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June 10, 2024

Dr. Kate Huckelbridge, Executive Director
California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Record 5-24-0371-W – **SUPPORT**

Dear Executive Director Huckelbridge:

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in our shared goal of protecting coastal resources. It is in that spirit that I write to you in support of Record 5-24-0371-W. I appreciate the Commission's consideration of the City of San Clemente's request and support the adoption of the staff recommendation.

Sincerely,

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June 7, 2024

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Executive Director Huckelbridge:

I write this letter with my full support of the proposed collaborative effort between the City of San Clemente and the Orange County Transportation Authority to place approximately 70,000 cubic yards of sand on the beaches in San Clemente.

At the Coastal Commission hearing on June 14, 2024, the Commission will consider the issuance of a waiver allowing the placement of sand on North Beach in San Clemente in partnership with Orange County Parks (approximately 30,000 cubic yards). This is urgent and necessary to protect the eroding coastline.

The costs associated with this effort are significant for a small City like San Clemente, but it is essential the sand be placed in that location to protect critical infrastructure in the area including a train station, sections of the railroad, a parking lot and public restrooms.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has expressed interest in providing assistance to the City of San Clemente as a portion of its mitigation obligations associated with the Emergency Permit issued to make improvements near Cyprus Shores in San Clemente. Later this fall, there may be additional sand available from the California State Parks system that could also be considered for a similar purpose (up to 40,000 cubic yards).

These actions are critical to preserving the public's access to a safe beach. Allowing this strategy to proceed would benefit all parties. The Coastal Commission can demonstrate positive action to protect critical coastal infrastructure for the long term, OCTA can address a portion of its mitigation, and the City of San Clemente can use these resources to identify other necessary coastal enhancements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is of the utmost importance to the residents, visitors and businesses in South Orange County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Davies". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent capital 'L' and 'D'.

Laurie Davies
Assemblywoman, District 74



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June 4, 2024

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge
California Coastal Commission
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Re: Support – Coastal Commission Waiver to Allow Placement of Sand on North Beach in San Clemente

Dear Director Huckelbridge:

I write to express my strong support for the proposed collaborative project between the City of San Clemente and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in placing approximately 70,000 cubic yards of necessary sand on the beaches along the coast of San Clemente. As a Director for OCTA and the County Supervisor for Orange County's Fifth District, which includes the City of San Clemente, protecting our coastal infrastructure through robust sand replenishment remains one of my top priorities.

On June 14, 2024, the California Coastal Commission will consider issuing a waiver allowing the placement of sand on North Beach in San Clemente partnering with Orange County Parks. Projected at approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sand, the estimated costs seem significant – especially for a small city such as San Clemente. Placing sand on North Beach remains essential to protect critical infrastructure in the area, including a train station, sections of the railroad, a parking lot and public restrooms.

At my request, OCTA is now willing to assist the City of San Clemente's sand replenishment efforts as a portion of its mitigation obligations associated with the Emergency Permit issued to make improvements near Cyprus Shores in San Clemente. Later this fall, an additional 40,000 cubic yards of sand may be available from the California State Parks system that could also be considered for a similar purpose.

At our Board of Supervisors meeting on June 4, 2024, the Board received the recommendations for a South Orange County Regional Coastal Resilience Strategic Plan and directed staff to form a collaborative of stakeholders through a MOU to bring all groups working to save our coastline under one umbrella organization to create a comprehensive plan to save our beaches. We also accepted a nearly \$8M FEMA/CalOES disaster prevention grant to build a nature-based living shoreline at Capistrano Beach.

Proudly serving the cities of Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe, and Wagon Wheel

Implementing strategic cooperation plans benefits all involved entities. The Coastal Commission can demonstrate positive action to protect critical coastal infrastructure, OCTA can address a portion of its mitigation requirements, and the City of San Clemente can use the resources at hand to identify and implement necessary coastal enhancements. This cooperative agreement forms the basis for future initiatives through our new collaborative that will protect access to our beautiful coast.

For the reasons listed, I strongly support the proposed Coastal Commission waiver to allow the placement of sand on North Beach in San Clemente. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding my support of this waiver, please contact my Chief of Staff Nick Anas at (714) 834-3550 or Nick.Anas@ocgov.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Foley', is written over the printed name.

Katrina Foley,

Orange County Supervisor, Fifth District



**San
Clemente**
THE SPANISH VILLAGE BY THE SEA

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Victor Cabral

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May 29, 2024

Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge
California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Director Huckelbridge,

It was a pleasure meeting you in Sacramento and your testimony before the Senate LOSSAN Committee was informative and educational. The testimony was consistent amongst the parties that many of the impacts on railroad operations in San Clemente are best addressed through the placement of sand between the rip rap and the water reducing settling of the revetment and saturation below the tracks. It is for this purpose I am reaching out for your immediate assistance.

On June 14, 2024, the Coastal Commission will consider the issuance of a waiver allowing the placement of sand on North Beach in San Clemente in partnership with Orange County Parks (approximately 30,000 cubic yards). North Beach is a popular destination for residents and visitors to San Clemente that is easily accessible with a large public parking lot and train station. Unfortunately, North Beach has lost most of its sand, making it almost impossible for beachgoers wishing to spend a day on a sandy beach. The costs associated with the placement of sand are significant for a small City, but it is essential the sand be placed to protect critical infrastructure in the area including the train station, sections of the railroad, parking lot and public restrooms.

In discussions with our partners, the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA), we are seeking to determine if OCTA might be eligible to complete this placement as a portion of their mitigation obligations associated with the Emergency Permit issued to make improvements near Cyprus Shores in San Clemente. Later this fall, there may be additional sand available from the California State Parks system that could also be considered for that purpose (up to 40,000 cubic yards).

Allowing this strategy to proceed would benefit all parties. The Coastal Commission can demonstrate positive action to protect critical coastal infrastructure, OCTA can address a portion of their mitigation, and the City of San Clemente can use these resources to identify other necessary coastal enhancements.

Your attention to this matter would be very appreciated. If you could review this situation with your staff and contact our City Manager, Andy Hall, with your decision, the City of San Clemente would be grateful for your efforts. I am aware that Andy has discussed this possibility with staff at OCTA who seemed to be generally supportive.

Thank you for your leadership and for all the Coastal Commission does for the City of San Clemente. Having the Coastal Commission as a partner in our stewardship of the coastal resources in San Clemente will result in the type of results that will benefit current residents and future generations. If you have any questions about this issue, or when you have made a determination regarding this request, I would ask you to speak with our City Manager, Andy Hall, by calling (949) 361-8341 or through email at halla@sanclemente.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Cabral', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Victor Cabral,
Mayor, City of San Clemente

cc: Members of the San Clemente City Council
Karl Schwing, California Coastal Commission District Director
Darrell Johnson, OCTA Executive Director