

Letters of Commitment

- ◆ California Department of Parks & Recreation
- ◆ City of Dana Point
- ◆ Doheny State Beach Interpretative Association
- ◆ Orange County Transportation Authority
- ◆ South Coast Water District

Letters of Support

- ◆ Capo Cares
- ◆ Cypress Shores Association



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November 10, 2020

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Subject: OC Parks – South Orange County Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan

Dear Ms. Kimball and OPC:

This Letter of Commitment is being provided as California Department of Parks and Recreation, Orange Coast District's intent to collaborate with OC Parks to develop a regional coastal resilience strategic plan that will take the next step towards implementing shoreline adaptation along south Orange County coastlines. Many beaches in southern Orange County have chronic erosion problems causing deterioration of the region's coastline. The project will address the long-term expected shoreline retreat and erosion from Dana Point Harbor to San Clemente covering approximately 7 miles of beach shoreline.

Orange Coast District includes two State Beaches within the project region; Doheny State Beach, and San Clemente State Beach. These parks are part of a network that provide refuge for sensitive plants and animals, protect important cultural resources, and host an array of recreational opportunities. It's important for Orange Coast District to protect the shoreline of these parks to support the regional goals of making the coast resilient to rising sea levels and to investigate and utilize appropriate management actions, including beach nourishment, as viable adaption strategies for combating long-term sea level rise. Orange Coast District has initiated a study to determine long-term shoreline management alternatives for Doheny State Beach. The report also includes recommendations for Capistrano Beach, part of the OC Parks network, located just south of Doheny. Capistrano Beach has sustained significant high-tide damage resulting from long-term erosion and storm events.

Orange Coast District is committed to adaptive management of our shoreline resources and we are pleased to collaborate with OC Parks in its development of an overall strategy for shoreline management and implementation of priority projects. We will integrate information gained from the Doheny State Beach and will provide input in the development of the Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

Riley Pratt, Ph.D.
Senior Environmental Scientist
California State Parks – Orange Coast District



November 6, 2020

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Dear Ms. Kimball and OPC:

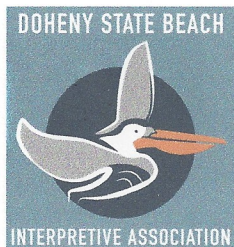
The City of Dana Point is pleased to provide this Letter of Commitment in support of OC Parks' submission to the Proposition 68 Ocean Protection Council solicitation for Coastal Resiliency. This project, a Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan (Plan) for south Orange County, will develop a regional, collaborative strategic plan to facilitate implementation of regional sediment management activities that address chronically eroding shoreline in the southern portion of Orange County. This Plan will be a Community Capacity project that will address the long-term shoreline erosion from Dana Point Harbor to San Clemente covering approximately 7 miles of beach shoreline.

Dana Point is known for its picturesque beauty, and its beaches are among the finest in the world. Recently, one of our beaches, Capistrano Beach, sustained significant high-tide damage resulting from storm events and global sea rise. Plans for addressing eroding shorelines will support efforts to restore public access and opportunities for coastal recreation and help preserve coastal natural resources, not only at this beach but others in south Orange County.

The City is committed to sustainable management of our shoreline resources and will collaborate with OC Parks in its development of a strategic plan that will identify and prioritize projects with a detailed plan for funding and implementation. As such, we will participate in stakeholder activities and development of the Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan, as needed.

Sincerely,

Brenda Wisneski
Director of Community Development



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Dear Ms. Kimball and OPC:

Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association (DSBIA) is pleased to support OC Parks in its request for funding from the California Resilience Challenge Grant to address impacts of climate change by drafting resilience strategies along the south Orange County coastline. Doheny State Beach is located on 254 acres of south Orange County beach in Dana Point, California. The County aims to draft a plan that will maintain and restore these beaches impacted by global sea level rise and high tide events. Recent storm events have already limited public access and opportunities for coastal recreation in addition to destroying shoreline habitat.

As erosion progresses and sea levels rise in the area, beach widths are narrowing and may ultimately be obliterated. The beach provides recreational opportunities to the community and supports shorebirds, seabirds, and wading birds by providing natural habitat. Some of these features have recently been lost as a result of high tide events. We are very pleased that this project will generate a plan to maintain and replenish the beaches and provide a more supportive situation for natural features and recreation.

DSBIA, the non-profit cooperating association of Doheny State Beach, was established in 1982 and is one of the oldest cooperating associations in the California State Parks System. It is dedicated to the protection of Doheny State Beach's beaches, facilities, marine refuge, and historical and cultural stories. DSBIA actively supports educational, interpretive, conservation, and restoration programs. We are happy to support OC Parks' efforts to seek funds to conduct technical studies and to draft a resiliency plan for the beaches. We thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Best regards,

KC Kinnings
President, DSBIA Board of Directors



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*Local Transportation
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*Service Authority for
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*Consolidated Transportation
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Subject: **OC Parks – South Orange County Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan**

Dear Ms. Kimball:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is pleased to support OC Parks in their request to seek Proposition 68 grant funding for the coastal resiliency plan. This plan will cover approximately seven miles of beach shoreline in the Dana Point Harbor to the City of San Clemente and facilitates implementation of regional sediment management activities that address chronically eroding shoreline in south Orange County. OCTA looks forward to participating in stakeholder meetings and the development of the plan.

