

Appendix C

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Summaries



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Stakeholder Engagement
Summaries**

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Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Sit on
seawall

Bike/
rollerblade
on
boardwalk

Walking,
biking,
beach

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like
to see added to this concept?**

Plantings
that retain
sand

More
drainage
holes in
seawall

Dunes will
make area
look more
naturalized

Locks or
tidal gates

Rolled berm
about 1'-2'
high

Dunes will
work

Expand
proposed
vegetation

Maintain
walkability,
separate
bikes and
pedestrians

Accessibility
walking on
beach

Seawall
maintenance

3

**How can public access & recreation be
improved in this area?**

Dedicated
area for
dogs

Keep
boardwalk
clean after
storms

Separation
from homes

More trash
receptacles

Go further
south
where more
flooding
occurs

Taller
seawall

Summarized Workshop Boards (Key Themes)

- 1 Tell us a story of the “Day in the Life”; How do you experience the site?
- 2 As a group, discuss different future scenarios (e.g., severe storms, sea level rise, coastal erosion) and brainstorm resilience strategies.
- 3 Mark areas of concern or interest on the map and suggest improvements.

What additional amenities or features would enhance the usability and appeal of these nature-based coastal areas?

How can we improve the proposed public access and recreational facilities while ensuring environmental sustainability?

Homes need protection	Seasonal berms	Ice plant works to hold sand back and prevent erosion	Don't over-groom the beach	Other native plants that could work as well	Fill & raise by 5' entire area
Provide stepped seat wall behind proposed dune in front of Belmont Park	Setback perched beach to extend into existing grass area - provide more towel space	Dune mounds like Smiley Lagoon around and in seawall	Winter berm program		

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use Mission Beach?

37%
Visit the beach

37%
Visit the strand

9.9%
Visit Mission Beach Park or Belmont Park

16%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do in Mission Beach?

83.9%
Walking

67.6%
Relaxing

59.7%
Biking

53.2%
Swimming

46.8%
Surfing

45.2%
Running

3

How do you access / visit this location?

46.9%
Car

29.6%
Walk

16%
Bike

2.5%
Public Transit

4.9%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

Majority in favor of dunes, some unsure if dunes will work

Concern about blocking views

Preference for planted dunes

Make artificial surf reef

Need more Parking & Bus Access

Fix Boardwalk

Need more access points to beach

Summarized Webinar Responses

1 In the context of Sea Level Rise, what does a resilient coastline look like to you?

Green Coastal Buffer Zones

- How to build larger and more permanent berms with narrow beach
- Use wind blown methods to build the berm, collect the sand
- Native plants and pathways, deep root systems, mitigate some of the water
- Berm and plants being trampled, how do we address pedestrian use?
- Coastal squeeze issues, how will wind blown sand be managed?
- Beach re-nourishment, opportunistic nourishment, collaboration with SANDAG
- Cut the access pass, the sand may be lost and you may get a vertical wall
- During extreme conditions the berm could be damaged/ diminished

Stormwater Management/ Clean Beaches

- Ramps on the bigger streets (some kind of a funnel for water), capistrano, etc.

Other

- Concern about water spreading, and coordination with other areas' plans
- High tides already hitting the boardwalk, concerns about berm working
- Impact of berms on rentals along water/tourist economy
- concerns about the trashcans, and retrieval of them... berms in the way? overflowing

Summarized Webinar Responses

2 What do you value most about this space? What elements should be preserved or integrated into future coastal planning?

Federal government action on lifeguard station (want it to function)

Concern about temporary lifeguard towers placement after berms

Houses very close to the water, mitigate with pools to collect the water

Re-naturalize the beach area

Bigger jetty impacting surf

Artificial reef, reduce sand loss? look at oceanside

3 What challenges does this site currently face? How will SLR magnify those challenges? What adaptation approaches can better prepare this site for climate change impacts (coastal flooding, erosion, flooding, etc.)?

