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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

SHORELINE PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP

The Shoreline Preservation Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, July 6, 2006

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- REGIONAL SHORELINE MONITORING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT
- REGIONAL BEACH REPLENISHMENT
- UPDATE ON CITY OF CARLSBAD COASTAL PROGRAMS

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SHORELINE PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP (SPWG)

Thursday, July 6, 2006

ITEM #		RECOMMENDATION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	
+2.	SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 6, 2006, MEETING	APPROVE
	The April 6, 2006, meeting summary is attached. The SPWG should review and approve.	
3.	REGIONAL SHORELINE MONITORING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT	INFORMATION
	SANDAG's sand monitoring consultant, Coastal Frontiers, will report on the results of the monitoring program for 2005. The monitoring report is available on SANDAG's Web site.	
4.	REGIONAL BEACH REPLENISHMENT	APPROVE
	Members of the Shoreline Preservation Working Group Staff Subgroup met to discuss the potential for a regional beach replenishment project. The project would be similar to the Regional Beach Sand Project, a pilot project built in 2001. The SPWG is being asked to approve the Staff Subgroup's recommendation.	
5.	UPDATE ON CITY OF CARLSBAD COASTAL PROGRAMS	INFORMATION
	Steve Jantz from the City of Carlsbad will provide information on their Opportunistic Beach Fill Program and Beach Attendance Survey.	
6.	SAND COMPATIBILITY AND OPPORTUNISTIC USE PROGRAM (SCOUP)	INFORMATION
	Chris Webb from Moffatt and Nichol will provide an update on the status of the second environmental document being prepared for the cities of Coronado, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, and Solana Beach.	
7.	LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	INFORMATION
	Steve Aceti from CalCoast will discuss the status of state and federal legislation.	

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RECOMMENDATION

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the SPWG during this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

INFORMATION

The next SPWG meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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SHORELINE PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP

July 6, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 6, 2006, MEETING

File Number 3002800

Members in Attendance:

- Ann Kulchin, Chair, City of Carlsbad
- Jim Bond, City of Encinitas
- Kevin Falconer, City of San Diego
- Jerry Finnell, City of Del Mar
- Joe Kellejian, City of Solana Beach
- Shari Mackin, City of Oceanside
- Phil Monroe, City of Coronado

Advisory Members in Attendance:

- Steve Aceti, California Coastal Coalition (CalCoast)
- August Felando, California Lobster and Trap Fishermen's Association
- Marilyn Fluharty, State Department of Fish & Game
- Kim Sterrett, State Department of Boating and Waterways

Staff Working Group:

- Steven Apple, City of Solana Beach
- Ray Duncan, City of Oceanside
- Steven Jantz, City of Carlsbad
- Ed Kleeman, City of Coronado
- Sachiko Kojatsa, County of San Diego
- Danny L. Schrotberger, City of San Diego
- Kathy Weldon, Encinitas

Others in Attendance:

- Scott Carpenter, SDSU Student
- Bud Carroll, Carlsbad
- Clif Davenport, California Geological Survey
- Dick Erhardt, Carlsbad
- Jamie Fox-Rice, City of San Diego
- Karen Green, SAIC
- Lawrence Honma, Merkel & Associates
- Mat Huff, Vander Hawk Consulting LLC
- Megan Johnson, So. Cal. Wetlands Recovery Project
- Bob Leiter, SANDAG
- Anne-Lise Lindquist, Moffat & Nichol
- John Metz, Oceanside Beach & Harbor Advisory Committee
- Mary Niez, County of San Diego
- Rob Rundle, SANDAG
- Josh Schiffer, SANDAG
- Susan Steele, Seacoast Preservation Association
- Zachary Thorton, SDSU
- Shelby Tucker, SANDAG
- Chris Webb, Moffat & Nichol

1. Introductions

Chair Ann Kulchin welcomed the Working Group and the group provided self-introductions.

2. Summary of the December 1, 2005, Minutes

Ann Kulchin made two corrections to the minutes. First, the Meeting Summary is for December 1, 2005, instead of September 1, 2005, and second, Angela Lockhart should be moved from "Staff Working Group" to "Others." Both of these changes have been made. There was a motion, which was seconded, to approve the December 1, 2005, Meeting Summary with these two changes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Statewide Infrastructure Bond Proposals

Bob Leiter, SANDAG, discussed SANDAG's efforts to develop regional priorities for infrastructure funding and the relationship to statewide infrastructure funding proposals. There are three statewide infrastructure proposals that developed over the past few months. The first was the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, which required about \$68 billion in expenditures over an extended period. The major categories in the Governor's proposal were transportation and air quality, education, water supply, flood control, public safety, courts, and other public infrastructure. The second was Senator Perata's SB 1024, which covered similar categories, but was a single fund issue of \$10.275 billion. Finally, the third was Assembly Speaker Nuñez's AB 1783, which was a similar concept, but more broad based than the other two. None of these proposals came to fruition on the June ballot. There is some discussion about continuing to pursue one or more of these measures for the November ballot.

Regarding shoreline preservation, none of the proposals include an allocation for shoreline preservation. Mr. Leiter said this is something SANDAG will pursue. Staff is beginning to work on a work program for proceeding with an analysis for needs and funding proposal for a quality-of-life measure, which could include funding for shoreline preservation. Staff will come back to the next meeting of the SPWG with some further information about the work program and how the SPWG can provide input into that kind of proposal.

