

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
April 28, 2026

Shoreline Committee

ITEM 7a

Miller CDP Application Status

The Shoreline Committee was fully aware that once the Miller application was submitted to the Coastal Commission that movement would slow down and such is the current progress. There was a CCC staff and consultant meeting on April 16th which ended up being more of a meet and greet with additional CCC staff as no real substantial progress was made. However, the meeting did result in agreement that another meeting is in order in the near future as both sides review and respond to details discussed in this first meeting. There are two takeaways here, (i) that there is no surprise bad news yet and, (ii) CCC staff is willing to meet and talk ahead of hearings.

ITEM 7b

South OC Beach Coalition Meetings

In this month's Coalition meeting, discussion mainly focused on the Doheny State Beach Campground modernization project. The project in itself has nothing to do with shoreline issues except for the simple fact that Doheny Campground is an extremely popular *PUBLIC SERVING FACILITY* and the Coastal Commission places such facilities very high on their priorities. This means the adjacent beach also sits high on their list. This will weigh significantly in decision-making when it comes to deciding which beaches get first shot at sand replenishment opportunities.

Further significant discussion centered on the developing plan to move *Sediment by Rail* from the Prado Dam project. This concept is gaining more attention for its practicality – basically moving sand by train cars to the Port of LA then loading onto barges to ship south to needy beaches. In fact, District staff has been invited to attend a presentation by the Metropolitan Water District of OC (MWDOC) to hear more about the progress on this concept. That meeting to be held on Thursday, April 30th. *Also see attached Funding Request to Congressman Levin.*

Detailed notes for the monthly Coalition meetings can be viewed on the District's website and meeting minutes and agenda reports can be viewed on the Coalition website:

- www.capobay.org (District Website)
- <https://bos5.oc.gov/beach-coalition-updates> (South County Beach Coalition website)



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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Mike Levin
United States House of Representatives
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: FY2027 Community Project Funding Request — San Diego Regional Beach Sand and Nearshore Habitat Studies

Dear Representative Levin:

As Chairwoman of the South Orange County Beach Coalition and Supervisor of the Fifth District, which encompasses the coastal cities of Dana Point and San Clemente within the Oceanside Littoral Cell, I write in support of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Fiscal Year 2027 funding request of \$1,000,000 for two technical studies needed to advance the Regional Beach Sand Project III. The County of Orange, Capistrano Bay District, the City of San Clemente, and the City of Dana Point contributed a total of \$234,087 for phase 1 of the project. These technical environmental studies are prerequisites for the design and environmental review phase of future regional sand replenishment efforts.

The requested funding supports an updated survey of offshore borrow sites to identify viable sand sources, and an updated nearshore habitat inventory to inform future environmental and design decisions. The existing borrow site data proved unreliable in recent federal sand placement efforts, and the last habitat inventory was completed in 2008. Without updated data, the region cannot proceed with the next phase of the project.

South Orange County and San Diego's coastline within the Oceanside Littoral Cell are some of the region's most significant economic and environmental assets, and beach erosion remains an ongoing challenge. This is a modest request for two discrete, well-scoped studies to unblock a major regional coastal project. As chairwoman of the South Orange County Beach Coalition, I respectfully urge you to include this project in your FY2027 Community Project Funding requests. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Katrina Foley
Chairwoman, South Orange County Beach Coalition
5th District Supervisor, County of Orange