



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - 5:00 PM

***Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Members:***

Anne Yelsey, Chair  
Amy Waunch, Vice Chair  
Hassan Archer, Commissioner  
Diane Daruty, Commissioner  
Keira Kirby, Commissioner  
Kate Malouf, Commissioner  
Travis Piridy, Commissioner

**Staff Members:**

Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director  
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director  
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent  
John Nelson, City Arborist  
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

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1. You can submit your comments and questions in writing for Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consideration by sending them to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission at [PBRcommission@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:PBRcommission@newportbeachca.gov). To give the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
2. In person in the Council Chambers; 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

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**NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT**

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Recreation Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PRESENTATION**

**A. Presentation to Community Service Award Recipient Karen Yelsey**

Recognizing Karen Yelsey for her leadership, service and contributions to the community through the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), and Newport Beach Police Foundation (NBPF) over the last four decades.

**IV. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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*Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

*This is the time in which PB&R Commissioners may pull items from the CONSENT CALENDAR for discussion (Items VI-A thru VI-D). Public comments are also invited on Consent Calendar items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, please state your name for the record. If any item is removed from the Consent Calendar by a PB&R Commissioner, members of the public are invited to speak on each item for up to three (3) minutes per item.*

*All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the PB&R Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.*

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Meeting of February 3, 2026**

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[02-03-2026 DRAFT PBR Minutes](#)

**B. MOD Activity Report**

Receive/File Report on past and upcoming projects and events.

[MOD Activity Report](#)

**C. RSS Activity Report**

Receive/File Report on past and upcoming projects and events.

[RSS Activity Report](#)

**D. Request by Slammers Futbol Club for Weekend Light Usage at Arroyo Park**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission approve the request from the Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Sunday, March 22 & March 29 at Arroyo Park from Dusk to 8 p.m.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

**VII. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Bonita Creek Park Synthetic Turf Replacement and LED Lighting Retrofit Project**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and provide feedback for the proposed synthetic turf replacement, LED lighting retrofit and park upgrades at Bonita Creek Park.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Presentation](#)

**B. General Plan Update: Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element, which have been revised to incorporate the Commission's input from October 2025. The Commission may provide additional input and should conduct a vote to consider recommending the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update anticipated in May or June 2026.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

[Presentation](#)

**C. Continuation of Reforestation Request - 1441 Sandcastle Drive - Front 4(a), 4(b), and 5**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approving the reforestation request of two Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Drive due to a lack of structural roots present in a review of documentation. Also, Staff recommends PB&R Commission consider the reforestation request of a third Eucalyptus (with ID 8656649) due to various private property damage issues.

The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr.), has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree for each tree removed with Magnolia "Little Gem" (*Magnolia grandiflora* "Little Gem") 36-inch box trees installed at the applicant's cost.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-E](#)

[Presentation](#)

**D. America 250 Plaque Donation - John Wayne Park**

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve The Newport Beach Foundation's request to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park commemorating the United States of America's 250th Anniversary and forward to City Council for consideration.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

[Presentation](#)

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 3, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.**

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**I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Anne Yelsey, Chair  
Amy Waunch, Vice Chair  
Diane Daruty, Commissioner  
Keira Kirby, Commissioner  
Kate Malouf, Commissioner  
Travis Piridy, Commissioner

Absent: Hassan Archer, Commissioner (excused)

Staff: Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director  
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director  
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent  
John Nelson, City Arborist  
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist  
Yolanda Summerhill, Assistant City Attorney

**III. PRESENTATION**

**A. Presentation to Community Service Award Recipient Dr. Sean Boulton**

*Recognizing Dr. Sean Boulton for his 11 years of contribution and leadership serving as principal at Newport Harbor High School (NHHS). He has been instrumental in numerous projects, including the renovations of Davidson Field and Bill Barnett Swimming and Aquatics Center, and has been recognized by his peers and the district at large for creating programs that enrich students' lives.*

Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Justin Schmillen announced that Dr. Sean Boulton is being presented with a Community Service Award for his 11 years of leadership as Principal at Newport Harbor High School (NHHS).

Recreation & Senior Services Director Sean Levin reported that Dr. Boulton also worked at other schools in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) prior to NHHS and has been a great partner for the City, including hosting the annual summer swimming program and annual track and field meet at NHHS.

Dr. Boulton noted that he has been the Principal at NHHS for 13 years.

Commissioner Kirby reported that she is also an NHHS staff member, adding that Dr. Boulton's arrival at NHHS led to many positive changes. She commended his commitment to community involvement beyond just NHHS, including his work in coordinating assistance with needed resources during the pandemic's shutdowns.

Commissioner Pirdy congratulated Dr. Boulton on the award, adding that his work is inspiring as a developing educator himself. He lauded Dr. Boulton's positive role during a time of community need in 2018, adding that his peers at NHHS say very good things about Dr. Boulton.

Vice Chair Waunch stated that she is an NHHS alumna whose children graduated from NHHS during Dr. Boulton's tenure. She expressed her appreciation for how approachable and relatable he is to students.

Chair Yelsey agreed with her peers.

Commissioner Malouf noted that Dr. Boulton has made a great impact in shaping Newport Beach's youth community beyond just NHHS. She read letters of appreciation from Dr. Boulton's two children. She thanked Dr. Boulton for his service, dedication, and continued inspirational impact.

Dr. Boulton thanked the commissioners for the award. He stated that the strength of the community is present in the room, thanking many NHHS faculty members and NMUSD Board members for their attendance. He noted the many NHHS ties on the Commission as being emblematic of the strong tradition of success behind NHHS. He accepted his award.

**IV. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 2, 2025**

*Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.*

**B. MOD Activity Report**

*Recommendation: Receive/file Report of past and upcoming projects and events.*

**C. RSS Activity Report**

Recommendation: *Receive/file Report of past and upcoming projects and events.*

Chair Yelsey opened public comment, and there was none.

**Motion by Chair Yelsey**, seconded by Commissioner Malouf, to approve Item VI. CONSENT CALENDAR.

**The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **VII. CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **A. Reforestation Request – 2660 Vista del Oro (Front 1)**

Recommendation: *Consider the reforestation request of a Gold-Medallion tree (Cassia leptophylla) located at 2660 Vista del Oro due to concerns with the current tree.*

*The applicant, Mr. Greg Brawley (residing at 2658 Vista del Oro), has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the tree. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement with a Forest Pansy (Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy') 36-inch box tree installed at the applicant's cost.*

City Arborist John Nelson reported that the item is a reforestation request for a gold medallion tree by Mr. Greg Brawley at 2658 Vista del Oro, clarifying that 2660 is an adjacent fictional address. He stated that the concerning issue is the tree blocking the view of the property's landscaping. He added that the long seed pods dropping onto the sidewalk and street are also a seasonal concern, along with the tree's poor aesthetics, and the potential for sidewalk damage. He stated that a forest pansy is the applicant's requested replacement tree, adding that it can be found in the neighborhood. He confirmed that residents within 500 feet of the tree were notified.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiries, City Arborist Nelson stated that the tree is probably 5-6 years old, adding that it was likely a replacement for a Brazilian pepper tree commonly found in the neighborhood. He stated that the previous tree is likely why a portion of the sidewalk was replaced but added that the City does not have enough mature gold medallions to confirm whether it is likely to lift the sidewalk in the future. He stated that the tree will likely be double its size at maturation. He stated that the City did not receive any neighbor feedback.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiries, City Arborist Nelson clarified that he does not have records on hand of the current tree being a replacement. He stated that it is a vigorously growing species and likely slightly larger than what could be reasonably transplanted. He estimated that transplant survival odds would be 50-50.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiries, City Arborist Nelson reported that the neighborhood was developed in the 1960s with many Brazilian pepper trees that have been slowly replaced through attrition with gold medallions, forest pansies, purple orchids, sweetshade trees, and coast live oaks. He confirmed that there have been no previous complaints about the tree. He agreed that a tree of equal size would not solve the landscaping view issue but added that the request allows the City to relocate the tree to the east of 2660 Vista del Oro.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment, and there was none.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiry, City Arborist Nelson clarified that the issue is the reverse of what the Commission often hears, with the concern here being an impeded view of the home, as opposed to one from the home.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiries, City Arborist Nelson clarified that the trees are not deliberately placed to avoid being in front of homes. He agreed that other trees in the neighborhood are taller, so a resident will see the trunk at eye level and not the canopy. He added that it is a younger tree that will still mature and grow.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, a staff member confirmed that the applicant is not at the meeting.

Chair Yelsey stated that this is a healthy tree in line with others in the neighborhood.

**Motion by Chair Yelsey**, seconded by Vice Chair Waunch, to deny the restoration request.

**The motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Kirby abstaining.**

**B. Community Service Award – Karen Yelsey**

*Recommendation: Approve the Community Service Award recognition of Karen Yelsey to be awarded at a future PB&R Commission meeting.*

Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Justin Schmillen reported that staff recommends approval of a Community Service Award for Karen Yelsey for her contributions to the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for NMUSD, and the Newport Beach Foundation. He added that Ms. Yelsey served on the NMUSD Board of Directors for 16 years, including four years as President, advocating for and supporting many community events, including the Newport Beach Special Olympics.

Commissioner Malouf expressed her unequivocal support for the item.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment, and there was none.

**Motion by Commissioner Daruty**, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to approve the Community Service Award recognition of Karen Yelsey.

**The motion carried 5-0 with Chair Yelsey abstaining.**

- C. Reforestation Request – 1441 Sandcastle Dr. – Front 4(a), 4(b), and 5**  
*Recommendation: Consider the reforestation request of three Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (Corymbia citriodora) located at 1441 Sandcastle Drive due to various private property damage issues.*

*The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr.), has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree for each tree removed with Magnolia “Little Gem” (Magnolia grandiflora “Little Gem”) 36-inch box trees installed at the applicant’s cost.*

Parks and Trees Superintendent Kevin Pekar reported that this item is a reforestation request by Mr. Ammer Alselham of 1441 Sandcastle Dr. for three lemon-scented gum eucalyptus trees. He added that the home was extensively remodeled and newly occupied in 2025. He stated that the trees are in fair condition. He presented a video and photos submitted by the applicant showing issues related to the dropping leaves and branches, including stains on concrete and cars, adding that it is a typical complaint about lemon-scented gums.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the replacements would be little gem magnolias, which are required by the Harbor View Hills South Homeowners Association (HOA). He acknowledged that the City is having issues with little gem magnolias due to tuliptree scales but stated that he approves of the replacement species. He added that the applicant will pay for the removals and replacements, which were approved by the HOA. He confirmed that the City notified residents within 500 feet of the trees, receiving one request for confirmation that the resident will be paying for the work, and one phone call in opposition. He added that this is not the first reforestation request on Sandcastle Dr., with a previous one approved, and another one denied, both involving eucalyptus trees, and occurring years ago.

