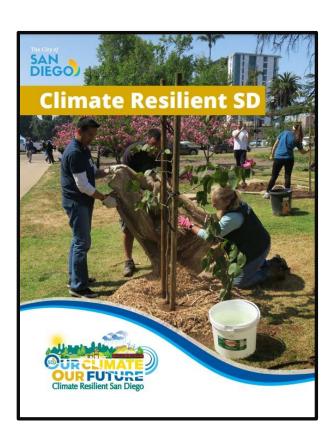
# Coastal Resilience Master Plan





# Climate Resilient SD



- City's comprehensive climate adaptation and resilience plan
- Further City's climate goals and meet legislative requirements
- Adopted December 2021
- Commitment to update every 5 years



2015 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

# Planning Overview

# VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS

- State Lands SLR
   Vulnerability Assessment
- SLR Vulnerability Assessment
- Citywide Climate Change Vulnerability
   Assessment

CLIMATE RESILIENT SAN DIEGO COASTAL
RESILIENCE
MASTER PLAN

**Stakeholder and Community Engagement** 



# Coastal Resilience Master Plan: purpose

- Mitigate risk from sea level rise
- Protect and enhance habitat
- Support access to the coast and recreational opportunities





# Coastal Resilience Master Plan: project components

- Nature-based solution concept designs
- Pilot project designs
- Environmental Analysis
- Community outreach & engagement
  - Project webpage & newsletter
  - Pop-up engagement events
  - Online survey
  - Community workshops
- Internal working group
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee







# Why nature-based solutions?

- Climate Resilient SD and the Coastal Resilience Master Plan prioritizes nature-based solutions (NbS) to for sea level rise protection and coastal resilience
- NbS provide multiple benefits to communities beyond risk reduction, such as water quality improvement, recreation opportunities, provision of habitat, and greenhouse gas emissions sequestration.
- NbS were the preferred approached by community members. When developing Climate Resilient SD, 89% of survey participants favored NbS for coastal protection.
- Align with State and Federal funding opportunities

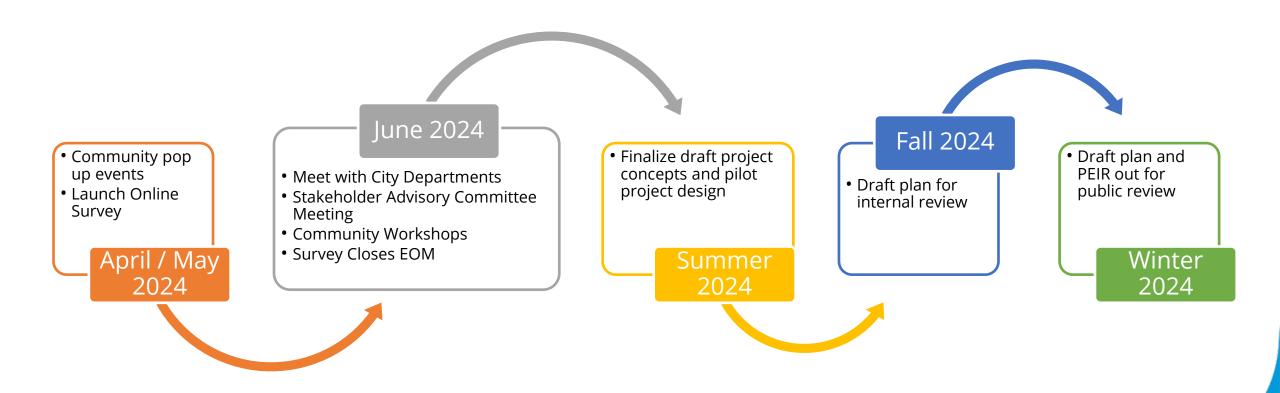


# Scope and Funding

- Phase 1: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
  - Concept designs (6), pilot project 15% design (1), PEIR, community engagement
- Phase 2: State Coastal Conservancy
  - 15% design (3 sites), technical studies, community education & engagement, stakeholder & tribal engagement, EIR addendum, support for drafting of CRMP