Steve Aceti, CalCoast, mentioned that, a few months ago, a SANDAG attorney said that beach replenishment does not meet the quality-of-life criteria. Rob Rundle, SANDAG, said there is some ambiguity. The existing TransNet sales tax measure is half a cent. If there is another half a cent sales tax, our attorney feels it is not clear that we could put a measure out that includes habitat preservation, beach sand replenishment, and other activities. SANDAG now has outside counsel to help us determine if we can, but if we cannot, then we need to decide what actions to take to get the authority to tax for those activities.

Bob Leiter said that the quality-of-life measure that is being considered is not restricted to another half-cent sales tax, but can include other revenue sources.

Jim Bond, City of Encinitas, said history has shown everybody wants sand replenishment, but nobody wants to pay for it. This group needs to find out a way to pay for it. He is delighted to see that Solana Beach and Encinitas are working on paying for beach replenishment locally.

Steve Aceti said Prop 12 in 2000 had included a provision for beach restoration. CalCoast has tried every bond measure since then, and has been unsuccessful. Senator Chesbro's SB 1125 would renew the Resources Trust Fund, which has a huge surplus of \$200 million this year. The legislature has been dumping that money into the general fund except for some pockets that were carved out ten or twelve years ago. The last couple of days, many organizations have been talking about going to Chesbro on a united front and recommending some additional environmental pockets for this surplus.

4. Potential Sand Funds in Solana Beach

Steve Apple, City of Solana Beach, provided information on the city's efforts to increase the Transit Occupancy Tax to raise funds for sand replenishment. The Solana Beach City Council voted to increase the Transit Occupancy Tax by 3 percent, which will be phased in through 1 percent annual increments. One-third of the 3 percent increase will be used for coastal area business and visitor assistance, and the remaining two-thirds will be used for sand replenishment/retention and coastal access projects. No arguments were filed in opposition to the ballot measure and there is strong support in Solana Beach. A local source of funding may make it easier for Solana Beach to work with partners at state and federal levels to bring more money for a larger project. The measure would result in \$160,000 annually for shoreline preservation.

Kim Sterrett, Boating and Waterways, applauded the cities that are attempting to raise local funds for beach replenishment because it makes Boating and Waterway's job a lot easier trying to sell beach replenishment at the state level.

5. Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP)

Chris Webb, Moffat and Nichol, provided a final status report on the SCOUP project and an update on the status of the second environmental document being prepared for the cities of Coronado, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, and Solana Beach. The pilot project plan is on the State's Web site for the coastal sediment management work group, and it will be posted to the SANDAG Web site. With regard to the second CEQA document being prepared, the project description is under final modification and will be submitted to SANDAG next week. The goal is to have an early draft document available by summer, which can be finalized by late summer or early fall. The City of Encinitas will be the certifier for the project.

Steve Jantz, City of Carlsbad, added that the City of Carlsbad is pursuing an Opportunistic Sand Program and has been for a number of years. This project is about six to eight months ahead of the SCOUP program.

6. City of Encinitas Final Habitat Study

The final report for the beach habitat study in the City of Encinitas has been completed. Karen Green, SAIC, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the findings and conclusions from three years of beach habitat surveys. This study was looking at biological resources on the beaches of Encinitas, before and after the SANDAG project. Six sites were examined; three receiver sites: Batiquitos, Moonlight and Cardiff; and three non-receiver sites: Leucadia, Seaside, and San Elijo.

The study looked at 24 species of invertebrates, and a variety of crustaceans, clams, and worms. There was greater invertebrate development across season at the receiver sites than at non-receiver sites. An invertebrate forage habitat was created at both Cardiff and the indirectly nourished Seaside. There was indirect nourishment at Leucadia that was similar to the receiver sites. A variety of birds were seen, which feed on the worms and bean clams in the sand. An often-overlooked benefit of the project is the bird nesting area the sand provides. There was a greater variety and number of birds on the receiver sites versus the non-receiver sites. In addition, the birds were attracted to the receiver sites earlier in the season because of the wider beach.

Another issue the study addressed was the habitat for grunion, which spawn on the beaches typically between March and August. If the beaches are not there in the springtime, the grunion are not going to have any place to lay their eggs. All of the receiver sites had functional habitat for spawning throughout the season.

The final study will be posted on the City of Encinitas' Web site.

Phil Monroe, City of Coronado, said this presentation could help support legislation, making a case for the benefits of beach nourishment.

Shari Mackin, City of Oceanside, said she attended the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association's Workshop last month and this would have been a great presentation for that event.

Joe Kellejian, City of Solana Beach, suggested that this presentation go to the Regional Planning Committee.

7. Legislative Update

Steve Aceti, CalCoast, discussed the status of state and federal legislation. The annual legislative event is April 19 and 20, 2006. The program is on the CalCoast Web site and covers beach and wetland funding possibilities. The beach funding is through Chesbro's bill, SB 1125, which he mentioned in item 3. The wetland funding is AB 2134, which would take money from the tidelands reserve fund and create a new account for wetland preservation on an annual basis. There are two demands for wetlands maintenance; one is where the State has the responsibility and the other is where the nongovernmental organization has the responsibility.

8. Public Comment

Clif Davenport, California Geological Survey, distributed a pamphlet describing the California Coastal Sediment Management Master Plan. It is a capsulation of what the California Geological Survey is trying to do to implement a regional approach to opportunistic beach nourishment. If you would like a copy, contact Clif Davenport.

Shelby Tucker, SANDAG, announced that SANDAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan workshops, called "Making Smart Growth Work in our Region," would be held this month at various locations throughout the county. She distributed fliers to the members.

Shari Mackin announced that Oceanside is starting the annual harbor dredging.

9. Adjourn

Chair Ann Kulchin adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m. The next SPWG meeting will be on Thursday, June 1, 2006, from 11:30 to 1 p.m.