In response to Commissioner Malouf’s inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the trees are original to the community and are 55-60 years old, meaning that the trees likely have another 20 years of life. He stated that no preventative maintenance can stop larger branches from snapping off in Santa Ana winds, noting that the City does annual pruning on larger eucalyptus trees to prevent larger limb failures. He confirmed that the root system can cause infrastructure damage, adding that the City previously removed a tree from the property due to its declining health.

In response to Commissioner Piridy’s inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that little gem magnolias only grow to about a quarter of the size of the current eucalyptus trees, making it less likely for debris to land in the backyard during a high-wind event. He added that staff would likely put the three replacement

trees to the south of the driveway, so that falling fruit does not land on the driveway. He confirmed that the replacement trees would create significantly less debris.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the previous approved reforestation request on Sandcastle Dr. was primarily due to documented property damage from breaking limbs. He confirmed that the City tries to get eucalyptus trees pruned in September and October ahead of the annual Santa Ana wind season.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar could not confirm which of the two trees closer to the driveway caused the vehicular damage, but theorized it is the one to the north of the driveway because the documented damage was on the passenger side of the car. He stated that older leaves dropping could cause discoloration. City Arborist Nelson confirmed that the damage seen to patio furniture fabric in one of the photographs is frass from a eucalyptus beetle's droppings, adding that the beetle is difficult to control. He confirmed that there is no easy fix to the beetles that are native to Australia but live much longer in Southern California's climate, adding that the City does not have enough resources to spray every eucalyptus in its inventory. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported on eucalyptus trees treated by the City along Santa Ana Ave., finding that they cannot completely control the beetles, but they have been able to make improvements with treatments.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar stated that the two trees by the driveway are a moderate risk, and the one closer to the back yard is a low risk because there is more activity (targets) by the driveway and front door. He added that the City typically does not remove trees with a moderate rating. He reported that the trees typically start to see more serious limb drops in urban settings when they are 80 years old. He added that the blue gum eucalyptus trees by the Balboa Branch Library were 100 years old and started to develop rot in their trunks. He noted that the trees in question are 55-60 years old.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment.

Eddie, speaking for the applicant, reported that he was the project manager for the recent major reconstruction of the house. He noted that staff has already chronicled all the damages caused by the trees, adding that there is an additional photograph of a car suffering rooftop damage. He added that the sidewalk concrete and driveway are new as part of the reconstruction due to buckling from the roots of these trees. He reported that the driveway needs to be power washed weekly due to the staining of oily droppings that also damage the back yard.

Gary Dorf, a neighbor at 3735 Blue Key, stated that the trees are a hazard and pose danger from falling branches. He noted that, in 2011, a falling eucalyptus tree killed a woman in her car on Irvine Ave. He added that he will not walk past the applicant's house if it is windy due to the trees being unsafe.

Jacques de Villiers reported that he lives in the cul-de-sac across Sandcastle Dr. and expressed concerns about the safety of the eucalyptus trees due to the potential for falling branches. He added that he has had no problems with the little gem magnolia in his front yard.

Chair Yelsey closed public comment.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar agreed that the health status and risk levels of the two trees by the driveway could be placed in doubt based on Eddie's report that the roots were trimmed during reconstruction. He clarified that the applicant and not the Public Works Department would have performed the root pruning work. He added that some root pruning can be done without endangering the tree and noted that sometimes, when the City tears up a lifted sidewalk, they find that it was something other than a root that caused the issue. He inquired if there were pictures of what the driveway looked like after the concrete was removed, adding that they would be important to see.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that root pruning can be a requirement of rebuilding a home, depending on the need. He added that, if roots are pruned, the work crew is supposed to notify City staff for an inspection, and he has no evidence of whether it happened in this case or the extent of the root pruning. He added that staff will often remove trees during reconstructions if inspection shows that the roots cannot be safely pruned. He clarified that the City may have records of this work, but he would have to check with the Building Inspector. He estimated that there are about 20 of these original eucalyptus trees on Sandcastle Dr. He stated that the City found, after the fatal accident, that the whole Irvine Ave. median was compromised, and severely pruned roots were allowing the trees to develop rot.

In response to Vice Chair Waunch's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar estimated that the trees are 50-60 feet tall.

Commissioner Malouf asked her peers if they would like to see additional evidence of the volume of root pruning done during reconstruction. She stated that the shallow root system of eucalyptus trees scares her, and it would be beneficial to have background information about how deeply the roots were pruned by the applicant.

Commissioner Kirby noted that the Commission cannot engage with the public at this moment. She stated that the Commission could continue the item to obtain more information about the pruning work on all three trees. She added that the damages being reported by the applicant are not entirely due to tree sap, but rather beetle droppings, and a continuance would allow the City to investigate potentially treating the trees instead of replacing them.

Commissioner Daruty requested additional information about the pruning from City staff in addition to the applicant.

Chair Yelsey agreed.

**Motion by Commissioner Kirby**, seconded by Commissioner Piridy, to continue the item with a request for more information about the scope of the root pruning.

**The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**D. Proposed Revisions to Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal and Maintenance of City Trees)**

*Recommendation: Receive and file the proposed revisions to City Council Policy G-1 (Retention and Removal of City Trees) (Council Policy G-1) and provide any additional comments or revisions.*

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin reported that Assistant City Attorney Yolanda Summerhill has been working with staff to update City Council Policy G-1.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill reported that Policy G-1 establishes standards for retention and removal, along with reforestation of City trees, including categories for special, landmark, dedicated, neighborhood, problem, and standard trees. She stated that the City Council created an Ad Hoc Committee to review its policies, adding that this process happens every couple of years. She noted that staff experiences can help determine which policies may be convoluted and need paring.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill clarified that there were not many substantive changes to Policy G-1 but rather it was reorganized for the benefit of all users. She reported that additions to the Policy include adding tuliptree scales or preventing a property owner from gaining fire insurance to the problem tree list. She added that property owners in a dense community requesting reforestation will have the petition area set at a maximum of 100 properties, notifications on standard and problem trees in non-emergency situations can be sent out seven days in advance and not 14, and the Commission is the final decision-making authority on appeals and reforestations. She reported that the special tree inventory was updated.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill reported that some provisions of Policy G-1 are more appropriate for Policy G-6, so those covering the maintenance and planting of parkway trees have been relocated. She noted that resident Jim Mosher submitted written public comments on the changes, adding that some are appropriate and will be incorporated into the draft policies presented to the City Council.

In response to Commissioner Piridy's inquiry, City Arborist Nelson reported that reducing the notification window from 14 days to seven is focused on removals tied to sidewalk improvement projects, and this allows for easier contractor scheduling.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin clarified that what is being presented is the recommendation of the Council's

Ad Hoc Committee, along with the City Attorney's office. He added that they are looking for input on the draft Policy.

Commissioner Daruty stated that she needs more time to assess the changes. She requested an Ad Hoc Committee, echoing Commissioner Kirby's comments comparing the exercise to the recent feedback opportunity on General Plan updates.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill stated that any areas where the Commission is comfortable commenting would be presented to the Council's AD Hoc Committee.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar responded to Commissioner Kirby's comments by stating that he is just now approving Phase 2 of the City's tree inventory and Street Tree Master Plan project. He added that by next year, the updated inventory would be available, and Policy G-1 could be revised again at that time.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that two-year revisions to Policy G-1 are standard, but it could be updated next year.

Chair Yelsey stated that it would be helpful to have a redlined copy of the current Policy to directly compare it with the draft edition to spot the changes more easily.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the Policy was completely reordered, making it difficult to present in a redlined side-by-side format.

Commissioner Daruty stated that she attempted to compare the versions of the Policy side-by-side, reporting that it took a long time. She added that this Policy is one of the most important things administered by the Commission and recommended creating an Ad Hoc Committee to give the changes proper vetting.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that the only five substantive revisions were the ones presented by Assistant City Attorney Summerhill, with the other large blocks of text being moved around in a copy-and-paste method. He noted that the current Policy has a lot of repetitive language that was eliminated, in addition to shifting maintenance-related items to Policy G-6. He added that he corrected many of the numbers relative to donations and special trees that were mentioned in Mr. Mosher's written comments.

Commissioner Kirby clarified that they are inquiring about forming an Ad Hoc Committee because of their zeal for doing a good job. She echoed Commissioner Daruty's comments about Policy G-1 being a big part of the Commission's responsibilities, so it needs to be examined more thoroughly than is possible in the week between receiving the Agenda packet and the meeting. She noted her day job and added that she would need more time to provide the desired level of feedback.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment.

Mr. Mosher agreed with the suggestion that the Commission should be able to provide its full complement of feedback instead of being asked to rubber-stamp the draft as presented. He questioned the validity of the statement that this draft is a recommendation of the City Council, adding that this increases the need for the Commission to carefully review the draft and provide suggestions. He decried that the draft Policy would allow no opportunity for the public to challenge the denial of a City-financed tree removal, with the only recourse to apply for a reforestation, which the applicant must also pay for. He stated that some of the relocated maintenance provisions apply to all trees and not only parkway trees. He stated that the Council has barely heard any appeals of tree removal decisions over the years, and the other four members of the Council may not agree with the three members on the AD Hoc Subcommittee's reluctance to hear appeals.

Chair Yelsey closed public comment.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Summerhill stated that it is not on the meeting's Agenda to create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee. She added that this request can be brought back to the Council's Ad Hoc Committee and see if they still want to bring Policy G-1 to the Council as scheduled on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Yelsey requested a more detailed outline of the changes. She added that she would be open to the Commission's thoughts on creating an Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice Chair Waunch agreed with the need for greater detail on the changes and recommended an ability to review the revisions later with a better understanding of what changed from the current Policy.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill reported that staff did a lot of cut-and-paste work with the Policy. She added that staff could compile how the existing Policy evolved through the process to its current draft state.

Vice Chair Waunch stated that none of them want to rewrite the Policy but lamented that she feels ignorant of how it changed. She added that Assistant City Attorney Summerhill's proposal would be helpful.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin stated that he has not been directly involved in the process. He suggested, given the tone of the discussion, that the Commission have its response to the Council's Ad Hoc Committee be either a request to form its own Ad Hoc Committee, or to clarify the additional information the Commission seeks, with a timeframe for evaluation.

Commissioner Daruty endorsed the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to not only compare the two versions of the Policy, but also so the Commission can assess things it learned while applying the Policy since its last revision.

In response to Assistant City Attorney Summerhill's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin confirmed that the Commission next meets in March.

Commissioner Kirby stated that these conceptual discussions are motivated by having an abundance of care for the Commission's work.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Summerhill confirmed that the Commission can follow Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin's suggestion to request that they be allowed to create an Ad Hoc Committee.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar noted that the Policy also serves as a tool for staff. He stated that City staff does not want to see it stripped of authority because they rely on Policy G-1 often, so it is an important matter to the staff.