Dunes Concept

Study possible reorientation of access points angle... can help with sand retention

Use additional geo-textile materials to keep dune sturdy

First design: windblown sand an issue for the houses

Perched Beach Concept

Extend beach space over the park by san fernando and lose some parking

Shuttles for beach access

repurpose the back of the beach-add dunes, back dune will collect front dune's sand retention

Difficult balance between recreational options and keeping sand

A lot of night activity, berm system might increase that (low visibility, safety)

Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Walking dog

Running,
swimming

Walking
everyday

Sitting on
the beach

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like
to see added to this concept?**

Continuous
bikeway

Non-toxic
materials

Anything
to preserve
beach
naturally

Multiple
access
points to
dog beach

Multi-
use path
separating
sand from
asphalt

Jetty
misplaced,
crescent
beach

Fencing
before
dunes

Maintain
green open
space

Concerns
with height/
length of
dunes

Include dog
waste bags
along the
path

Interference
with
pedestrian
and bicycles
- currently
chaotic

Stormwater
issue is
more
prevalent

3

**How can public access & recreation be
improved in this area?**

Pier project
is priority

Multi-modal
access for
bikes

Prioritize
pedestrians

Preserve
volleyball
courts

Bio-based
paving
material
for path
(e-concrete)

Redo
restroom

Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Walking pier

Fishing

More
equitable

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like
to see added to this concept?**

Supports
bike
connection

Gradual
dune
preferred

More
equitable

Beach re-
nourishment

Elevated
boardwalk

Native
planting
from local
sources

Ethically
sourced
sand

Dune re-
nourishment

Seawall in
front of
dune

Veterans
Park
opportunity

3

**How can public access & recreation be
improved in this area?**

More
Benches

Remove
parking to
improve
path

Playground
in Veterans
Park

Sand
retention

Layer dune
sand to
allow root
establishment

"Re-Beach"
case study

Summarized Workshop Boards (Key Themes)

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How do you experience the site?**

2

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erosion) and brainstorm resilience strategies.**

3

**Mark areas of concern or interest on
the map and suggest improvements.**

**What additional amenities or
features would enhance the
usability and appeal of these
nature-based coastal areas?**

**How can we improve the
proposed public access and
recreational facilities while
ensuring environmental
sustainability?**

I love this
plan!

Multi-use
path please

Likes
proposed
sand dune
with native
plants

Consider
rain
drainage

Wooden
fences
usually
vandalized

Consider
ADA access

Viewing
platforms
from
Saratoga
Park

Height of
dune not
blocking
views

Separate
paths, not
multi-use

Save the
volleyball
courts!

Need
improvements
on Spray St
at the end of
West Point
Loma Blvd

Collect
and reuse
rainwater

Protect/replace
bike path at
dog beach;
more dunes

Dunes by dog
beach are
good, dunes by
main lifeguard
tower are bad

Make more
pedestrian
friendly

Sand dunes
need to be
stabilized

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use the OB Dog Beach?

48.8%
Leisure
activity

23.8%
Athletics/
Sports

11.2%
Community
Events

16.2%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do at the OB Dog Beach?

83.3%
Walking

52.6%
Relaxing

35.9%
Swimming

29.5%
Surfing

24.4%
Biking

16.7%
Running

3

How do you access / visit this location?

46.2%
Walk

40%
Car

12.5%
Bike

0%
Public
Transit

1.2%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

Add more
parking
and public
transit

Preference
for multi-
use path/
dune with
vegetation

Minimize
disturbance
to wildlife

Interpretive
Signage

Stabilize
dunes

Fix bike and
walking
paths

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use the OB Beachfront?

44.7%
Leisure
activity

28.9%
Athletics/
Sports

15.8%
Community
events

10.5%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do at the OB Beachfront?

32.4%
Walking

24.3%
Relaxing

4.1%
Biking

14.9%
Swimming

14.9%
Surfing

1.4%
Running

3

How do you access / visit this location?

32%
Car

57.3%
Walk

9.3%
Bike

0%
Public
Transit

1.3%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

Like multi-
use path

Majority
in favor of
dunes with
native plants

Maintain
volleyball
courts

No
disturbance
to native
habitat

Dislike
Mission
Beach-style
boardwalk

Add more
parking
and public
transit

Summarized Webinar Responses

1 In the context of Sea Level Rise, what does a resilient coastline look like to you?

Green Coastal Buffer Zones

East coast example of dunes washing away. How long would these last?

ACOE exploring options to dunes/living shorelines, how robust can they be?

Understand the science and engineering of dunes before construction

Vegetation-co benefits. How will public understand not to trample/destroy plants

Dunes could block views/ impact communities not as clear in schematics

Other

Wetlands, marsh lands or other to diffuse energy vs dunes?

