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Nature Based Sand Retention Design Concept Draft Memorandum Available

August 12, 2024... San Clemente, California.... The City has published a draft memorandum prepared by the consultant team assisting the City in developing multi-purpose, nature-based, locally appropriate, sand retention design concepts. The 3rd round of draft design concepts was presented to the public on July 18 during a meeting of the City's Coastal Advisory Committee. The draft designs are intended to reduce erosion by stabilizing City beaches using techniques that replicate natural features or are nature-based. Ultimately, the goal of the *Nature Based Coastal Project Feasibility Study* is to identify pilot projects for implementation in the City. More information is available at www.san-clemente.org/LCP.

Sand retention is a companion shoreline management strategy the City is contemplating as a way to enhance the performance, longevity, and cost effectiveness of beach sand replenishment projects such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project, Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP) opportunistic projects, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) regional beach sand project and other sand projects currently in development.

The draft memorandum provides additional background and detail on the current draft sand retention design concepts. The draft sand retention design concepts are currently out for public review and comment through September 6th. The City will continue to use community

feedback to refine the designs and will publish the Draft Nature Based Sand Retention Feasibility Study in early 2025.

Public input is an important part of the City's coastal planning efforts. Residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the revised draft designs by submitting comments at www.san-clemente.org/LCP under "Nature Based Coastal Resiliency Project Feasibility Study."

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