Chair Yelsey stated that it seems like her peers want to request that the Council's Ad Hoc Committee allow the Commission the time to create its own Ad Hoc Committee.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, none of the commissioners indicated having another response option for the Council's Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

**Motion by Commissioner Kirby**, seconded by Commissioner Daruty, to request that the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee let the PB&R Commission know if it would be appropriate to create an Ad Hoc Committee to provide feedback on proposed changes to City Council Policy G-1.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Schmillen reported that spring class registration opens on February 12<sup>th</sup>, and registration is open for the March 6<sup>th</sup> youth track and field meet at NHHS. He added that the City is expecting 300-350 children to participate in the track and field meet. He reported that the Mayor's Egg Race is slated for March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. He added that City staff, in partnership with youth sports organizations, recently installed 15 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at youth sports fields in 12 different parks to help comply with the Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act (Assembly Bill 1467).

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin reported that the City Council's Goal Setting Special Session on January 31<sup>st</sup> indicated that the Recreation & Senior Services Department will likely take over management of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter from the Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD). He added that, in a corresponding move, the Park Patrol's oversight would likely shift to the NBPD. He added that the transition will start shortly, with the moves likely becoming official on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin stated that his department would still work closely with the Park Patrol, which would continue to service all the department's needs. He added that there will likely be monthly meetings, like those with the Parks Department, because so much of their work crosses over. He stated that the public is unlikely to notice a change with the internal administrative shifts.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Schmillen reported that A.B. 1467 goes into effect on January 1, 2028, making the City almost two years ahead of schedule in its implementation.

In response to Vice Chair Waunch's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Schmillen stated that monthly battery checks are performed on the AEDs, and the pads expire every two years, requiring replacement.

In response to Commissioner Kirby's inquiry, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Schmillen stated that there are no reports of the AEDs having to be utilized.

Commissioner Malouf commended City staff for how well youth sports have progressed over the years in Newport Beach. She noted that the AED discussion began when A.B. 1467 was passed in 2023, with a City goal to be ready well in advance of 2028. She stated that swapping oversight of the animal shelter and Park Patrol with the NBPD makes sense.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Mosher reported that there is an ongoing major reorganization of City departments, including the creation of a Municipal Operations Department to handle some matters previously overseen by Public Works. He reported that the Council, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, seemed interested in moving the NBPD headquarters into Civic Center Park, adding that the Commission should be asked for its thoughts on potentially losing the park space. He noted that the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee proposing changes to Policy G-1 and others was terminated on December 31, 2025, when the Resolution creating it expired. He noted that three Council Members do not speak for the entire City Council.

**X. ADJOURNMENT – 6:53 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anne Yelsey, Chair



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# NEWPORT BEACH

Municipal Operations Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission  
From: Municipal Operations Department  
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Director



## New Eucalyptus Disease Sampling in Newport Beach

The City’s Plant Health Specialist contractor, West Coast Arborist, coordinated with the City’s Tree Trimming Contractor, Great Scott Tree Service, to take samples from several Sugar-Gum Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) trees for what is reportedly a newly discovered disease infecting Eucalyptus trees throughout Southern California. The samples were taken from a Eucalyptus tree at Bonita Canyon Sports Park.



This event was significant enough that arborists from several external organizations supervised the collection. They noted that the symptoms of this newly discovered disease have been seen in San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange counties, but the cities of Tustin and Irvine have been significantly

impacted. Newport Beach was specifically selected since it provided samples from trees that have regular irrigation, which were needed as a 'control sample'.

Trees that exhibit this disease have copper-colored leaves and it noticeably impacts one or several large limbs simultaneously causing severe dieback. The tree tries to fight back by growing numerous small shoots (called epicormic growth) in an attempt to create more food-producing leaves.

All samples were taken to the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner's Laboratory, and results have not been revealed as of this writing. However, it is suspected that this new disease is a new form of Botryosphaeria. This disease is a common fungal infection that usually occurs in Ficus trees and numerous other ornamental trees and in crops such as grapevines, apples and walnuts. It is thought that drought stress brings about this disease, hence an irrigated tree was needed to eliminate this theory. Botryosphaeria is difficult to cure once it has infected the main trunk or structural branches, which is worrisome, but it does not always kill the entire tree immediately and pruning the impacted branches can slow or stop the spread of the disease.

## Municipal Operations-Streets and Beaches

During the recent storm surge, Streets and Beaches Division undertook massive cleanup operations in a variety of areas. Staff spent two days manning the trash interceptor located in the San Diego Creek that collected 5.5 tons of debris that was removed.





In addition, the log boom at Northstar Beach collected 15 tons of debris that was removed by staff. Oceanside beaches also had a great deal of debris wash ashore. Using heavy equipment and ground crews, 25 additional tons were collected and removed. The storm also brought strong winds blowing beach sand onto the boardwalk. Both wind fencing in place, along with regular back dragging of the sand away from the boardwalk, helped mitigate the effects of onshore wind systems.

### Trees Maintenance

During the months of December and January, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed trees in Grid 17 (Balboa Peninsula), Grid 12 (CDM), and Grid 15 (Lido Isle) responded to 26 tree-related emergencies during one inclement weather event, plus completed 13 service requests.

<b>Month of:</b>	<b># of Trees Trimmed:</b>	<b># of Trees Removed:</b>	<b># of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:</b>	<b># of Trees Planted:</b>
December	1,247	18	0	20
January	1,515	28	0	6

**Prepared By:**  
 Kevin Pekar, Superintendent  
 Parks and Trees Section



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# NEWPORT BEACH

Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report



To: PB&R Commission  
From: Sean Levin, RSS Director  
Justin Schmillen, RSS Deputy Director

## Presidents' Recess Camp

The City of Newport Beach successfully hosted its annual Presidents' Recess Camp at the Community Youth Center, welcoming 56 enthusiastic participants ages 5–12 for a full week of fun, creativity, and connection. Held over five action-packed days beginning Monday, February 16, camp provided a safe and engaging environment with a wide variety of structured activities. Campers participated in creative arts and crafts, interactive group games, team-building challenges, and recreational activities designed to keep them active and socially engaged throughout the week. On Thursday, February 18, campers went on a field trip to Sky Zone, one of the highlights of the week!



## National League of Young Men Bunco Game

In conjunction with the National League of Young Men, OASIS hosted a Bunco game on February 4, bringing together 24 participants for a fun-filled afternoon. The Young Men added wonderful energy and warmth to the event, helping create a welcoming and joyful atmosphere. It was truly heartwarming to see different generations connecting, sharing stories, and making new memories together.



The event was a great success and a meaningful experience for everyone involved. This marks the third year OASIS has partnered with the National League of Young Men for this special event.

## Registration for Camp Newport Opens March 26 at 8 a.m.

Camp Newport 2026: To the Beach and Beyond! We're famous for our iconic beaches, but there is more to uncover as you venture past the shore. We've curated a collection of scenes to ensure every camper finds their perfect fit:

- The Beach: Summer staples like surf, sailing, bodyboarding, and ocean exploration camps.
- The Arena: Embrace the spirit of the World Cup in fun soccer camps or hone your skills in volleyball, gymnastics, and multi-sports.
- The Studio: Set the scene for creativity and express yourself in our art, culinary, dance, music and theater camps.
- The Lab: Take a deep dive into robotics, science, language and more in our immersive STEM+ camps.
- The Hybrid: Can't decide on your favorite backdrop? Enjoy the best of both worlds in our new Baseball & Beach Camp with Mini League!

We are offering hundreds of ways to grow in week-long full and half-day camps. Come for the world-class beaches; stay for the rock star, scientist, artist, or athlete you'll become. Visit [newportbeachca.gov/register](https://newportbeachca.gov/register) (Filter: '2026 Camp Newport') to preview the lineup. Registration opens March 26 at 8 a.m. – secure your spot by April 23 for a 10% or more discount on most camps.



## San Joaquin Hills Tennis Court Resurfacing

This February, Court resurfacing work began on all 4 tennis courts located at San Joaquin Hills Park with courts receiving a fresh new coat of paint. City Staff regularly assess court conditions, along with public input to identify courts in need of repair.



## Spotlight on Staff Development: Investing in Our Team's Future

On February 7, a group of our part-time team members from Youth Programs, Newport Coast Community Center, and Civic Center Rentals took a big step in their professional growth by attending a specialized training in South Gate. Organized by the CPRS Recreation Leader Training Consortium and the Leveling Up Rising Professionals Academy, this session offered our staff valuable tools and insights for success. The training focused on key topics designed to help staff stand out in their current roles while preparing for advancement.

Sessions covered essential skills such as the basics of budgeting, strategies for effective networking, and practical tips on how to shine in your present position to pave the way for future opportunities. We're proud of our team's commitment to ongoing learning and their enthusiasm for developing new skills. Investing in professional development not only benefits our staff but also ensures that our programs continue to offer the highest quality experiences for our community.



## Marina Park Sailing

Football met sailing On Super Bowl 60 weekend! The LA Chargers wheelchair football team and members of So Cal Adaptive Sports made their way down to beautiful Newport Harbor to engage in a first for many—learning to sail!

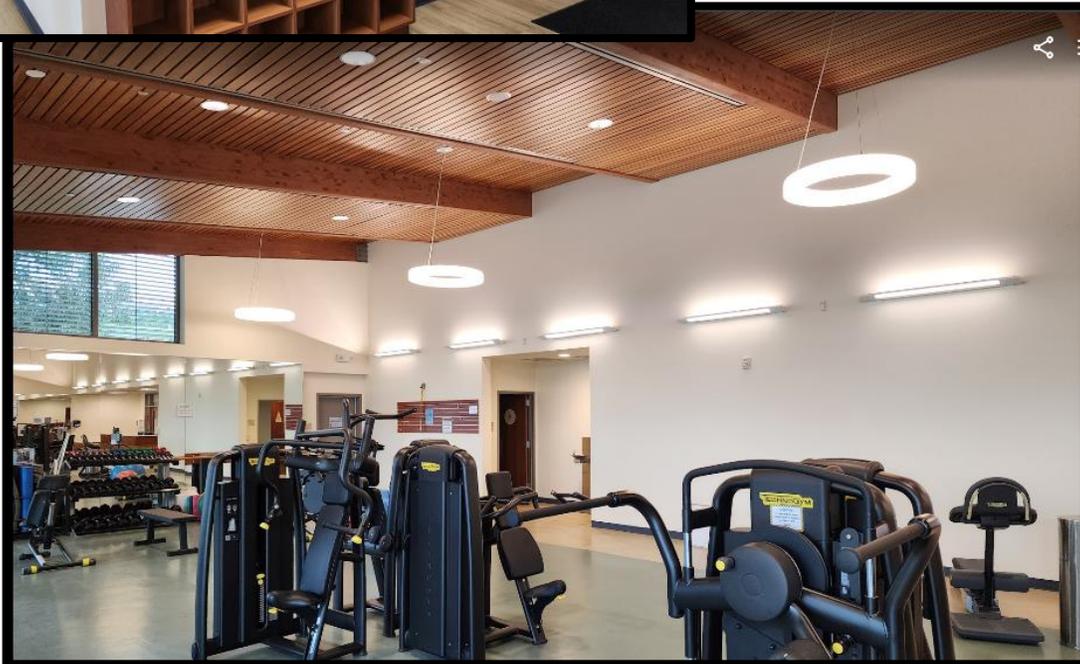
The Marina Park Sailing and Boating Center with its partner Orange Coast College Sailing and Seamanship hosted the all-inclusive sailing experience. The city has been providing private sailing lessons for people with disabilities since last year, but this was the first group to experience a sailing lesson together.