Environmental Sensitive area signage on dunes to keep off vegetation.

Need designated monitors for dunes (cameras, etc?).

Priority should be what prevents flooding and SLR effects best!

Deal with e-bike/ motorized bikes? Enforcement needed.

Summarized Webinar Responses

2

**What do you value most about this space?
What elements should be preserved or
integrated into future coastal planning?**

Plan in place if dunes erode or for other coastal assets?

Prohibit e-bikes? Path should have separate ped and bike path for safety

Enforcement needed for speed limits on paths and trampling on dunes

Path on top of dunes?

Signage to keep off dune vegetation could be art project or other

Concrete multi-use path may not be the best surface.

Do we run a shuttle seasonally to this space?

Park elsewhere and shuttle closer? Far walk but close enough to get a shuttle

No multi-level parking

Need data on dune efficacy

3

What challenges does this site currently face? How will SLR magnify those challenges? What adaptation approaches can better prepare this site for climate change impacts (coastal flooding, erosion, flooding, etc.)?

Raise the multi-use pathway?

Veteran's Plaza is a nice photo opp. Will dunes block/could the lawn of the park be raised?

Why doesn't La Jolla consider living shoreline and dune?

Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Walking everyday

Riding bike

Scuba diving

Kayaking/
surfing

Sports gatherings

Recreation space

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like to see added to this concept?**

Stormwater drainage integration needed

Less concrete/
nature based

Planted dune in front of sea wall facing bathroom/playground

Sand Fencing

Improved signage/
Need Lockers

Dikes make sense - multi-functional

Boardwalk that includes biking and walking

Keep grassy areas closer to beach

Maintain parking and green open space

ADA accessibility

Designated bike lanes

Raise seawall, add educational journey along wall

3

How can public access & recreation be improved in this area?

Sand dune makes more sense

Camino del Oro - one way?

Raise sea wall to stop overtopping

Placemaking - exercise integration

Improvements to boardwalk

Add flood gates

Summarized Workshop Boards (Key Themes)

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**Mark areas of concern or interest on
the map and suggest improvements.**

**What additional amenities or
features would enhance the
usability and appeal of these
nature-based coastal areas?**

**How can we improve the
proposed public access and
recreational facilities while
ensuring environmental
sustainability?**

Raise parks
by 5 feet

Elevated
boardwalk
that drains

Area of
proposed
berm is scuba
diving staging
area

Permeable
pavers

Replace sea
wall

Elevated
wood
or brick
boardwalk

More
drainage to
existing sea
wall

Reconfigure
two parks
into one park
with parking
behind

Raise the
whole site

New sand
volleyball
courts at north
corner of La
Jolla Shores
park

Remove
concrete
between parking
and boardwalk -
fill with earthen
dunes

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use La Jolla Shores?

33.8%
Leisure
activity

46.2%
Athletics/
Sports

15.4%
Community
events

4.6%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do at La Jolla Shores?

60.8%
Walking

62.7%
Relaxing

29.4%
Picnic

62.7%
Swimming

51% Surfing

23.5%
Biking

3

How do you access / visit this location?

69.1%
Car

19.1%
Walk

10.3%
Bike

1.5%
Public
Transit

0%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

Need better
drainage

Majority
preference
for seatwall

Significant
approval for
earthen dike

Fewer
preferences
for
proposed
path

Wayfinding
signage to
direct multi-
modal lanes

No action is
needed here

Need better
bike access
and parking

Summarized Webinar Responses

1

In the context of Sea Level Rise, what does a resilient coastline look like to you?

Green Coastal Buffer Zones

More permeable surface for water

Protecting infrastructure (buildings)

ADA accessibility

Enhanced Recreational Opportunities

Preserve limited park space

Other

Views from all parts of park

Non-intrusive of park

Passive park other than the programs (playground, restrooms, map)

Educational signage

Kumeyaay cultural preservation

Summarized Webinar Responses

2

**What do you value most about this space?
What elements should be preserved or
integrated into future coastal planning?**

All existing
structures and
educational
components

Ease of
maintenance
of existing
programs

Preserve
feeling of
community
over parking

Would rather
have safer,
more resilient
coastline

Safety & Cost

Functionality in
a constrained
site

Less is more
approach at
high interval
zones (entrance/
park)

Greenery on
south and
north ends
give a more
environmental
feel

Preserve/
add trees and
bushes to offer
more flexible
placemaking in
the park

Attempt to
plant more
Torrey Pine
trees, more
attention to
vegetation

Connection
of strategy
will create the
sense of place
Sense of
identity

Landward-
retreat as
potential
consideration?

