

SAN ELIJO CONSERVANCY/SANDAG/CALTRANS

MEDIA ADVISORY

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LOCAL OFFICIALS CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF UNIQUE SAND REPLENISHMENT EFFORTS ON NORTH COUNTY BEACHES *Cardiff State Beach Named One of Nation's Best Restored Beaches*

WHEN: Tuesday, July 17, 2018
9 –10 a.m.
Press conference will start promptly at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Chart House South Parking Lot
2588 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 92007

WHO: Speakers include:

- Terry Sinnott, SANDAG Board Chair and Del Mar City Councilmember
- Catherine Blakespear, City of Encinitas Mayor
- Allan Kosup, Caltrans District 11, North Coast Corridor Director
- Kim Garvey, American Shore & Beach Preservation Association, California Chapter
- Darren Smith, California State Parks San Diego Coast District Services Manager
- Doug Gibson, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Executive Director/Principal Scientist

WHAT: Local elected officials will join SANDAG, Caltrans, the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association, and California State Parks to celebrate the completion of beach sand replenishment efforts on Cardiff State Beach in Encinitas and Fletcher Cove in Solana Beach.

The beach sand replenishment effort is unique in the fact that over 440,000 cubic yards of sand was dredged from the central basin of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, placing native, beach-quality sands onto the North County beaches. The beach sand replenishment efforts took place between February and late June of this year and is part of the on-going \$118 million San Elijo Lagoon Restoration project to restore the lagoon and preserve and reinforce the shoreline.

Officials will also celebrate national recognition from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. Cardiff State Beach was named one of the top five best restored beaches of 2018 – the only beach recognized on the West Coast.

The San Elijo Lagoon Restoration project is part of [Build NCC](#), the first phase of long-term transportation, environmental, and coastal access improvements along the 27-mile North Coast Corridor of San Diego County.

PARKING: Media should park along southbound South Coast Highway, just south of the Chart House.

VISUALS:

- South facing views of new beach sand on Cardiff State Beach
- Ceremonial photo of representatives with beach umbrellas and chairs in new beach sand
- Displays showing before and after images of the beach, and infographic demonstrating the quantity of sand placed on the beach

About Build NCC

Build NCC is a collaborative effort between SANDAG, Caltrans, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The first phase of construction is in the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad as part of the North Coast Corridor Program. Build NCC includes extending the existing carpool lane on Interstate 5 in each direction from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to State Route 78, double tracking the rail line at the San Elijo Lagoon, replacing the highway and rail bridges at the San Elijo Lagoon, restoring the San Elijo Lagoon, and constructing nearly 10 miles of new bike and pedestrian trails. Construction of the Build NCC projects are expected to be complete by 2021. To learn more about NCC, visit: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.com/BuildNCC

About San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy

San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY is the nonprofit land trust for San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Its vision is a world where biodiversity is preserved and people act to conserve nature and embrace it as central to a healthy community. Its mission is to protect and restore the resources of the 1,000-acre reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. More information on the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration is available at: SanElijo.org/RevivingWetlands