OCC instructors (US Sailing adaptive-certified) took the sailors out on three separate sailboats on the gusty Saturday. The class used the city’s adaptive-rigged RS Venture with forward-facing bucket seats and “joystick” steering, as well as two of its J22 keelboats. Grant funding from the California Division of Boating and Waterways helped defray costs for the students of varying abilities. Smiles were seen on everyone’s faces as they learned how to control a sailboat while cruising the bay. Michael Rosenkranz, with So Cal Adaptive Sports, called the day “absolutely incredible” and said the new sailors would be back for more.



## OASIS Fitness Center Painting Project

The OASIS Fitness Center recently completed a full interior paint refresh. Members returning after the weekend immediately noted the improvement and shared positive feedback regarding the refreshed and updated appearance of the space. This enhancement reflects our ongoing commitment to maintaining a high-quality, safe, and welcoming environment for our community. We are pleased with the response and remain dedicated to providing an excellent facility for all who use OASIS.



## Youth Track Meet of Champions

The 2026 edition of the Youth Track Meet of Champions is set for Friday, March 6, at Newport Harbor High School's Davidson Field. Athlete check-in opens at 2:30 p.m., with opening ceremonies scheduled for 4:00 P.M. All events will begin at 4:15 p.m. This event showcases amazing youth athletes, the community and local school spirit. This edition of the Youth Track Meet will also feature Camp Newport exhibitors ahead of summer day camp registration. For more information, visit [newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports).



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH • RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
NEWPORT-BALBOA ROTARY CLUB

# 2026 Youth Track Meet of Champions

in memory of Frank E. Anderson

FRIDAY MARCH 6 2026 • 4-8 P.M.  
Davidson Field at Newport Harbor High School

Registration Opens Monday, January 5!  
NEWPORTBEACHCA.GOV/SPORTS • 949-644-3151  
Children who are born between 2011 & 2019 are eligible to compete.

The poster features four young athletes in action: a boy in a blue shirt with bib 1703, a boy in a blue shirt with bib 1402, a girl in a yellow shirt with bib 1410, and a girl in a blue shirt with bib 1442. Logos for the City of Newport Beach and the Newport-Balboa Rotary Club are visible.

## Mayor's Egg Race

Hop on over for the Mayor's Egg Race, happening Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.! Bring the whole family for a morning packed with fun. Enjoy egg roll races, games, train rides, bubbles, and snap a photo with our special bunny guest. The festivities will take place on the Civic Center Lawn, with crafts and refreshments waiting for you in the Community Room. Hosted by the Recreation and Senior Services Department, this event is free for everyone. Don't miss out on this egg-citing tradition!



11th Annual MAYOR'S Egg Race

SATURDAY MARCH 28 10 A.M. - NOON  
FREE EVENT

CIVIC CENTER LAWN  
100 Civic Center Dr., Newport Beach

The poster features a woman and a child participating in an egg race, a child sitting next to a large white Easter bunny, and the City of Newport Beach logo.

## Upcoming Wellness Lectures at OASIS

The OASIS Senior Center will host two free educational lectures in March focused on brain health and caregiving support. OASIS is committed to providing evidence-based health education and caregiver resources to the community.

### **Navigating Care for Your Aging Loved One** - Thursday, March 12 | 10:00 a.m. | OASIS Room 1

This informative lecture is designed for older adults, family members, and caregivers seeking guidance on caring for an aging loved one. Topics include paying for care, understanding government support and benefits, avoiding caregiver burnout, and navigating family dynamics and decision-making. The presentation offers practical tools and resources to help caregivers plan effectively while supporting their own well-being

### **Dementia 101** - Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00 a.m. | OASIS Room 1

Dementia 101 is a free educational lecture that explores the differences between normal aging and dementia. Participants will learn about emerging therapies, common warning signs, and practical lifestyle approaches that may support brain health and reduce risk. This program aims to increase awareness, promote early understanding, and empower older adults and caregivers with actionable information.

Advance registration is requested for both lectures. Participants may RSVP by calling 949-644-3244 or emailing [OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov).

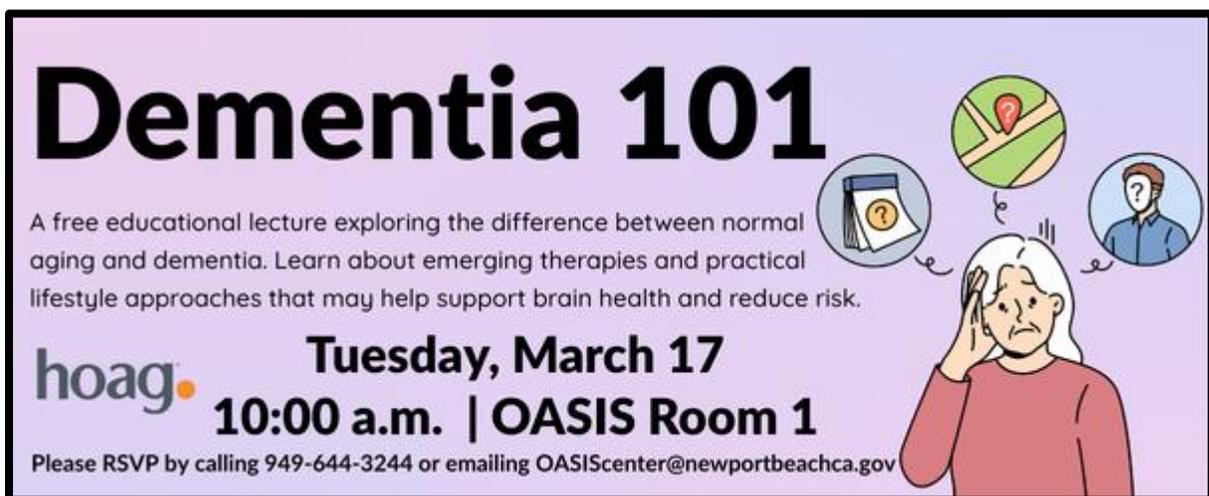


**NAVIGATING CARE**  
*For Your Aging Loved One*

**Thursday, March 12**  
**10:00 a.m. | OASIS Room 1**

Please RSVP by calling 949-644-3244 or emailing [OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov)

The banner features a green and white color scheme. On the right, there is a circular inset photograph of a young woman in a blue cardigan sitting and talking to an older woman in a white top who is seated in a wheelchair. The Hoag logo is visible on the left side.



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The banner has a light purple background. It features a central illustration of an elderly woman with white hair, looking distressed with her hand to her forehead. Surrounding her are several circular icons: a calendar with a question mark, a map with a location pin, and a person's head with a question mark. The Hoag logo is on the left.

# St. Patrick's Party!



Tickets: \$10

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**BEER AND SPREAD SOME  
ST. PATRICK'S CHEER!**

Beer, mocktails, & snacks will be provided

**Wednesday, March 18**

3:00 p.m. | *OASIS Event Center*

Purchase tickets in the **OASIS Admin Office**  
or over the phone by calling **949-644-3244**

## Park Patrol

Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of **January**, Park Patrol completed the following:

<b>PATROL CHECKS</b>	
Youth Sports Groups	5
Field related issues/checks	247
Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks	14
Community Center issues/checks	110
Playground checks	213
Other	195
<b>PUBLIC CONTACTS</b>	
Education	1
Alcohol	14
Dog related	236
Written Warnings Issued	3
Citations Issued	7 (Parking)

## Special Event Permits

As of February 15, 2026, there were 18 Special Event Permit processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Scuba Fest	Corona del Mar Beach	January 17, 2026	200

## Facility Use

During the period of January 16, 2026-February 15, 2026, were:

<b>FACILITY USE (Indoor)</b>	
Civic Center Community Room	19
Community Youth Center (CYC)	1
Junior Lifeguard Building	6
Marina Park Event Room	10
Marina Park Classrooms	68
Newport Coast Community Center	32
Newport Coast Community Center Gym	0
OASIS Event Room	3
OASIS Classrooms	14
<b>FACILITY USE (Outdoor)</b>	
Marina Park Picnic/Park Area	16
Picnic/Park Area	33
Fields	6



## OASIS Senior Center - January 2026

<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>9,196</b>
RECREATIONAL CLASSES (unpaid)	1,236
FITNESS CENTER	7,465
PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES	495
<b>TRANSPORTATION RIDES PROVIDED</b>	<b>788</b>
New clients	13
<b>MEALS PROVIDED</b>	<b>2,327</b>
Congregate Meals	107
Meals on wheels	2,220
<b>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>TOTAL RENTALS</b>	<b>9</b>
Private	1
Commercial	0
Non-Profit	7
NMUSD	0
Internal	1
<b>VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED @ OASIS</b>	<b>806</b>
Congregate Meals	38
Creeters	193.5
General membership meeting	20
Gift Shop	111
Home delivered meals	190
Library	31.25
Travel Office	221.75
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; RESOURCES PROVIDED</b>	<b>669</b>
Counseling	19
SHARP	5
Employment	2
HICAP	2
Housing	4
Information and Referral	500
Telephone reassurance	114
Senior assessment	1
Legal assessment	5
Caregiver Referrals	17
<b>FRIENDS OF OASIS TRIPS &amp; PARTICIPANTS</b>	
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>218</b>
Tech Tutoring 1/8	3
Music for your Mind 1/15	37
Veterans Social group 1/20	42
Hand Temors 1/20	26
Jason Freddy 1/21	13
HOAG Social Strategies 1/21	5
Mind Fit 1/22	50
Tech Tutoring 1/22	3
Alz. Memory Screening 1/29	6
Art 4 Healing 1/29	9
Mind Fit 1/29	24



# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: VI-D  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director – 949-644-3159, slevin@newportbeachca.gov

**PREPARED BY:** Omar Ordiano, Recreation Supervisor – 949-718-1993, oordiano@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Request by Slammers Futbol Club for Weekend Light Usage at Arroyo Park

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission approve the request from Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Sunday, March 22 & 29 at Arroyo Park from Dusk to 8 p.m.

