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First Approval Received in Effort to Restart the SCOUP Program

October 14, 2024.... San Clemente, California.... A major component of the effort to reinstate the City's Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP) was unanimously approved by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) on Wednesday. This approval is the first of four required permits to implement SCOUP. A SCOUP program is a pre-approval of beach sand placements, so that the City is ready if beach compatible sand and funding for placement become available.

The City expects to submit the remaining permit applications in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that the program could be authorized within a year, and could potentially allow up to 300,000 cubic yards per year of opportunistically available beach quality sand to be brought to City beaches to abate coastal erosion and promote long term coastal resiliency.

The City recently completed an emergency opportunistic sand project bringing in 37,000 cubic yards of sand to North Beach to protect critical public infrastructure and existing structures from undermining and direct wave energy. The sand was sourced from the Santa Ana River and now functions as a natural buffer from winter storm waves and also provides highly valued, recreational benefits and ecological benefits to the City's shoreline. The City greatly appreciates the community's support while we continue our efforts to restore our beautiful coastline.

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