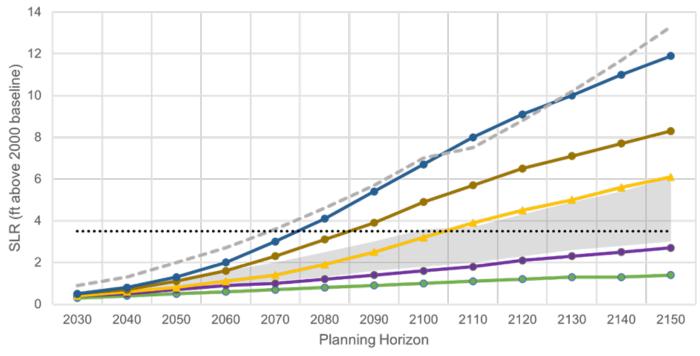
# Coastal Resilience Master Plan: draft schedule





# Sea Level Rise Overview







#### **Key Updates:**

- SLR until 2050 more certain than previous report: statewide SLR by 2050 is 0.8 ft (intermediate scenario)
- SLR range from 2050-2100 expands due to higher uncertainty with emissions scenarios and physical processes
- 2100 and beyond range expands further due to uncertainties with physical processes
- H++ scenario (2017) removed much higher than new updates suggest

Sea level rise projections for the San Diego tide gauge (modified from OPC 2024, 2018).



#### **Protect**

- Major stabilization and drainage improvements
- Prioritize existing alignment and certain uses
- May limit some access or uses

#### **Accommodate**

- Repair and maintain as impacts are realized
- Adjust level of use based on status of assets
- Minor retrofit of existing structures
- Minor stabilization and drainage improvements

#### **Retreat**

- Limit new development in hazardous and sensitive areas
- Remove/relocate vulnerable assets
- Promote preservation and conservation of open space

#### **Hybrid**

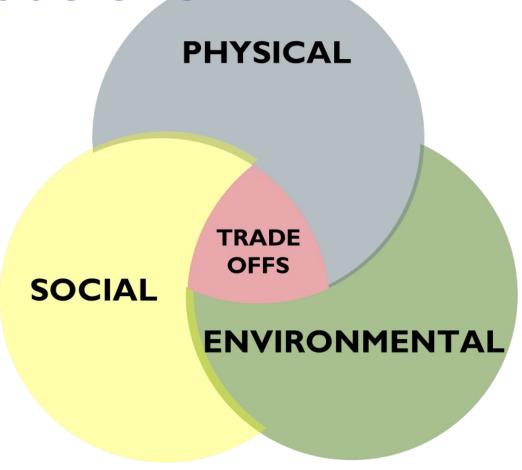
- Accommodate over short-term, realign/relocate over long-term
- Blend protective elements using natural materials and proven structural designs
  - Redevelopment restrictions
  - Some realignment, some accommodation, and some protection



# Adaptation Alternatives & Trade Offs

There are trade offs associated with every adaptation alternative.

- •Strategies with more physical protection often also provide some social benefits and preserved use but may compromise environmental aspects.
- •Strategies that prioritize environmental features may not provide precise physical protection but can offer natural aesthetics and can represent community values.





# Site Selection

 $11 \rightarrow 6$  sites

#### Prioritization factors:

- City ownership
- Disadvantaged communities
- Multi-Habitat Planning Area
- SLR vulnerability
- Site feasibility





# Ocean Beach - Dog Beach

Recreation Use	****
Emergency Access Constraints	***
Parking Demand	****
Available Space for NbS	***
Vulnerability	****
Existing Habitat	****