There have been numerous efforts undertaken or funded by the state to combat the effects of climate change. These studies have revealed potential threats to habitat, public access, beach recreation, and critical infrastructure. As the regional transportation agency, OCTA is responsible for administering multimodal projects ranging from planning and funding active transportation to mass transit projects. OCTA is also responsible for administering the Master Plan of Arterial Highways, including the review and approval of amendments requested by local agencies. We look forward to participating in the development of OC Parks' plan and will provide input for appropriate shoreline methods along main transportation corridors, such as the Pacific Coast Highway, that runs along the coastline.

OCTA has been actively participating in studies with partner agencies or undertaken our own efforts in planning and building resiliency. To this end, we strongly support a proactive plan that will address ongoing challenges with the eroding shoreline in south Orange County. Please feel free to contact me at dphu@octa.net or (714) 560-5907, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Phu
Environmental Programs Manager

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Doug Erdman
Director

Dear Ms. Kimball and OPC:

Bill Green
Director

The South Coast Water District (SCWD) is providing this Letter of Commitment to support OC Parks application to the Ocean Protection Council for Prop 68 funding. OC Parks proposes to develop a regional strategic plan for coastal resilience in south Orange County. This project will include a regional, collaborative strategic plan to facilitate implementation of regional sediment management activities that address chronically eroding shoreline in the southern portion of Orange County. SCWD is a willing stakeholder and participant in this plan to bring our region one step closer to implementing projects that will help to protect and restore south Orange County coastlines.

Wayne Rayfield
Director

SCWD provides water and wastewater services to approximately 35,000 residents, 1,000 businesses, and 2 million visitors per year along the southern coastline of Orange County. Our service area includes the communities of Dana Point, South Laguna, and areas of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano. It is our job to ensure sustainable water infrastructure to the public, and in our greater role as environmental stewards, we are also invested in the natural health of the coastline area we serve.

By submittal of this letter, SCWD agrees to actively participate in stakeholder meetings and contribute to the development a regional strategic plan for southern Orange County. We will be happy to provide consultation, as needed, during the development of the Plan.

Sincerely,

Rick Shintaku
General Manager



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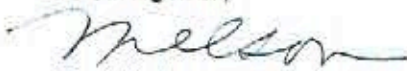
I am pleased to support OC Parks in its quest for funding from Ocean Protection Council to develop a regional strategic plan for the protection of south Orange County shorelines. This plan will bring us one step closer to mitigating coastal hazards along seven miles of beach that have gone without beach restoration work for years. Due to this lapse, the area has suffered extensive damage from high tides and extreme flooding conditions. Immediate action is needed to guard against further damage from global sea level rise and ongoing high tide events.

Multiple scientific studies have demonstrated that as erosion progresses and sea levels rise, beach widths will narrow and ultimately be washed away. Beaches support shoreline habitat for shorebirds, seabirds, and wading birds. As has been shown in dramatic images published nationwide, over the last two years Capistrano Beach County Park has experienced severe loss of shoreline and public amenities as a result of recent high tide events.

Capo Cares is a volunteer, nonprofit organization whose supporters work tirelessly for the good of Dana Point and its neighborhood of Capistrano ("Capo") Beach. We advocate for beautification, enhanced public safety, responsible development and revitalization while working to preserve the unique culture and eclectic charm of our area. As such, we care deeply about the health of our shorelines.

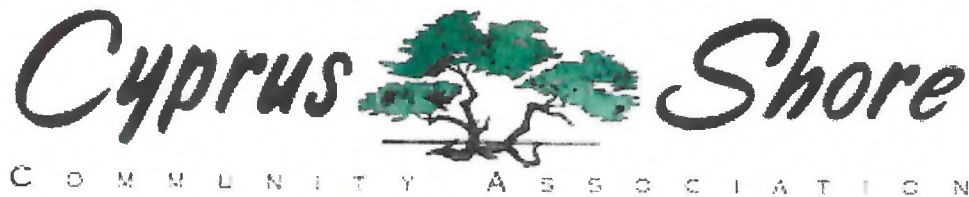
On behalf of Capo Cares, I am happy to support OC Parks' request to the Prop 68 Coastal Resilience Grant Program to take the next step towards implementing resilience strategies to protect natural habitat as well as providing residents and visitors with continued access to a precious length of California beach. We greatly appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Best regards,


Toni Nelson
Founder and President

Capo Cares Mission

To inspire, empower and connect Capistrano Beach residents, businesses and agencies to enhance our historic and beautiful little beach town
Arts * Culture * Safety * Beauty



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Dear Ms. Kimball and OPC:

The Cyprus Shore Community Association willingly supports OC Parks request to the Ocean Protection Council for grant funding to develop a South Orange County Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan to protect the shorelines of south Orange County. The Cyprus Shore community is fortunate to sit immediately above the beautiful beach, and with each high tide event or winter storm, we are distressed to see our shoreline shrink, reducing the barrier against ocean waves, and losing natural habitat and incomparable spaces for recreation.

Like many governments statewide, the City of San Clemente and the County of Orange have been working hard to find ways to restore our beaches and provide protection against further erosion. We are grateful for these efforts and with this letter, we are demonstrating our support.

Cyprus Shore Community Association is a private neighborhood located in San Clemente directly on the California coastline. The Association is registered as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation with the State of California. Our mission is to provide community services and facilities for the general use, benefit, and welfare of its owners. In fulfilling this charter, Cyprus Shore Community Association is responsible to operate, maintain, and regulate the operations and business affairs of the project's common areas and common interests.

With this responsibility in mind, we endorse OC Parks' request to the Prop 68 Coastal Resilience Grant Program to design resilience strategies to protect Orange County beaches from damaging erosion. Thank you for considering their application.

Sincerely,

Pat Murphy, President
The Board of Directors
Cyprus Shore Community Association