3

**What challenges does this site currently
face? How will SLR magnify those challenges?
What adaptation approaches can better
prepare this site for climate change impacts
(coastal flooding, erosion, flooding, etc.)?**

Linear Park Concept

ADA needs
to be more
efficient,
potentially too
much run for
ramp?

Flat space
idealized for
soccer, parties,
function

Porous
materials on
the seat wall to
minimize wave
impact

Sloped
seawall?
Preserves park

Populate art on
improved
seawall- art,
educational/
oceanographic
elements

Populating
any gray
infras. with
educational
signage, art

Stormwater
drainage
improvements
along wall?

Higher seawall
instead of
sloped

Identify more
hard infr.
improvements
for future
need/analysis

Concerns of
grass eroding

Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Walking

Beach clean-ups, walking everyday

Dog walking and surfing

Sitting on the beach

Like sitting on rocks, hopes to use in the future as well

PB Surf Club Events

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like to see added to this concept?**

Better path and keep seating

Keep log and 'natural' seating

Permeable beach access material

Native vegetation

Storm water pollution controls on storm drain

Improve/reinforce end of concrete path

Add storm runoff control higher up in drain

Address water draining from bathroom

Two layers of dune fencing

Park space underutilized

Disabled access to the beach

3

How can public access & recreation be improved in this area?

Formalize ditch path

Protect beaches and parks

More benches and fire pits

No impacts to surf break

No meter parking/no parking time cap

Add more dog bags/stations

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How do you experience the site?**

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erosion) and brainstorm resilience strategies.**

3

**Mark areas of concern or interest on
the map and suggest improvements.**

**What additional amenities or
features would enhance the
usability and appeal of these
nature-based coastal areas?**

**How can we improve the
proposed public access and
recreational facilities while
ensuring environmental
sustainability?**

Better, safer
access

Add more
seating

Safer parking
area -
interference
with
pedestrians

Access
improvements

Dunes not
sustainable

Talk to the
surfers

Lifeguard
access
concerns

Educational
signage
on back of
benches

Porous bench
design to
prevent sand
buildup and
grime

Extend
revetment and
cobble toe under
access ramp and
expand seating
area

Add ground
lighting
along path

More trash
receptacles
- support
cleanup
efforts

Secure
benches to
ground - will
shift from
erosion

Protection
for
pedestrians
in parking
lot

“Gentle
steps” with
sequential
landings

Definitely need
pedestrian
pathway &
access to the
beach at end of
the storm drain
(ADA compliant)

Extend
walking path
to La Jolla
Blvd

Add
roundabout
at La Jolla
Blvd

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use Tourmaline Beach?

19.4%
Leisure
activity

75%
Athletics/
Sports

0%
Community
Events

5.6%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do at Tourmaline Beach?

53.4%
Walking

46.6%
Relaxing

43.1%
Swimming

77.6%
Surfing

15.5%
Picnic

17.2%
Running

3

How do you access / visit this location?

27%
Walk

58.1%
Car

14.9%
Bike

0%
Public
Transit

0%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

More bike
racks

Improved
stormwater
drainage

Majority
support
vegetated
dune

Mixed
opinions
on rip-rap
concept

More bench
seating

Less Traffic

Better
walkways
are needed

Summarized Pop-Up Boards

1

How do you currently enjoy this space?

Surfing

Yoga/jogging

Sunset watching/
tourist destination

Walking

Views & walking

Hiking

2

**What features of this concept do you like?
What modifications or additions would you like to see added to this concept?**

More efficient parking

Fencing design; preserve view

Supports one-way traffic

Concern for 10' path being enough space

Separate paths from bikes and cars

Prevent erosion caused by human use

Additional riprap and potential reef habitat

One-way traffic is good

Likes multi-use path for pedestrians

Supports keeping parking as proposed here

More pedestrian access

'Circulate' San Diego - collaboration

3

How can public access & recreation be improved in this area?