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

No City funding is required. All costs associated to be the responsibility of Slammers Futbol Club.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff received a request from Slammers Futbol Club for light usage until 8 p.m. on Sunday March 22 & 29. (Attachment A). Youth Sports Commission Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy; Section 16, C states “games and practices may end no later than 9:45 p.m. on weekdays, and dusk on weekends, except if approved in advance by the Commission” (Attachment B). The PB&R Commission’s authority to modify hours during which recreational activity is permitted on City property is in accordance with City Council Policy B-15: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Decisions (Attachment C).

Slammers Futbol Club holds field permits at Arroyo Park field from 8 a.m. - dusk on Sundays through June 28, 2026. Slammers Futbol Club requests additional lit field time past dusk on these dates to complete home games for their Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) teams. Slammers Futbol Club uses Arroyo Park sparingly for ECNL teams and completes most games outside of Newport Beach. Playing games past dusk at Arroyo Park on these dates is their last viable option in the county without disrupting their other scheduled activity. Upon PB&R Commission’s approval of light use, staff would also extend corresponding field permits to 8 p.m.

**BACKGROUND:**

Slammers Futbol Club is a 501(c)3 club soccer organization that serves youth in Southern California. Club soccer is an exclusive activity in which the players are selected based on skill level to participate. Slammers Futbol Club is in its 30th year of existence and has over 900 girls and boys in the program ranging in ages of 4-18 years old. The ECNL currently has 106 Newport Beach youth in the League and is one of the most competitive platforms for youth soccer teams. Soccer clubs across the United States participate in this league, which provides an excellent opportunity for each player's development and exposure to college coaches on a regular basis.

The Recreation & Senior Services Department allocates athletic field space according to the Youth Sports Commission: Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy. Field use for practice and games is allocated to YSC-Open and YSC-Club Members, City led adult and youth sport programs and other community requests.

**NOTICING:**

All residents within 300 feet of Arroyo Park Field were noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Letter from Slammers Futbol Club dated January 23, 2026

Attachment B – Youth Sports Commission Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy Section 16

Attachment C – City Council Policy B-15: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Decisions

Attachment D – Sunset Calendar for March 2026

**ATTACHMENT A**



January 23, 2026

To: City of Newport Beach Youth Sport Commission:

Slammers FC is a proud member of the Youth Sports group in the city of Newport Beach. For the past 30 years we have been operating in the city of Newport Beach and this will be our 14th year participating in the ECNL.

The ECNL (Elite Clubs National League) is extremely the most significant league/gaming circuit within American youth soccer. It plays a crucial role in providing a national competition platform for talented young players to showcase their skills, gain exposure, and advance their soccer careers. It brings together top clubs and teams from across the United States, providing a high level of competition and a pathway to elite soccer opportunities. By participating in the league, players are exposures to highest level of competition in the world, and it plays a significant role in enhancing overall player development.

Additionally, the ENCL provides an excellent platform for college recruitment. Many college coaches and scouts closely follow the league's matches and showcase events to identify these talented players to join their programs. The league's reputation for quality competition and player development makes it a valuable resource for both players and college coaches in the recruitment process.

Slammers has membership with two ECNL memberships, two ECNL-RL memberships and 2 ECNL-RL2 memberships. Therefore 6 different groups of 6 teams playing in this National platform. Over these past 14 years of playing in ECNL has had much success on the field. A total of 12 teams have won individual national titles, and the club has been overall club champions 5 times. No other California club has won an overall club title. This success is shared amongst the

community and all those who help us to achieve this success, including the City of Newport Beach as they continually support us with amazing facilities for our kids to train and play on.

Due to the high standards of the ECNL platform, we have a very specific criteria for each facility we play on when hosting home games. Currently, we have been allocated Arroyo Park the Fall allocation from 8am-dusk. Due to teams traveling from longer distances, including sometimes clubs from out of state, we are requesting that we be able to use the lights until 8:00pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and March 29<sup>th</sup>. This would allow us to play at the required games that day on one facility.

This is the only request we'll have for the Spring of 2026. We have exhausted all other options and would like to keep the games on Arroyo Park as this field is the highest quality and it would also allow our opponents to get their hotels in Newport Beach also making it convenient for them rather than us moving to facilities outside of OC.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Michele Adair  
SLAMMERS FC

Dates:

March 22, 2026

March 29, 2026

**ATTACHMENT B**

Youth Sports Commission Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy  
Amended August 4, 2015  
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- F. User groups shall immediately report any and all damage or acts of vandalism to the City.
- G. Bases shall not be removed nor shall base plugs be used without prior written City approval.
- H. User groups/Organizations maintenance responsibilities shall include:
  - 1. Light field preparation, setting of temporary bases or goals, and similar maintenance.
  - 2. Ensuring that the facility is free of trash or debris caused by its usage, including checking restrooms and parking areas.

**15. ATHLETIC FIELD LINING/MARKING**

- A. Lining of City fields with chalk or paint is not permitted without prior written permission by the City.
- B. Burning lines on any City park and/or field is not permitted.
- C. Any Organization failing to comply with these guidelines is subject to the following:
  - Payment for all damages occurring to the field, and
  - Termination of any /all field use permit(s) for one year.

**16. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FIELD USE**

- A. Organizations shall designate an adult 18 or older, to be present during any and all practice and/or game time(s) at each City field/facility used.
- B. Games and practices may begin no earlier than 3 pm on weekdays, and games no earlier than 8:30 am (arrival and warm-ups no earlier than 8 am) on weekends. No games and/or practices may be scheduled on City holidays without prior approval from the Director or his/her designee.
- C. Games and practices may end no later than 9:45 pm on weekdays, and dusk on weekends, except if approved in advance by the Commission.
- D. Weekend use, on a regular basis, may be subject to limited hours at the discretion of the City.
- E. Organizations utilizing lighted facilities are responsible for ensuring the proper use of lights. The City reserves the right to bill user groups for hourly energy costs incurred during hours that lights are left on and the fields are not being used.
- F. Use of portable lights is prohibited without prior written permission by the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission.

**ATTACHMENT C**

B-15

**PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION DECISIONS**

The Commission shall, among other powers and duties, have the authority to make decisions on the following proposals relating to park and open space facilities and outdoor recreational activities:

- A. Any proposal to install new lighting facilities in any recreational area owned or controlled by the City of Newport Beach except low level lighting installed solely for the purposes of safety or security;
- B. Any proposal to establish new, or significantly modify, existing hours of operation of any recreation facility or the hours during which recreational activity is permitted on City property. For purposes of this subsection, any proposal to establish or extend the hours of operation or recreational usage after 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, after 9:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday or before 7:00 a.m. on any day shall be subject to approval by the Commission. The provisions of this subsection shall not require the Commission to confirm or validate hours of operation in existence as of the effective date of this Council Policy. The time frames in this section do not include time allocated to clean recreational areas after activities are complete or continued lighting to facilitate clean-up;
- C. Any proposal to install new recreational equipment or facilities within 100 feet of the exterior boundary of any property zoned for residential use. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the replacement or repair of existing recreational equipment or lighting facilities;
- D. Any proposal to construct or improve recreational facilities or recreational areas that could reasonably be expected to significantly increase noise or traffic in any residential area. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the replacement, repair or enhancement of existing equipment or landscape, improvements designed and intended to improve public safety, or modifications to open space or recreational areas that do not significantly increase the area or facilities available for recreational activities.

***Notice***

The Commission shall, prior to taking any action on any of the proposals described in Paragraphs A - D, provide written notice of the proposal to all owners of residentially zoned property within 150 feet of the property that is the subject of the proposal. The written notice shall specify the substance of the proposal and the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal is to be considered. In determining the ownership of property the City shall use the latest equalized assessment roll. The exterior

**ATTACHEMENT D**  
**New Sunset Calendars**

**March**

<< March ▾ 2026 ▾ >>

Sunset Offset :30 Before

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sunrise: 6:20am Sunset: 5:48pm Offset: 5:18pm	<b>2</b> Sunrise: 6:19am Sunset: 5:48pm Offset: 5:18pm	<b>3</b> Sunrise: 6:18am Sunset: 5:49pm Offset: 5:19pm	<b>4</b> Sunrise: 6:16am Sunset: 5:50pm Offset: 5:20pm	<b>5</b> Sunrise: 6:15am Sunset: 5:51pm Offset: 5:21pm	<b>6</b> Sunrise: 6:14am Sunset: 5:52pm Offset: 5:22pm	<b>7</b> Sunrise: 6:12am Sunset: 5:53pm Offset: 5:23pm
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# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: VII-A  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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**PREPARED BY:** Brason Alexander, Recreation Manager – 949-718-1993, balexander@newportbeachca.gov

**TITLE:** Bonita Creek Park Synthetic Turf Replacement and LED Lighting Retrofit Project

### RECOMMENDATION:

Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and provide feedback for the proposed synthetic turf replacement, LED lighting retrofit and park upgrades at Bonita Creek Park.

### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$3,146,000 are available in FY 2025-26 CIP in the following accounts for design and construction:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	01201929-980000-26P11	\$ 500,000
Neighborhood Enhancement Fund	53601-980000-26P11	\$ 500,000
Facilities Financial Plan (FFP)		\$ 2,091,000
Park Maintenance Master Plan (PMMP)		\$ 55,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,146,000</b>

### DISCUSSION:

In 2015, the City of Newport Beach installed its first athletic synthetic turf at Bonita Creek Park on the football/soccer field and the outfield of softball field #2. Over the last 11 years, the synthetic turf fields have successfully accommodated the increasing demand for year-round fields from youth sports organizations, minimized field closures after rain events and reduced irrigation, maintenance and field lining expenses. With the high intensity and frequent use, the synthetic turf rug has exceeded its 10-year life cycle.

A conceptual design for the synthetic turf replacement and LED light retrofit at Bonita Creek Park was developed by Verde Design, with input from City staff and Youth Sports

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Commission (YSC) organizations. The proposed project will remove and replace the synthetic turf, convert the softball infield to synthetic turf and make improvements to the existing drainage. The proposed project will also retrofit the existing light poles with energy efficient LED lights and replace the backstops fencing on the softball fields.