**★**low—high**★**★★★



3.3 ft SLR scenario with 100-yr storm



# Ocean Beach - Dog Beach

#### Menu of Potential Options

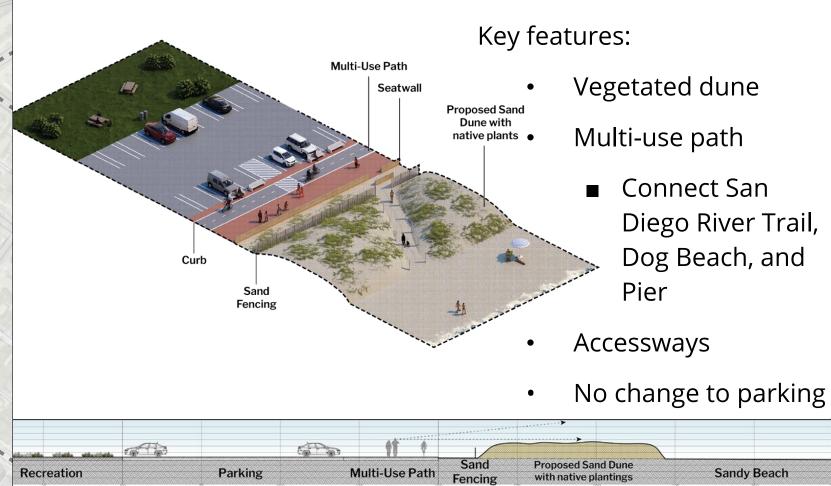
- Vegetated dune
  - Removal of K rail
  - Integration with San Diego River Trail
- Parking and recreation area realignment
- Restroom realignment
- Repair, rehabilitation, or modification of groin and/or jetty







# Ocean Beach - Dog Beach





# Ocean Beach - Beachfront

Recreation Use	****
Emergency Access Constraints	****
Parking Demand	****
Available Space for NbS	**
Vulnerability	****
Existing Habitat	***

**★**low—high**★**★★★



3.3 ft SLR scenario with <u>100-yr storm</u>



# Ocean Beach - Beachfront

#### Menu of Potential Options

- Vegetated dune
  - Connection between Dog
     Beach and OB Pier
- Parking and recreation area realignment
- Repair, rehabilitation, or modification of groin and/or jetty
- Seawall modification

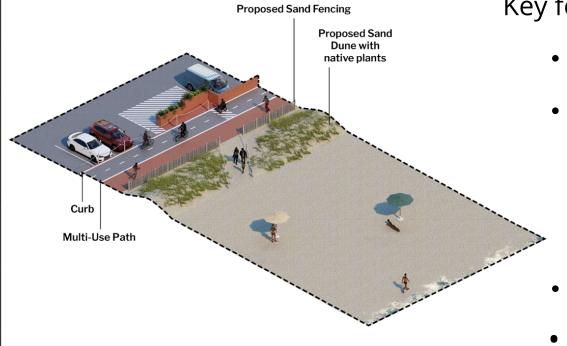






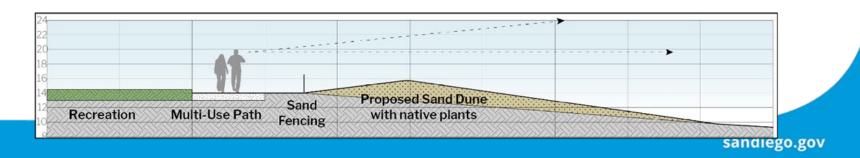


# Ocean Beach - Beachfront



#### Key features:

- Vegetated dune
- Multi-use path
  - Connect San Diego
     River Trail, Dog Beach,
     and Pier
- Accessways
- No change to parking