Diagonal parking

Speed bumps

Naturally preserve as much as possible

No parallel parking

Fencing - allow for rescues

Decrease car traffic

Sunset Cliffs

Summarized Workshop Boards (Key Themes)

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How do you experience the site?**

2

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(e.g., severe storms, sea level rise, coastal
erosion) and brainstorm resilience strategies.**

3

**Mark areas of concern or interest on
the map and suggest improvements.**

Likes bike path - needs repair	Protect natural park	Natural activities only	Use only native plants	Beach access improvements	One-way concern - space for recreation
Pro one-way	Move project to north section of Sunset Cliffs	Boulders from rip-rap only cause more erosion	Drainage plan	Ice plant protects cliffs	Consider storm drainage erosion issues
More trash and bathroom facilities	Visitor parking on north end	Use Catalina to improve traffic flow	Roundabout at Cordova	Four parking lots are a problem	Need separate bike lane/ crosswalks
Current access through guardrail is a barrier	Collaboration with community groups	Solve resilience on northern end first	One-way opens up more parking	Shuttle service with a remote parking area	Speed bumps/ traffic circles to slow traffic

Sunset Cliffs

Summarized Survey Responses (Key Themes)

1

How do you primarily use Sunset Cliffs?

37.1%
Leisure
activity

32.9%
Athletics/
Sports

13.4%
Community
events

16.6%
Other uses

2

What activities do you do at Sunset Cliffs?

82.4%
Walking

56.8%
Relaxing

22.4%
Picnic

48%
Yoga/
Stretching

27.1%
Running

21.9%
Biking

3

How do you access / visit this location?

54.9%
Car

38.2%
Walk

5.2%
Bike

0.5%
Public
Transit

1.2%
Other

4

Feedback on concept designs:

Additional
benches
and trash
receptacles

Stormwater
drainage
management
needed

Majority
support for
lane-diet
but concern
about parking

Keep space
natural

Need traffic
controls

Parking
needs to be
addressed:
timed, paid

Public
Transit

No
bathrooms
in the area

Access to
this site is
important

Better paths
for walking
and biking

Sunset Cliffs

Summarized Webinar Responses

1

In the context of Sea Level Rise, what does a resilient coastline look like to you?

Waterfront Recreational Hubs

Iconic place that draws visitors worldwide

Need to improve the entire cliff edge
- pedestrian safety, native planting

Improve aesthetic appearance

Green Coastal Buffer Zones

Green spaces that make our coast stronger

Monitoring the reef system and kelp beds

Stormwater Management/Clean Beaches

stormwater management and erosion
- stormwater is causing erosion

Cliff stabilization effort required

Flushing out of the storm drain system causing problems in area

Enhanced Recreational Opportunities

Enhancing community access for communities of concern

For those living away from coast, a place they can appreciate

Other

How safe is the infrastructure under Sunset Cliffs Blvd?

Coordinate the "siloe" city departments

Damage to cliffs occurring from people accessing the beach

Need to improve beach access

Summarized Webinar Responses

2

**What do you value most about this space?
What elements should be preserved or
integrated into future coastal planning?**

Aesthetic
sense of awe

Access no
matter rain or
shine

Avoid making
beautiful
ugly, seek any
opportunity to
make it more
appealing

Graphic makes
area look not
as steep as it is
- consider trail
alignments

People love
the sculpted
cliffs - enjoy
the creative
processes of
mother nature

Variety of
fencing - start
with a barrier
that is itself
attractive and
consistent

Go easy on
the sprinklers,
neighborhood
scale drainage

Reshape road
so drainage is
in areas that
are not high
risk

Road diet is a
great idea

Area near
parking lot 2
can be great
gathering area
(crescent area
with signage)

Concerns over
being able
to save this
area.. and
no financial
viability for it

Need
bathroom
facilities -
entire north
end lacks
bathrooms

3

**What challenges does this site currently
face? How will SLR magnify those challenges?
What adaptation approaches can better
prepare this site for climate change impacts
(coastal flooding, erosion, flooding, etc.)?**

Linear Park Concept

Protection of
city assets

Hazardous to
pedestrians

Waste,
traffic, access
problems

Elevated
Walkways

Off-shore
coastal
resiliency
efforts

Need a transit
solution for
area

Natural looking
seawalls and
revetment in
north - option
for areas in
south too?

Traffic calming
measures

Shuttle service
connecting
north and
south (not
successful at
Cabrillo)