**NOTICING:**

All residents within 300 feet of Bonita Creek Park were noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Bonita Creek Park Conceptual Design Plans

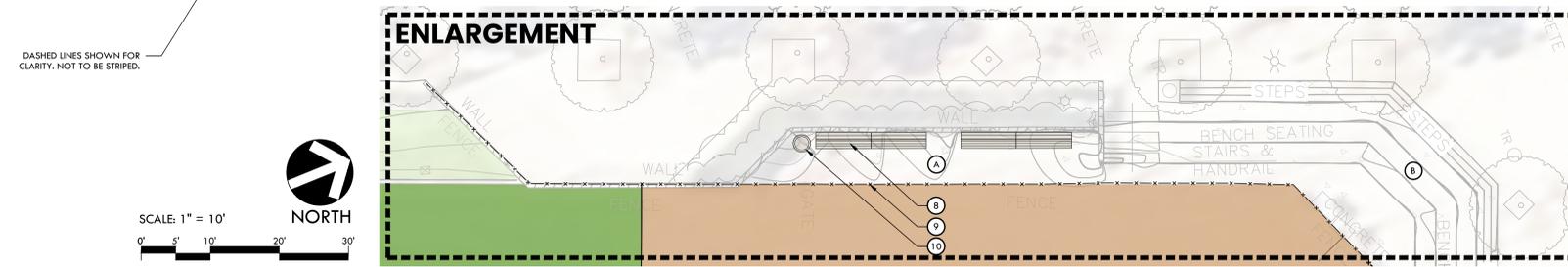
# ATTACHMENT A

## LEGEND

- Ⓐ EXISTING DUGOUT - PROTECT PAVING & WALLS IN PLACE. REMOVE CONCRETE TRASH CAN & BENCHES
- Ⓑ EXISTING CONCRETE SPECTATOR SEATING - PROTECT IN PLACE
- ① SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD - GREEN
- ② SOFTBALL INFIELD - SYNTHETIC TURF - TAN  
-HOME PLATE, BASES, PITCHING RUBBER
- ③ 60 YD X 120 YD SOCCER FIELD STRIPING - YELLOW
- ④ FLAG FOOTBALL FIELD STRIPING MARKING - YELLOW
- ⑤ 40 YD X 60 YD SOCCER FIELD STRIPING - CORNER MARKINGS - BLUE
- ⑥ 34 YD X 60 YD SOCCER FIELD STRIPING - CORNER MARKINGS - WHITE
- ⑦ BULLPEN  
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- ⑩ CONCRETE LITTER RECEPTACLE
- ⑪ EXISTING SPORTS FIELD LIGHTS TO BE RETROFITTED WITH MUSCO LED LIGHTING

## MATERIALS LEGEND

- SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD - NO DRAIN PAD - GREEN FIELD AREA / TAN INFIELD AREA
- PATCH AND REPAIR EXISTING GRASS & IRRIGATION



## BONITA CREEK PARK ATHLETIC FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT NEWPORT BEACH, CA

## CONCEPTUAL PARK PLAN



# Bonita Creek Park

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Synthetic Turf  
Replacement Project



09/08/2015

# History of Synthetic Turf in Newport Beach

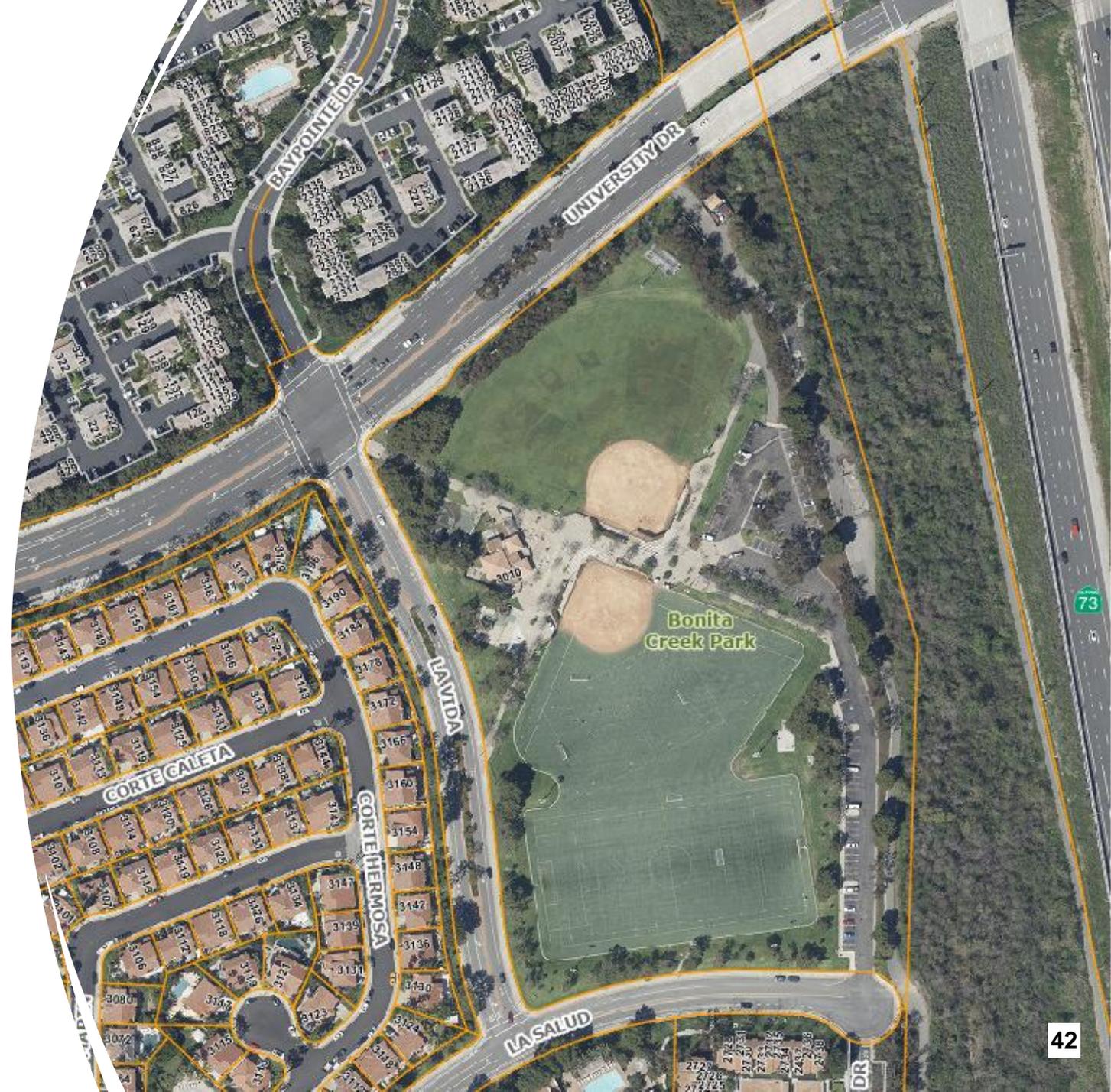
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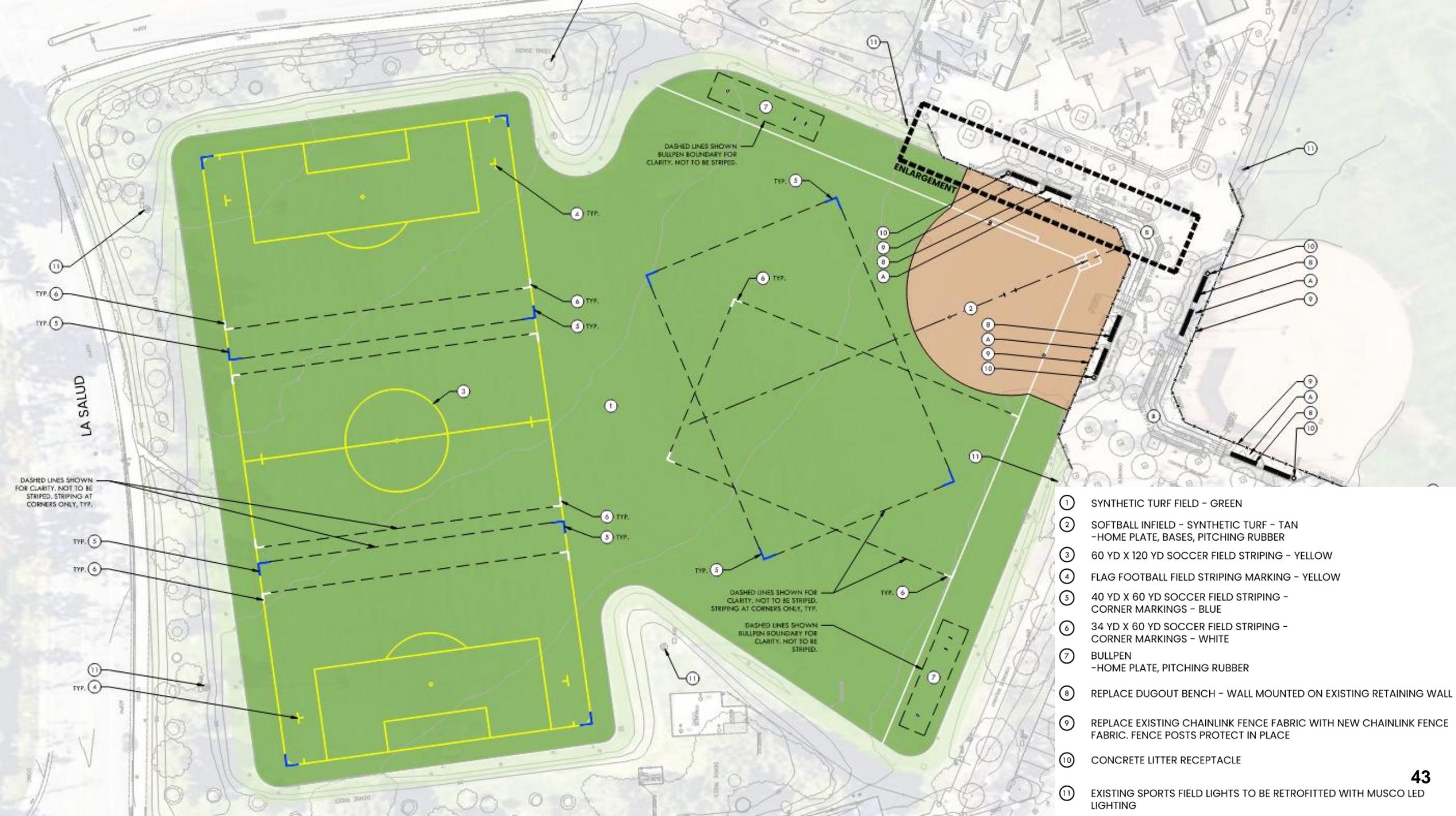
- Feasibility study for converting sports fields to synthetic turf in 2008
- Bonita Creek Park converted in 2015
- Grant Howald Park converted in 2019
- Arroyo Park converted with full synthetic turf infield in 2023
- Bonita Creek Park synthetic turf surpasses its service life



# Bonita Creek Park

- South field converted to synthetic turf in 2015
- Field Uses
  - Youth Flag Football
  - Youth Soccer
  - Youth Softball
  - Adult Slow Pitch Softball





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# Overview of Improvements



- Synthetic turf to accommodate full softball/baseball infield
- Restriping the field to accommodate flag football and soccer use for various age groups
- LED retrofit on existing poles at both fields
- Replace fence fabric at both fields
- Improve drainage

