



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BEACH COALITION

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SUPERVISOR KATRINA FOLEY
Chair
District 5, Board of Supervisors

NATHAN BANDA
Juañeno Band of Mission Indians
Acjachemen Nation

DONAL RUSSELL
Capistrano Bay District

JUSTIN GOLLIHER
Orange County Flood Control District

ANDY HALL
City of San Clemente

JAMES DINWIDDIE
Orange County Parks

Executive Officer
Makana Nova

ATTENDANCE: Foley, Dinwiddie, Golliher, and Russell

ABSENT: Banda and Hall

PARTNERS PRESENT: Amanda Quintanilla, California State Parks (Eliza Atwood), California Coastal Commission (Liliana Roman), City of Dana Point (Mathew Kunk), Greg Ray, Orange County Transportation Authority (Dan Phu and Rebekah Soto), Office of Laurie Davies (Kristy Khachigian), Save Our Beaches (Suzie Whitelaw), Shorecliffs Beach Club (Diane Wenzel), and University of California, Irvine (Brett Sanders, Tess Hachey, and Kristen Vellandi)

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Foley.

II. ROLL CALL



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The Executive Officer called roll and confirmed quorum present.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement was led by Makana Nova, Executive Officer.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. APPROVE COALITION MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 MEETING

Draft minutes were continued to the next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2025.

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. STATE OF THE COAST REPORT UPDATES

The Coalition will review the latest draft of the State of the Coast Report and provide additional feedback, as needed.

Makana Nova, Executive Officer, provided an overview of updates made to the State of the Coast report to date. See the draft and updates online at: <https://bos5.oc.gov/beach-coalition-updates>.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Provide feedback for the State of the Coast Report.

The Coalition tabled this item to a future meeting to solicit feedback from other agencies and enable more time for review of the draft report.

B. SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BEACHES' COASTAL EROSION RESEARCH REPORT

University of California, Irvine researchers will provide a report on the latest research regarding the state of the coast and coastal erosion at south Orange County beaches.



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Dr. Brett Sanders, University of California, Irvine, Chancellor's Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, presented the history of beaches, the Dana Point Harbor sediment impacts, replenishment recommendations, and an overview of sediment trends within south Orange County based on his recent research in partnership with PhD student, Tess Hachey.

Member Donal Russell of Capistrano Bay District emphasized the need to pursue environmental consultants to study San Juan Creek and seeking alternatives in the form of mitigation fees to support this effort for the region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

The Coalition received and filed the South Orange County Beaches' Coastal Erosion Research Report.

VII. COALITION MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

Makana Nova, Executive Officer, inquired about the need to incorporate a study of sediment drift from the Laguna Beach Littoral Cell into the Oceanside Littoral Cell around Dana Point.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 5:32 P.M.