Fort Ord National Monument to promote recreation, tourism, and conservation.

SUMMARY

The Fort Ord National Monument, designated in 2012, offers more than 86 miles of multi-use trails and is a significant regional recreation and conservation asset.

While primary access is currently provided via Highway 68 in Monterey County, the City of Seaside lacks a direct, formal entry point. Improvements to Eucalyptus Road at General Jim Moore Boulevard, including roadway upgrades and construction of a small visitor parking area with restroom facilities, would establish a safe and convenient local access point. This project would provide Seaside residents and visitors with direct access to the monument while relieving pressure on existing access points.

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2012, President Obama designated the Fort Ord National Monument by presidential proclamation, noting that its protection would preserve the site's historical and cultural importance, attract recreation and tourism, and safeguard its unique natural resources.

Currently, visitors rely on unimproved access points and must park far from trail entrances. In Seaside, Eucalyptus Road at General Jim Moore Boulevard is designated as a "Pathway to the Fort Ord National Monument"; however, roadway improvements end approximately 1,900 feet short of Parker Flats Cut-Off Road, leaving this critical segment unimproved and limiting safe access.

Targeted improvements to this segment of Eucalyptus Road, combined with development of a modest visitor parking area and restroom facilities, would create a direct and safe connection from the City of Seaside into the Fort Ord National Monument. The project

would improve connectivity to existing trailheads, remove current access constraints, and support increased visitation while protecting surrounding resources.

As part of the Fort Ord Reuse Plan, an Environmental Assessment/Initial Study completed in March 2005 evaluated improvements to Eucalyptus Road and concluded the project would not result in significant environmental impacts, resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking funding to improve Eucalyptus Road and construct a visitor parking area to safely access trails leading into the Fort Ord National Monument.

Improving an additional 1,900 feet southeast of the intersection of Eucalyptus Road and Parker Flats Cut-Off Road would provide a direct connection from the City of Seaside to the monument. In partnership with Monterey County and Monterey Peninsula College, the City is requesting approximately \$1.5 million to complete roadway improvements, establish a designated parking area, and secure necessary easements to ensure long-term public access and community benefit.

SUPPORT

City of Seaside, Parks and Recreation
Monterey Off-Road Cycling Association (MORCA)
Monterey County Supervisor, District 4
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Monterey Peninsula College (MPC)

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FACT SHEET

Seaside Trash Capture Project Project

Protecting the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary by reducing stormwater pollution and meeting California's statewide trash capture requirements

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside is seeking funding to install trash capture infrastructure within its municipal storm drain system to prevent debris and pollution from entering Monterey Bay and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Under the State Water Resources Control Board's Trash Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan, California municipalities must achieve 100% trash capture from stormwater systems by 2030. Seaside's primary storm drain outfall—which drains nearly two-thirds of the city's developed area—currently lacks adequate trash capture infrastructure.

Funding will allow the City to install centralized trash capture equipment to intercept and remove debris before stormwater discharges into Monterey Bay, protecting water quality and supporting statewide ocean protection goals.

BACKGROUND

Stormwater runoff in the City of Seaside is conveyed through underground pipes and street gutters to one of eight outfalls that discharge to Monterey Bay. The City of Sand City also contributes stormwater to Seaside's drainage system.

The largest outfall, a 90-inch pipe serving approximately two-thirds of Seaside's developed area, discharges directly to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. While Seaside maintains an active street sweeping program and requires new development to treat stormwater onsite, much of the existing drainage system lacks inlet protection or trash capture infrastructure.

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, designated in 1992 under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, is the largest marine sanctuary in the United States and protects one of the most biologically diverse marine ecosystems in the world.

State regulations now require municipalities to install trash capture systems to prevent debris from entering waterways and coastal resources.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking \$1,500,000 in state or federal funding to design and construct trash capture infrastructure within the municipal storm drain system.

This investment will allow the City to install centralized trash capture equipment at key outfalls, significantly reducing pollution entering Monterey Bay while ensuring compliance with California's statewide trash capture mandate.

SUPPORT

Support is requested for funding to install trash capture infrastructure as a critical water quality and environmental protection project. This investment will reduce pollution entering the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, support compliance with California stormwater regulations, and protect one of the nation's most important coastal ecosystems. staff contact

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FACT SHEET

Seaside Fire Station #2

Expanding Seaside's fire protection network to meet national standards and support community growth.

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside is advancing plans to construct Fire Station No. 2 to expand emergency response coverage and meet national fire protection standards while improving response times. The new station will serve the northern portion of the city and function as a critical operational hub for mutual-aid responses across the Monterey Peninsula.

The station will strengthen preparedness for wildfire, seismic events, and large-scale emergency incidents. Expanded coverage will also help protect the City's ISO (Insurance Services Office) Public Protection Classification rating, which directly influences residential and commercial insurance costs.

BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside is the largest city on the Monterey Peninsula, with a population of approximately 32,000 residents. The Seaside Fire Department provides emergency services across roughly 10 square miles, including the City of Del Rey Oaks through a service contract, and regularly participates in regional mutual-aid responses serving agencies that collectively protect more than 100,000 Peninsula residents.

A 2019–2024 Standards of Cover Community Risk Assessment identified the need for a second fire station in the northern portion of Seaside to maintain acceptable response times and service levels. This finding was reinforced by a 2021 Fire Station Location Study conducted by Citygate, identifying the intersection of 1st Avenue and Gigling Road as the most suitable site for Fire Station No. 2.

Currently, Seaside operates a single fire station located at 1635 Broadway Avenue, constructed in 1979 and staffed with one chief officer and seven firefighters on duty per day. With major mixed-use, hospitality, and housing developments underway—including the Seaside Grand Hyatt Hotel and Resort,

Main Gate Mixed-Use Development, and Seaside Campus Town—the demand for fire and emergency services is increasing significantly. Fire Station No. 2 would allow Seaside to staff an additional three to six firefighters per day, moving closer to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and improving service reliability citywide.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking financial assistance to construct Fire Station No. 2, with estimated project costs ranging from \$24 million to \$34 million. The City Council has certified the required environmental documentation for the project.

The lower-cost estimate reflects a value-engineered design that reduces square footage and omits features such as a community training room. The higher-cost estimate includes the full planned design, expanded operational space, and enhanced training capacity to support long-term regional emergency preparedness needs.

Initial plan submittal for Fire Station No. 2 was submitted on December 31, 2025, and the project is progressing through design with the goal of achieving 100 percent completion to ensure shovel-ready status.

SUPPORT

Support is requested for state funding to advance construction of Fire Station No. 2 as a critical component of Seaside's emergency response system. Fire Station No. 2 represents a strategic investment in public safety infrastructure that strengthens emergency preparedness, improves response times, and enhances regional resilience across the Monterey Peninsula.

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FACT SHEET

Monterey Peninsula Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower

*Advancing regional firefighter readiness and emergency response
through a modern, multi-agency training facility.*

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside proposes development of a Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower on City-owned property adjacent to the future Seaside Fire Station No. 2. The facility is envisioned as a regional training resource serving the Seaside Fire Department and fire and emergency response agencies throughout Monterey County and the Central Coast.

This project strengthens regional mutual-aid readiness and supports agencies serving more than 100,000 residents across the Monterey Peninsula. The facility will enhance compliance with evolving National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training standards and improve overall emergency response coordination across jurisdictions.

Enhanced training capacity will also support improvement and protection of the City's ISO (Insurance Services Office) Public Protection Classification rating, which directly influences property insurance costs for residents and businesses.

The facility will enhance preparedness for wildland-urban interface fires, seismic events, flooding, and complex rescue operations common to the Central Coast region.

BACKGROUND

Seaside Fire Station No. 2 serves as a critical hub for emergency response and regularly participates in mutual-aid responses across the Monterey Peninsula. While the department maintains modern response capabilities, the City lacks sufficient on-site vertical training infrastructure to meet current and evolving firefighter training standards. This limitation results in off-site training, that increases costs and reduces efficiency.

The development of a purpose-built training tower presents a timely opportunity to address municipal training needs while supporting broader regional workforce and emergency preparedness objectives.

Fire, rescue, and disaster incidents are inherently regional. Wildland-urban interface fires, seismic events, flooding, and complex rescue operations frequently cross jurisdictional lines and require coordinated response. A regional training tower would allow firefighters and regional agencies to train in a standardized environment, improving readiness and strengthening mutual-aid effectiveness.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside seeks state legislative support to advance the planning, design, and construction of a Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower reflecting the expanded scope and regional public safety benefits of the project. The proposed facility would include a multi-story training tower supporting high-rise and multi-level firefighting scenarios, along with instructional and classroom space for municipal and regional fire training programs.

Preliminary planning indicates the project is expected to fall within a \$3,000,000 - \$4,500,000 range, with final costs refined through design and engineering. State investment is critical to delivering a regional facility that enhances emergency preparedness, workforce development, and public safety resilience.

