



# WEEKLY WATCHLIST

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## Eelgrass, Dredging, and Plastics: Harbor Health in Focus

Feb. 5 | 3:00 PM | Water Quality / Coastal Tidelands Committee

- Watershed water quality updates
- Single-use plastics outreach
- Dredging projects and eelgrass protection

## Medical Offices Out, Housing In?

Feb. 5 | 6:00 PM | Planning Commission

- Proposal to replace medical offices at Dover & Cliff with 33 residential units

## Structural Changes at City Hall Could Limit Public Input

Feb. 10 | City Council (Expected)

- Dissolution of General Plan Advisory Committees
- Code amendments tied to the CDM Commercial Corridor Study
- Approval of on-call consultant contracts

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## State Housing Rules at a Turning Point

Feb. 18 - Cancelled | California Supreme Court

- California Supreme Court denied review of New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach on January 28th.
- Decision confirms that “voluntary housing overlays” do NOT satisfy RHNA obligations
- Cities must rezone land to require housing, not merely allow it if property redevelops

## One of the Tallest Projects Yet Comes Up for Review

Mar. 5 | Planning Commission

- Proposal to replace Newport Center movie theater with 240-foot residential towers
- Review of the City’s 2025 General Plan Housing Report



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A busy stretch ahead at City Hall

From harbor water quality, new housing proposals, and a potential 240-foot residential tower at Newport Center, several meetings over the next few weeks could shape Newport's neighborhoods, coastline, and skyline.

Additionally, a decision has been made by the California Supreme Court action confirming that voluntary housing overlays do not meet state housing requirements.

SPON will be tracking each meeting and breaking down what it means for residents — before decisions are locked in.

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