



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BEACH COALITION

OC SAILING AND EVENTS CENTER
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Dana Point, CA 92629

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, Banda (arrived at 4:11 p.m.), Hall, Dinwiddie, Golliher, and Russell

ABSENT: none

PARTNERS PRESENT: Amanda Quintanilla, California State Parks (Eliza Atwood), Capistrano Bay District (John Ciampa), Capistrano Shores (Eric Anderson), City of Dana Point (Mathew Kunk), Greg Ray, Orange County Transportation Authority (Rebekah Soto), Office of Katrina Foley (Abby Paulson), Office of Assemblywoman Laurie Davies (Kristy Khachigian), Office of Congressman Mike Levin (Colton Roghen), Office of Tony Senator Strickland (Max Wernher), Orange County Public Works (Giles Mathews), Save Our Beaches (Suzie Whitelaw), Shorecliffs Beach Club (Diane Wenzel, Melanie Wygal, and Tracey Edwards), and Surfrider Foundation (Alex Ferron Mignon)



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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Foley.

II. ROLL CALL

The Executive Officer called roll and confirmed quorum present.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgement was led by Makana Nova, Executive Officer.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)

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

Motion to approve the minutes as drafted.

Motion: Member Andy Hall

2nd: Member Nathan Banda

Approved 6–0

B. APPROVE COALITION MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 21, 2025 MEETING

Motion made to approve the minutes as drafted with the addition of a comment made by Donal Russell during Item VI.B South Orange County Beaches' Coastal Erosion Research Report emphasizing 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.

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V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM A)

A. SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY SEDIMENT COMPATIBILITY AND OPPORTUNISTIC USE PROGRAM (OC SCOUP)

Giles Mathews, Regulatory Permitting Manager, with Orange County Public Works presented on the Orange County Sediment Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program and how its anticipated approval by the regulatory agencies may enable more funding and streamlined permitting for sand nourishment for appropriate beaches throughout Orange County. Ensuing discussion among Members suggested the incorporation of privately owned communities into the OC SCOUP. The draft SCOUP will be made publicly available in the near future in conjunction with the release of the public comment period for the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

The Coalition received and filed the South Orange Sediment Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (OC SCOUP).

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS AND REPORT

Makana Nova, Executive Officer, informed the Beach Coalition that the MOU for the formation of the South Orange County Beach Coalition had been adopted on February 10, 2026, and that the Beach Coalition was now operating as a formal Brown Act body. Accordingly, a project webpage has been created and is available online at: <https://bos5.oc.gov/beach-coalition-updates>

Secondly, Ms. Nova provided an update on the State of the Coast, indicating progress continues as outreach to other relevant Cities in Orange County is occurring.



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VIII. COALITION MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

Member Hall encouraged participants to attend the upcoming City Council meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026, to listen to the latest updates on State of the Beach for the City of San Clemente.

Member Banda invited participants to attend an upcoming Tribal Summit on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center.

Member Dinwiddie updated the group on the status of grants for the Capistrano-Doheny Nature-Based Adaptation Project, indicating that the project had just passed the initial CalOES review process for the \$14 million FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and that the Benefit-Cost Analysis of 1.8 had been approved the week prior.

Chair Foley, updated the group on the recent UCI Sediment by Rail Workshop hosted held on February 4, 2026. A more thorough summary presentation will be provided by UCI at the upcoming March Beach Coalition meeting. She promised to bring a jar of the Prado Dam sand for consideration to the next Beach Coalition meeting in March. Lastly, she encouraged members to nominate a woman for the Annual Women Making a Difference Awards and to consider those who are contributing to sustainable futures for the coast. Nominations are due on or before March 1, 2026.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 5:05 P.M.