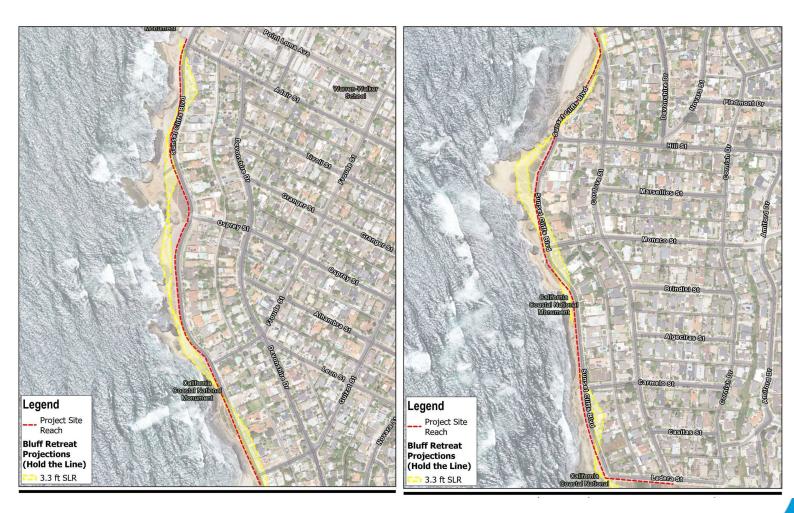




# **Sunset Cliffs**

Recreation Use	***
Emergency Access Constraints	****
Parking Demand	***
Available Space for NbS	**
Vulnerability	***
Existing Habitat	**

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3.3 ft SLR scenario erosion band

# Sunset Cliffs

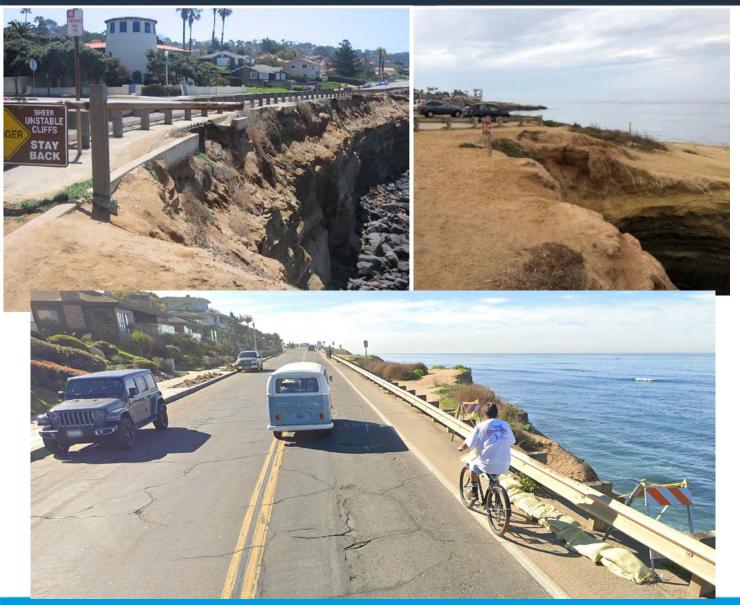
#### Menu of Potential Options

- Roadway modification, diet, and/or realignment
- Trail formalization and enhancement
- Parking lot retrofit and layout optimization
- Stormwater and drainage improvements
- Bluff stabilization

Vegetation management

| University | Control | Control





#### Considerations:

- Safety improvements
- Desire for no impact on emergency response or total parking
- Shift perspective from reactive to proactive
- Drainage improvements
- Invasive removal and native plant installation
- Access and recreation enhancement



# **Sunset Cliffs**

Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan -2005

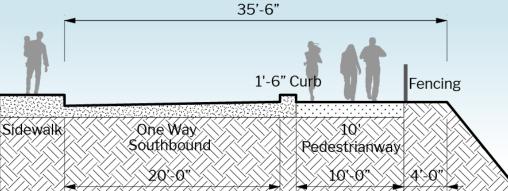


FIGURE 24 - Existing Conditions: Excess parking pavement, compacted soils and lack of accessible pedestrian access.



FIGURE 25 - Computer Simulation of Potential Improvements: Parking redesigned, coastal trail created and park revegetated.









# Looking Forward

- First step of many
- Additional technical studies
- Additional engineering
- Continued community & stakeholder engagement
- Implementation triggers





# Thank you!



To learn more about the Coastal Resilience Master Plan:

