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Restoring Tidal Flow at San Elijo Lagoon's Ocean Connection Begins October 11
San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Oversees Sand Removal and Dispersal at Cardiff State Beach

ENCINITAS – Cardiff State Beach is culturally vibrant to all who love to surf, sunbathe, and build sandcastles by the sea. More sand is coming to its shores. Approximately 25,000-cubic yards of sand will be removed from the San Elijo Lagoon inlet. Half of the sand will be placed nearshore between Pacific Coast Grill & the Charthouse as we do every year. This year, the other half of the excavated sand will be placed between Restaurant Row and South Cardiff State Beach to be used in the creation of dunes for the City of Encinitas-led Cardiff Beach Living Shoreline project

WHO   San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy oversees the annual inlet excavation, conducted in support by California Coastal Conservancy and County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health.

WHY   The small opening, south of San Elijo State Beach Campground, is the lagoon's connection to the Pacific Ocean. By reconnecting the tidal passage, we improve how tides ebb and flow. Many fishes, birds, plants and invertebrates depend on this unique mix of saltwater and freshwater.

WHEN   Thursday, October 11 through Monday, October 22, 2018

WHERE   Cardiff State Beach in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA

VISUALS   Earthmovers are removing accumulated sediment in the tidal channel and dispersing south of the inlet. Safety areas are established and monitored.

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San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is the Southern California nonprofit land trust for the 1000-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. **Its vision** is a world where biodiversity is protected, 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 lagoon, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.

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