# Synthetic Turf Benefits & Cost Savings

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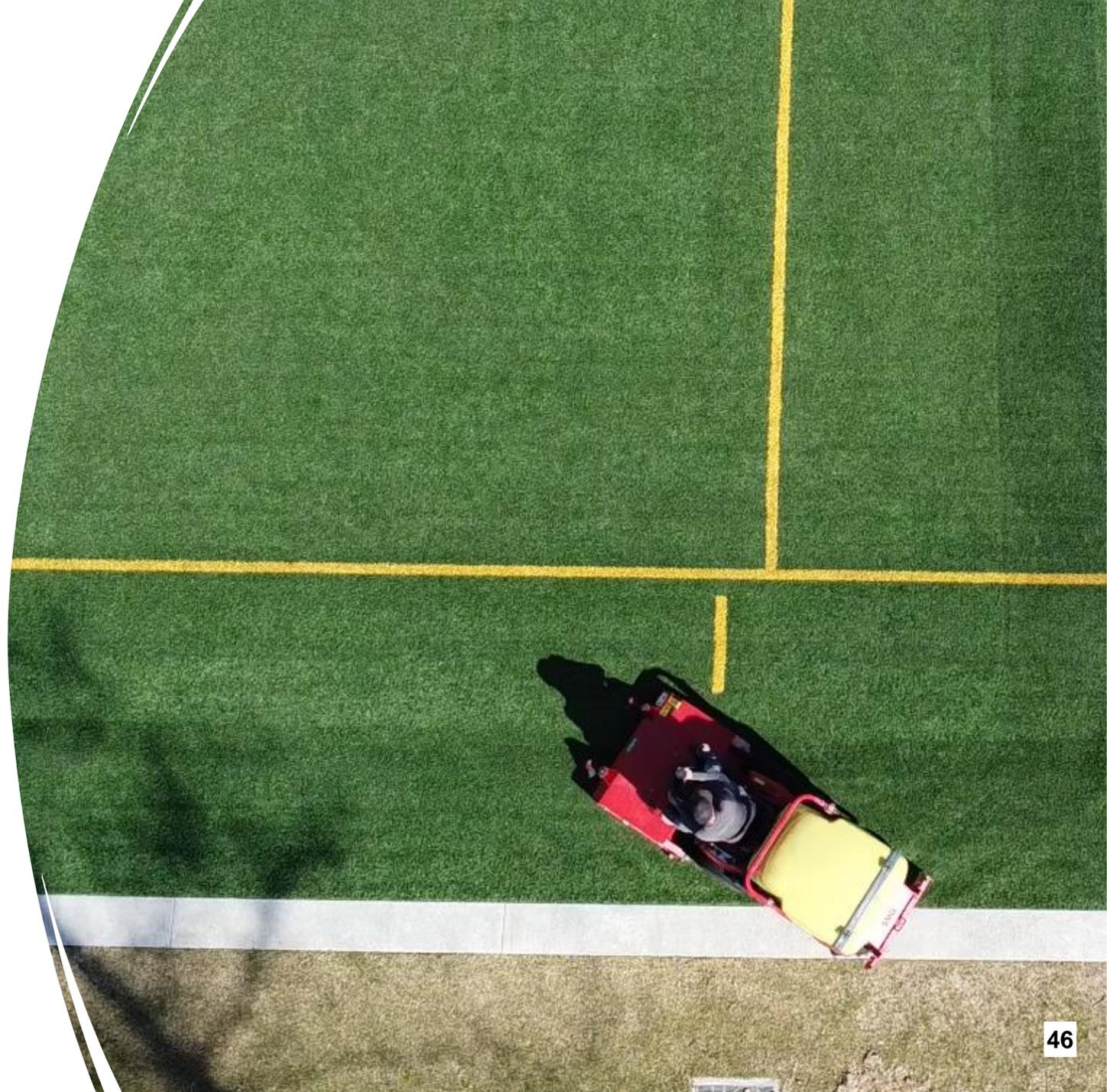
- Increased field use capacity
- Limited maintenance cost
- LED upgrade cost savings



# Maintenance and Care

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- City Staff routinely inspect, groom, and sweep synthetic turf fields to maintain safety and cleanliness.
- Anti-microbial spray application and preventative maintenance service throughout the year to maximize the lifespan and playability of the field



# Questions





# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: VII-B  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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**TITLE:** General Plan Update: Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element, which have been revised to incorporate the Commission’s input from October 2025. The Commission may provide additional input and should conduct a vote to consider recommending the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update anticipated in May or June 2026.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The General Plan is a State-mandated, long-term policy document that guides a community’s physical development and informs local decision-making on land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, parks, and related issues over a 20- to 30-year horizon. Newport Beach’s General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 2006, prompting the City Council to initiate a full review in 2019; however, the effort temporarily shifted to address the unprecedented 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and complete the Housing and Circulation Elements.

As that work concluded, the City resumed the comprehensive update and, in the middle of 2022, the City Council established the three-member General Plan Update Steering Committee (GPUSC), chaired by Nancy Gardner, to guide the process and report to the City Council. In early 2023, the City Council also formed the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), a 24-member community-based body chaired by Jeremy Evans and Arlene Greer, which organized subcommittees to support efficient and focused review of each General Plan element. This included the *Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Subcommittee*, composed of GPAC Members Nicholas Acevedo, Virginia Anders-Ellmore, Dennis Baker, Jim Carlson, Lynn Hackman, Amber Snider, Debbie Stevens, and Paul Watkins, with GPAC Member Curtis Black serving as the Subcommittee’s Chair, as well as the

*Recreation/Natural Resources Subcommittee*, composed of GPAC Members Anders-Ellmore, Black, Susan DeSantis, Laird Hayes, Ruth Kobayashi, Katie Love, Jim Mosher, Snider, and Watkins, with GPAC Member Baker serving as the Subcommittee’s Chair. The General Plan Update effort has been broken into four primary phases, as described in Table 1 on the following page. Phase 3 (California Environmental Quality Act) is nearing completion with Phase 4 (Hearings) in progress. It is anticipated that the entire process will be completed by June 2026.

<b>Table 1, General Plan Update Process</b>			
<b>Phase 1 (Background Analysis + Visioning)</b>	<b>Phase 2 (Policy Development + General Plan Amendment)</b>	<b>Phase 3 (California Environmental Quality Act)</b>	<b>Phase 4 (Hearings)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement and Outreach Plan</li> <li>• Research and Data Analysis</li> <li>• Online Survey</li> <li>• GPAC + GPUSC Meetings</li> <li>• Pop-up Events</li> <li>• Paid Advertisements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of General Plan</li> <li>• Online Survey</li> <li>• GPAC+GPUSC Meetings</li> <li>• Community Workshops</li> <li>• Paid Advertisements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Open House</li> <li>• In-Person Open House</li> <li>• GPAC + GPUSC Meetings</li> <li>• Environmental Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Boards, Commissions, and Committees</li> <li>• City Council Adoption</li> </ul>
<b>Completed late 2024</b>	<b>Completed late 2025</b>	Open houses completed late 2025; Environmental analysis in progress	In progress

To get to the point of having initial drafts of the General Plan Elements available for review, City staff worked extensively with the GPAC Subcommittees, the GPAC, and the GPUSC. This started with the review of existing conditions and background analysis reports for each element. These documents are considered a “snapshot in time” to identify current condition in Newport Beach under each topical area as well as what needs to be addressed from a State requirement standpoint. Each subcommittee then worked on identifying a potential refresh for the individual elements and helped to create “ideas to support” them. These ideas were shared with the community through digital engagement on the City’s website for the effort (<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/gpupdate>), as well as at community workshops.

Based on the feedback received, City staff alongside consultant Dudek refined the ideas shared as actual goals and accompanying policy statements in furtherance of each. The draft goals and policies were then shared with internal City staff from various departments for review prior to finalizing them as initial draft elements.

These initial drafts were then reviewed by the Subcommittees, as well as the full GPAC and the GPUSC prior to being shared with the City’s boards, commissions, and

committees for further input, and then advertised for additional public input from the broader community late last year.

At a special joint meeting of the GPAC and the GPUSC on December 3, 2025, those Committees reviewed 56 comments received on various draft elements from six different City Boards, Commissions, and Committees, as well as 69 comments received from community members. Based on guidance received at that meeting, City staff returned to another special joint meeting on January 21, 2026, with a comprehensive set of revised draft elements. By a vote of 25 ayes to 1 nay, the GPAC and the GPUSC voted to move the draft forward as the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft General Plan Update.

This draft, including the Harbor, Bay, and Beaches, Natural Resources, and Recreation Elements, represents the culmination of three years of diligent work by the GPAC, its subcommittees, the GPUSC, and engaged community members. Notably, the GPAC and the GPUSC combined for 57 meetings held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and 47 public meetings of the various Subcommittees.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Natural Resources and Recreation Elements have required components that cover the City's required policy areas related to conservation and open space. They are vital to maintaining the high level of open space areas and park amenities that the City prides itself on offering. On the other hand, the City's Harbor and Bay Element is important and unique to Newport Beach but not required. While not all goal and policy areas are pertinent to the purview of the PB&R Commission, they are being provided in their entirety for review. While not exhaustive, the following list presents highlighted updates to each of the Elements.

The refreshed and renamed Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element includes updates that:

- ✓ incorporate direct goal and policy support related to "beaches," which has also been added by name;
- ✓ enhance goal and policy support for Upper Newport Bay;
- ✓ help to sure multi-faceted and well-integrated public coastal access;
- ✓ minimize risk of displacement from coastal hazards; and
- ✓ place an emphasis on the economic strength and vitality of the beaches and harbor.

The refreshed Natural Resources Element includes updates that:

- ✓ integrate goals and policies that satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 272 (2023) related to preparing a Sea Level Rise Plan by 2034 and Assembly Bill 1889 (2024) related to wildlife and habitat connectivity;
- ✓ encourage thoughtful clean energy infrastructure that is not wholly reliant on electricity;
- ✓ transition away from oil and gas resources, as deemed appropriate;

- ✓ raise awareness of clean energy incentives for existing buildings to reduce natural gas emissions; and
- ✓ encourage native/naturalized species habitats in parks and open space.

The refreshed Recreation Element includes updates that:

- ✓ integrate goals and policies that satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 1425 (2022) related to open space access and co-benefits of open space (i.e., buffers from source pollutants and wildlife connectivity);
- ✓ encourage new and innovative parks where needed and connections to them that increase resident access;
- ✓ help ensure parks and recreational facilities that are adapted to meet a variety of needs for existing and future residents; and
- ✓ protect public beach access.

At the PB&R Commission's meeting on August 5, 2025, the Community Development Department presented and introduced the three initial draft elements to the Commission. The Commission requested the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to effectively explore them and provide more informed feedback. Commissioners Daruty, Kirby, and Malouf were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee at the meeting on September 2, 2025. The Ad Hoc Committee met twice to review and compile comments, which were presented and reviewed at the Commission's meeting on October 7, 2025, and subsequently forwarded to the GPAC and GPUSC for consideration.

