### Resiliency Port of San Diego

Eileen Maher, Director, Environmental Conservation CMANC Conference – Oakland, CA. September 14, 2018





### Jurisdiction

**5** member cities

**22** public parks

2 cargo terminals

2 cruise ship terminals

**34** miles of waterfront

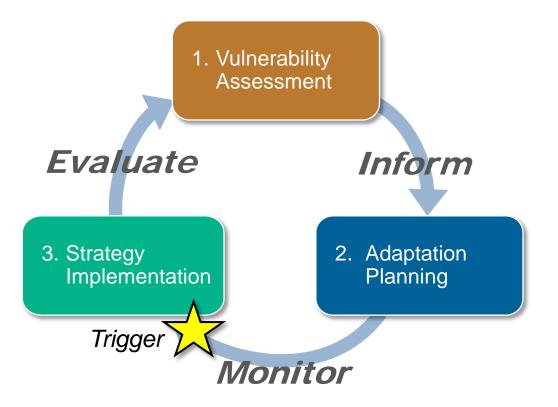
2,403 acres of land

3,535 acres of water





### Seal Level Rise Planning Process



Plan and prepare for

potential coastal flooding

and inundation related to

sea level rise.



## Sea Level Rise Ad-Hoc Committee

#### **Members**

- Department of Navy
- Center for Sustainable Energy
- BAE Systems
- Port Tenants Association
- San Diego State University
- University of California, San Diego
- Shelter Island Marina
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Environmental Health Coalition
- Southwest Wetlands Interpretative Association

### **Advisors**

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Dr. Julie Kalansky

United States Geological Survey Dr. Juliette Finzi-Hart

*ICF International* Dr. Robert Kay

Nexus Planning & Research Dennis Larson



### Sea Level Rise Ad-Hoc Committee

2017	<ul> <li>Background on sea level rise science</li> <li>Review recommended sea level rise projections</li> <li>Review recommended coastal model</li> <li>Identify assets to be analyzed</li> </ul>	

2018

- Review vulnerability assessment hazard maps
- Review adaptive management approach
- Review adaptation planning process including adaptation scenario decision criteria
- Review recommended monitoring performance metrics



# Memorandum of Agreement Coordinate on Sea Level Rise Planning







# Port & Navy Partnerships

The Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan sets forth a coordinated plan for natural resource management in San Diego Bay. San Diego Bay Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan









# **Planning Initiatives**



- Port is evaluating impacts of sea level rise pursuant to Assembly Bill 691.
- Planning for nature-based solutions to protect coastal resources.
- DOD has conducted over 700 assessments of flooding at coastal installations worldwide.
- Navy has forged partnerships with state and local governments to advance sea level rise planning.



## Memorandum of Agreement

First MOA between Navy and Port on the West Coast. Appoints qualified staff to:

- Coordinate sea level rise planning initiatives
- Share sea level rise policies, assessments, and guidance
- Re-evaluate science every five years
- Identify complimentary adaptation strategies
- Implement pilot projects as feasible



# Restoration & Enhancement Projects South San Diego Bay





Restoration & Enhancement Projects for resiliency South San Diego Bay

- Restoration & Enhancement 280 acres
- Pond 20
- Living Shoreline





# Restoration & Enhancement 280 acres





### Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve

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### Fish & Wildlife Refuge

Pond 11

#### all is

Pond 10

Pond 10A



Restoration & Enhancement Projects for resiliency South San Diego Bay

#### **Grant Funding provided by:**

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Port Environmental Fund
- California Coastal Conservancy
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- NOAA stimulus funds





#### Restoration & Enhancement Projects for resiliency South San Diego Bay

#### Volunteer Assistance provided by

- SD Audubon Society
- SD Oceans Foundation
- Ocean Discovery Institute
- Coronado Rotary Club









"Living shorelines utilize natural habitat elements to protect shorelines from erosion while providing critical habitat for fish, wetlands and aquatic plants, as well as wildlife"

#### Partners include:

- Port of San Diego
- California Coastal Conservancy

 US Fish & Wildlife Service Coastal Program
 Technical Advisory Committee

### Native Oyster Reefs



- Climate change and sea level rise pose a threat to both developed coastal lands and remaining undeveloped coastal habitats
- Prevent large scale engineered armoring of shorelines
- Increase ecological value



### E Street Marsh Chula Vista



## Native Oyster Reefs

- Native oyster recruitment
- Unarmored shoreline
- Adjacent to marshland
- Moderate to high wave energy environment
- 2,300 linear feet of shoreline





#### **Native Oyster Reefs**

Resiliency for storm surge Erosion protection for shoreline Water Quality filtering by oysters

**Status** 90% Design Need construction funding - \$750,000





# Mitigation Bank at Pond 20





# **Mitigation Banking**

- 95 acres
- Former salt evaporation pond
- Coordinating mitigation bank with adjacent FWS restoration
- Create tidal wetlands





# **Mitigation Banking**

- Public comments on Prospectus
  - August 2018
- EIR Notice of Preparation
  - in the Fall 2018
- Construction
  - Fall 2020





### **Questions / Discussion**

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