

Steering Committee Invitation



Imperial Beach Sea Level Rise Study

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Save the Date

Please save the date for our first steering committee meeting which will be held on **March 24th, from 9am – 12:30pm**. It will be held at the Tijuana River NERR's Training Center (301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932). The goals of this first convening will be to discuss the existing conditions, and begin to identify future vulnerabilities from sea level rise and coastal storm events.

Please let us know if you are willing to participate on the steering committee and if you will be able to attend this first meeting.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Jim Nakagawa, City Planner, at

jnakagawa@imperialbeachca.gov or **619-628-1355** or at the City of Imperial Beach, Community Development Department, 825 Imperial Beach Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932, and thank you for your continued leadership in the region.



The Project

The City of Imperial Beach has initiated a sea level rise vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning process. The City has engaged a consultant team led by Revell Coastal, and supported by the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and USC Sea Grant, to help assess the impact of sea level rise and coastal storms on the City's assets and resources along its Pacific Shoreline. The goal is to have this study be a participatory planning process that draws heavily from knowledge within the City and the region. The project is supported by a Climate Ready Grant from the California Coastal Conservancy.

Your Leadership Role

As a local leader, we would like to invite you to be a member of this project's steering committee.

Your perspective is critical to the success of this effort and the resiliency of the City into the future.

The role of the steering committee will be to provide input throughout the process, specifically regarding methodology and deliverables.

Including:

- Provide firsthand knowledge and relevant data to assess current vulnerabilities;
- Help identify future vulnerabilities to sea level rise and coastal storms;
- Assist in the identification of potential adaptation strategies for the City;
- Offer insight into approaches for engaging the community, while providing your perspective on the local and regional economic, political, and social context; and
- Ensure that the project aligns with the current and future community vision.

Recognizing that participation on the steering committee is in addition to your current workload, we will strive to keep the time commitment as small as possible. We expect to convene approximately five half-day steering committee meetings over the course of the next year. Throughout the process, Revell Coastal and the consultant team may also contact steering committee members individually for feedback as deliverables are developed.

