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City Announces the Preparation of a Nature Based Coastal Resiliency Project Feasibility Study

January 10, 2023... San Clemente, California.... The City has initiated the preparation of a *Nature Based Coastal Resiliency Project Feasibility Study* (Study) to identify critical beach erosion hot spots in the City and to develop solutions to address short term and long-term erosion along the City's shoreline. A presentation of the *Nature Based Coastal Resiliency Project Feasibility Study* is scheduled for the City's Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at City Council Chambers, City Hall, 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente CA.

The goal of the Study is to identify feasible solutions to promote long-term resiliency of beaches by retaining sand and reducing sand loss along the City's shoreline. The result will be the development of pilot projects for future implementation that could vary depending on the segment of shoreline and its unique conditions and response and recovery to coastal hazards.

The City has formally reestablished a Shoreline Monitoring Program that had been inactive for approximately 15 years. Prior to 2022, the last complete shoreline survey of the San Clemente area was conducted in 2007.

The City completed a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment in 2019 and a Coastal Resiliency Plan in 2021. Both the Study and Shoreline Monitoring Program implement key recommendations in the City's Coastal Resiliency Plan.

More information on coastal planning and shoreline protection efforts, including how to sign up for notifications, is available at this link: <u>Local Coastal Program | City of San Clemente.</u>

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