SUPPORT

Support is requested for state funding to advance a regional public safety infrastructure investment that strengthens regional fire training capacity and emergency response readiness. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Fire Training and Resilience Tower represents a coordinated investment that will benefit firefighters and communities throughout Monterey County and the Central Coast for decades to come.

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FACT SHEET

Kimball Avenue Storm Drain Installation Project

Addressing chronic flooding and roadway safety hazards through critical stormwater infrastructure improvements.

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside is seeking funding to construct approximately 1,200 lineal feet of storm drain infrastructure beneath Kimball Avenue between Noche Buena Street and Modoc Street. This segment of storm drainage was removed during earlier roadway construction due to funding constraints, leaving the corridor without adequate underground drainage.

During storm events, water surfaces at the intersection of Kimball Avenue and Noche Buena Street, flows across the roadway, overwhelms gutter capacity, and contributes to flooding of nearby homes. Completing this storm drain connection will restore proper drainage, improve roadway safety, and reduce flooding risks for surrounding neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside has historically faced limited resources to construct essential public infrastructure. As a result, several major streets were originally built without complete underground stormwater systems. Portions of the storm drainage system beneath Kimball Avenue were installed; however, segments were removed during construction due to funding limitations, leaving branch connections in place for future completion.

Today, stormwater from upstream drainage pipes surfaces at the intersection of Kimball Avenue and Noche Buena Street, creating hazardous driving conditions and contributing to recurring flooding of homes along the downhill side of the street. Soil erosion around existing storm drain outlets has also caused localized roadway instability and damage to adjacent sidewalks and ADA-accessible ramps.

Residents frequently install sandbags along driveways to protect their homes during storm events, limiting access to properties and affecting the ADA path of travel.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking \$1,500,000 in state or federal funding to construct the missing storm drain segment along Kimball Avenue.

Completion of this project will allow the City to connect existing storm drain infrastructure, restore proper drainage capacity along this collector street, and reduce flooding and roadway hazards during storm events. Investment in this infrastructure improvement will improve neighborhood safety, protect nearby homes from flood damage, and strengthen the reliability of Seaside's stormwater system.

SUPPORT

Support is requested for funding to construct the missing storm drain segment along Kimball Avenue as a critical public safety and neighborhood infrastructure project. Completion of this improvement will reduce roadway hazards, protect nearby homes from recurring flooding, and restore the intended stormwater drainage system along this important collector street. The project aligns with state priorities for stormwater management, climate resilience, and community infrastructure investment while improving safety and reliability for Seaside residents.

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FACT SHEET

Fort Ord History and Cultural Center

Transforming the Fort Ord Main Chapel into a living monument to military service and community history through preservation, arts, and education.

SUMMARY

The City of Seaside is seeking to acquire and preserve the former Fort Ord Main Chapel as the Fort Ord History and Cultural Center, a community cultural facility focused on military history, arts, and education.

The project presents a unique opportunity to highlight Fort Ord's military legacy, the Fort Ord National Monument, and the City's extensive art and archival collections while preserving a historically significant structure. Leasing the Chapel with the intent of future no-cost conveyance to the City offers a strategic means to protect its architectural integrity, including its distinctive stained-glass windows, while establishing a permanent cultural and educational resource for the community.

BACKGROUND

Constructed in 1958, the Fort Ord Main Chapel was once the largest chapel in the U.S. Army and continued to serve the local community following the closure of the Fort Ord Army Base in 1994 under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. Although the Army later explored repurposing the facility for public safety uses, those plans were never implemented, leaving the building vacant for many years.

In early 2023, the City of Seaside identified the Chapel's potential as a cultural and historical asset and formally requested to lease the facility. Since that time, the building has remained unused and was recently vandalized, underscoring the urgency of its preservation.

The City's vision is to revitalize the Chapel as the Fort Ord History and Cultural Center, honoring military service and preserving the shared history of Fort Ord and the surrounding communities. The facility would serve as a secure repository for the City's historical archives and as a venue for art exhibitions, performances, and educational programming, while protecting the building's architectural heritage and reactivating a long-vacant landmark.

NEED FOR FUNDING

The City of Seaside is seeking funding and authorization to lease the Chapel property, with the intent of future no-cost conveyance, to enable stabilization, preservation, and adaptive reuse of the facility. A lease in furtherance would allow the City to secure, preserve, and enhance the premises while honoring the service and sacrifice of U.S. military personnel associated with Fort Ord. Funding would support building stabilization, security, and adaptive improvements necessary to accommodate museum functions, archival storage, exhibitions, performances, and educational programming.

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