



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

**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BEACH COALITION**

**OC SAILING AND EVENTS CENTER**  
**33451 Ensenada Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Pilot House**  
**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 Makana Nova.*

**II. ROLL CALL**

*The Executive Officer called roll and confirmed quorum present.*

**III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*Land Acknowledgement was led by Member Nathan Banda.*

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–B)**

**A. APPROVE COALITION MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026, MEETING**

*Motion to approve the minutes as drafted.*

*Motion: Member Donal Russell  
2nd: Member Nathan Banda  
Approved 6–0*

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM A)**

**B. UCI SEDIMENT BY RAIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

Constance May, Nicola Ulibarri, and Dr. Brett Sanders from the UC Irvine Climate Collaboration, will provide a summary and key takeaways of the Sediment by Rail workshop held on February 4, 2026.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Approved 6–0*

*The Coalition received and filed the UCI Sediment by Rail Workshop Summary.*



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**C. REGIONAL SHORELINE TRANSECT MONITORING AT SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BEACHES**

Greg Hearon, Professional Engineer from Coastal Frontiers Corps, will provide a presentation on the latest transect monitoring data that captures beach width change at south Orange County beaches.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Motion: Member Nathan Banda*

*2nd: Member Justin Golliher*

*Approved 6–0*

*The Coalition received and filed the Regional Shoreline Transect Monitoring at South Orange County Beaches.*

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Amanda Quintanilla offered her appreciation for the hard work of the stakeholders and collaboration with local academic institutions. Ms. Quintanilla suggested getting the word out about the South Orange County Beach Coalition and suggested linking the newly created webpage to existing resource web pages such as Save Our Beaches.*

*Chair Foley responded, indicating that the Supervisor's Office provides their weekly newsletter and the Beach Coalition website is now available online. Chair Foley further offered anyone to share the link for the Beach Coalition webpage.*

**VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS AND REPORT**

*Makana Nova, Executive Officer, informed the Beach Coalition that the Memorandum of Understanding for the formation of the South Orange County Beach will be mailed to Members.*

*Ms. Nova further suggested presenting logo options for Members to consider at the upcoming meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.*



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**A. GRANT/FUNDING UPDATES – STATUS OF PENDING AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO COASTAL RESILIENCY**

*Makana Nova, Executive Officer, provided a summary of current coastal funding grant opportunities available including Senate Bill 1 (Track 1 proposals offered on a quarterly basis with full proposals currently due March 30, 2026 and Track 2 proposal letters of intent due February 20, 2026), the National Fish and Wildlife Federation: National Coastal Resilience Fund Program (pre-proposals due March 31<sup>st</sup>), and California Coastal Conservancy (open on a rolling basis for shovel ready projects).*

*Chair Foley asked which projects are pursuing this funding and Ms. Nova indicated that the County is pursuing funding from all three of these grants for the Capistrano-Doheny Nature Based Shoreline Adaptation Project.*

*Ms. Nova shared that Chair Foley had prepared a letter of support on behalf of the South Orange County Beach Coalition in support of SANDAG's Regional Beach Sand Project III. The letter included the names of the coalition and was sent by Chair Foley as Chairwoman of the South Orange County Beach Coalition.*

**VIII. COALITION MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT**

*Member Russell indicated he had reached out to former Senior Coastal Engineer, Susan Brodeur, and heard news of her retirement from OC Parks. He then inquired with Makana Nova if there are any projects planned for opportunistic sand nourishment at Capistrano and/or Doheny State Beach this summer.*

*Ms. Nova acknowledged Ms. Brodeur's retirement and indicated that a smaller sand nourishment project is planned for Capistrano Beach of up to 13,500 cubic yards later this spring. OC Parks would be reaching out shortly to Capistrano Bay District to discuss site access related to this project.*

*Member Banda offered his congratulations to Makana Nova and Suzie Whitelaw for being recognized as one of 25 women recognized by Supervisor Foley for Women Making a Difference Awards under this year's theme, "A Sustainable Future."*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT 5:14 P.M.**