

Texas CMP Goals

The goals and enforceable policies of the CMP focus management efforts on five primary issues of concern to coastal communities, which include: (1) coastal erosion; (2) wetland protection; (3) water supply and water quality; (4) dune protection; and (5) shoreline access. The ten CMP goals guide the interpretation and long-term implementation of the CMP. These goals are also intended to provide the networked resource agencies with uniform guidelines to coordinate state and federal agency activities while managing CNRAs. The goals are to be considered when reviewing proposed activities for consistency with the CMP and are set out in 31 TAC §501.12.

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- 1) To protect, preserve, restore, and enhance the diversity, quality, quantity, functions, and values of CNRAs;
- 2) To ensure sound management of all coastal resources by allowing for compatible economic development and multiple human uses of the coastal zone;
- 3) To minimize loss of human life and property due to the impairment and loss of protective features of CNRAs;
- 4) To ensure and enhance planned public access to and enjoyment of the coastal zone in a manner that is compatible with private property rights and other uses of the coastal zone;
- 5) To balance the benefits from economic development and multiple human uses of the coastal zone, the benefits from protecting, preserving, restoring, and enhancing CNRAs, the benefits from minimizing loss of human life and property, and the benefits from public access to and enjoyment of the coastal zone;
- 6) To coordinate agency and subdivision decision-making affecting CNRAs by establishing clear, objective policies for the management of CNRAs;
- 7) To make agency and subdivision decision-making affecting CNRAs efficient by identifying and addressing duplication and conflicts among local, state, and federal regulatory and other programs for the management of CNRAs;
- 8) To make agency and subdivision decision-making affecting CNRAs more effective by employing the most comprehensive, accurate, and reliable information and scientific data available and by developing, distributing for public comment, and maintaining a coordinated, publicly accessible geographic information system of maps of the coastal zone and CNRAs at the earliest possible date;
- 9) To make coastal management processes visible, coherent, accessible, and accountable to the people of Texas by providing for public participation in the ongoing development and implementation of the Texas CMP; and
- 10) To educate the public about the principal coastal problems of state concern and technology available for the protection and improved management of CNRAs.