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SAN CLEMENTE BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT APPROVED FOR FEDERAL FUNDING

June 19, 2014....San Clemente, California...On June 10, 2014, President Barack Obama signed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA), which includes construction authorization for San Clemente's Beach Restoration and Sand Replenishment project. The project would place 251,000 cubic yards of sand along the shoreline from Linda Lane to South T-Street beaches (a distance of about 3,400 feet), which would widen the beach by 50 feet. This section of beach would be periodically replenished with sand about every 6 years over the course of a 50-year project life. Passage of the WRRDA does not guarantee Federal funding, but does make the San Clemente project eligible for inclusion in a future Federal budget.

"The inclusion of San Clemente's project in the WRRDA is a necessary step in our efforts to replenish the sand on our beaches," said Mayor Tim Brown. "Without the federal share of funds which represents 65% of the cost, the City would be unable to continue its planning, engineering and design phase of the project."

Projects that reduce beach erosion through beach restoration are important to the survival of beaches, which not only serve as an affordable recreational amenity, but also serve as the leading tourist destination for millions of domestic and foreign visitors. "I am pleased to see San Clemente receive the attention it deserves in order to continue our momentum forward towards the project's fruition; a project which has important transportation, environmental and resident serving implications." added Mayor Brown.

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