The purpose of this item is to share those draft Elements, as revised by the GPAC and GPUSC to incorporate the Commission's feedback from October 2025 (Attachments A, B, and C). Attachment D is a table of the comments provided by the Commission along with a note on how each comment is addressed. City staff recommends the Commission review the updated drafts, provide any additional input, and conduct a vote to recommend the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update in May or June 2026.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

The PB&R Commission's action of making a recommendation to the City Council is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. An addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Newport Beach General Plan Housing Element Implementation Program is being prepared and will be provided for the City Council's action on the General Plan Update.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element
- Attachment B – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Natural Resources Element
- Attachment C – Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Recreation Element
- Attachment D – Table of PB&R Commission Comments and Revisions

# **Attachment A**

Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element

# Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element



HARBOR, BAY, & BEACHES

## PURPOSE

The Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element guides the preservation and enhancement of water-dependent recreational and commercial activities and uses along the beaches and in Newport Bay, which includes Upper Newport Bay and Newport Harbor in Lower Newport Bay.

## OVERVIEW

The Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element builds on the adopted General Plan’s vision of balancing the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors while ensuring that Newport Bay and Newport Harbor are accessible and preserved, offer recreational opportunities, and support the local economy. The harbor, bay, and beaches in Newport Beach support substantial economic opportunities and activity that are vital to the City’s economy. The Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element addresses a wide range of topics, including land and water uses; harbor coordination and administration; the economic value of the harbor, bay and beaches; public access to coastal resources; and coastal ecosystems.

The Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element is coordinated with the Natural Resources Element, Recreation Element, Safety Element, and Land Use Element to support the preservation of water-dependent recreational and commercial activities.

## GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

### Land and Water Use

#### *Diversity of Land Uses*

Newport Beach offers a diversity of water use opportunities to support recreation on Newport Bay and the wider Pacific Ocean. Recreational and boating activities include sailing, use of motorized and human-powered vessels, and other activities. Vessels can be used for cruising, racing, and other competitive activities, or for angling. Angling can also be enjoyed from many public docks and other locations throughout Newport Harbor. Vessels can be secured to docks, slips, or mooring buoys in the harbor. There are also vessel storage facilities in off-water locations. As of 2024, Newport Harbor featured approximately 1,200 moorings spread across 10 offshore fields,<sup>1</sup> the Balboa Peninsula, Balboa Island and Lido Isle, and in West Newport. There are 15 public docks and one commercial public wharf within the harbor.<sup>2,3</sup> There are approximately 1,100 docks and several commercial marinas.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, dry storage facilities are available for boats on trailers, stands, and racks at various locations. Recreational and commercial use of Newport Bay and Newport Harbor depend on prioritizing water quality and safety, as well as coastal-dependent uses and coastal-related uses, such as chandleries;<sup>5</sup> service yards; boating launches, storage, and rentals; tourism-serving uses and recreation; habitat; and scenic areas. Scenic areas

<sup>1</sup> Nguyen, Lilly. “Pilot Program for Mooring Changes to Go to State Coastal Commission.” *Los Angeles Times*, May 24, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> City of Newport Beach. “City Celebrates Opening of New Public Dock, Welcomes First Electric Patrol Vessel Among U.S. Public Agencies.” News release, August 27, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> City of Newport Beach. “Commercial Rhine Wharf Use Permit.”

<sup>4</sup> California State Lands Commission. Assembly Bill 691 Summary – Newport Beach.

<https://slcprdwordpressstorage.blob.core.windows.net/wordpressdata/2022/09/ab691-summary-newportbeach.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> A chandlery is a store or business selling maritime supplies.

and visual resources are further discussed in the Natural Resources Element and are shown in Figure NR-4, Viewpoints and Corridors. Visual resources include viewpoints and corridors that provide scenic views and are considered to be of public importance.

Recreational, commercial, water-dependent, and tourism-serving uses contribute to the local economy, resident and visitor activities, and the character of the community. Attracting tourism while preserving the unique character of coastal neighborhoods is key to maintaining Newport Beach’s charm and appeal. This includes maintaining architectural components that match Newport Beach’s character, as well as protecting coastal-dependent uses, local businesses, and coastal resources. By supporting a tourism industry that celebrates Newport Beach’s cultural and historical resources and community feeling, the City of Newport Beach (City) can create an attractive environment for residents and visitors alike.

*Goal HBB-1: Local businesses and water-dependent commercial uses in the Newport Harbor area that are preserved to maintain and enhance the economic activity charm of the waterfront community*

**Policy HBB-1.1: Water-Dependent Uses.** Preserve and enhance the following uses that contribute to the diversity and charm of Newport Bay, including Upper Newport Bay, and the balance among them:

- Water-dependent and water-related recreational activities, such as boating, sailing, wind surfing, angling, kayaking, rowing, paddle boarding, and swimming.
- Water-dependent and water-related commercial activities, such as passenger/sightseeing boats, passenger fishing boats (“day boats”), boat rentals and sales, entertainment boats, boat/ship repair and maintenance (shipyards), and harbor maintenance facilities.
- Water-enhanced commercial uses, such as restaurants and retail stores.
- Water-related public recreation and education areas and facilities, such as beaches, piers, view parks, and related public areas providing access to and views of Newport Harbor.
- Coastal residential communities. (Imp. 2.1, 14.3, 14.6, 21.1, 24.1)

**Policy HBB-1.2: New Development.** Site and design new development to avoid significant impacts to existing and potential water-dependent and water-related uses. (Imp. 2.1, 7.1, 8.1)

**Policy HBB-1.3: Land Use Considerations.** Consider the impact on water-dependent and water-related land uses when reviewing proposals for land use changes, considering both the subject property and adjacent properties. (Imp. 2.1, 14.6, 24.1)

**Policy HBB-1.4: Marine Support Uses.** Encourage the preservation and enhancement, including new innovations, to existing marine support uses (such as ferry service, fuel docks, and shipyards) serving the needs of existing waterfront uses and the boating community, and encourage the evaluation of impediments to access, such as bridges across City-controlled roads, that may prevent on-land transportation of tall loads. (Imp. 2.1, 14.3, 14.6, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-1.5: Private Services.** Accommodate private-sector uses, such as vessel assistance and fueling, that provide emergency support, environmental enhancement, and other services that are not provided by the public sector and that are essential to the operation of a working harbor. (Imp. 21.3, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-1.6: Property Reuse.** Discourage reuse of properties that result in the significant reduction of water-dependent commercial uses. Allow the reuse of properties that ensure water-dependent uses remain, especially in those areas with adequate infrastructure and parcels suitable for redevelopment as an integrated project. (Imp. 2.1, 14.3, 24.1)

**Policy HBB-1.7: Use Operations.** When establishing land use regulations, consider the operational characteristics of land uses that support Newport Harbor and whether such uses can be or should be relocated to inland locations and/or if technological advances will eliminate the need for such support uses in the foreseeable future. (Imp. 2.1, 14.3, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-1.8: Boating.** Support continued operation of passenger/sightseeing boats, passenger fishing boats (day boats), and long-term boat rentals and sales. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-1.9: Short-Term Rentals.** Support continued short-term rental of boats, wave runners, stand-up paddle boards, and other human-powered watercraft, and require vendors to provide formal training that includes safety briefings. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1, 21.3)

**Policy HBB-1.10: Entertainment and Tour Boats.** Support continued operation of entertainment and tour boats subject to reasonable regulations designed to ensure that the operations do not have unreasonable adverse impacts on the environment or land uses surrounding the harbor, such as unsafe navigation, impaired water quality, reduced visual quality, excessive noise, unsafe street traffic conditions, or parking shortages. (Imp. 14.3, 21.3)

### *Goal HBB-2: Minimized risk of displacement by coastal hazards*

**Policy HBB-2.1 (S-1.1): Sea-Level Rise Plan.** Adopt a Sea-Level Rise Plan consistent with Senate Bill 272 (2023) and update the Local Coastal Program, including the Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan, as necessary. Establish and maintain shoreline protection reserves to implement early actions identified in the Sea-Level Rise Plan. The Sea Level Rise Plan should at least consider the following:

- Preservation of private property rights;
- Preservation and migration of inter-tidal habitats;
- Preservation of public access; and
- Protection and retrofit of critical infrastructure, such as water and wastewater infrastructure. (Imp. 5.1, 5.2, 30.1)

**Policy HBB-2.2: Emergency Preparedness.** Provide information to at-risk property owners about emergency and disaster preparedness and best practices. (Imp. 29.1)

**Policy HBB-2.3: Data Collection.** Collect king tide and related flood monitoring data to identify location, severity, and frequency of flooding by working with non-profits, educational institutions, and other informed sources, such as (but not limited to) the Newport Bay Conservancy and Back Bay Science Center. (Imp. 10.5)

### *Goal HBB-3: A harbor, bay, and beaches that attract tourism and maintain the character of coastal neighborhoods*

**Policy HBB-3.1: Waterfront Public Spaces.** Encourage the preservation of public spaces and beaches along the waterfront, to the extent reasonable. Prioritize preservation efforts of public spaces and beaches with adjacent public water access and docking facilities that serve as identity and activity “centers” of Newport Harbor for special events of community/regional interest. (Imp. 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 21.3)

**Policy HBB-3.2: Design and Character.** Preserve and/or enhance existing water-enhanced, water-related, and water-dependent commercial uses and marine-oriented commercial areas through building improvements and programs that preserve the design and character of Newport Harbor. (Imp. 2.1, 24.1)

*Goal HBB-4: Sufficient coastal infrastructure that protects coastal-dependent and public recreational uses while matching the character of the surrounding development and protecting coastal and visual resources*

**Policy HBB-4.1: New Bulkhead Siting and Design.** Balance private property rights, natural harbor tidal and current forces, other coastal processes (such as erosion and accretion), and harbor aesthetics with other public access policies when considering siting and design for new or renovated bulkhead permits. (Imp. 2.1, 5.1)

**Policy HBB-4.2: Beach Profile.** Permit and design bulkheads and groins, when allowed, to protect the character of the existing beach profiles and restore and/or sustain eroded beach profiles found around Newport Harbor and island perimeters. (Imp. 2.1, 5.1)

**Policy HBB-4.3: Structures Impacting Visual Resources.** Limit structures bayward of the bulkhead line to piers, floats, groins, appurtenances related to marine activities, and public walkways. (Imp. 2.1, 5.1)

**Policy HBB-4.4: Abandoned Vessels.** Employ City, County of Orange, State, and Federal regulations and resources to promptly remove derelict, abandoned, or unseaworthy vessels from City-controlled tidelands. (Imp. 14.3, 14.6, 21.1, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-4.5: Launch Ramp Facility.** Support the continued use of the launch ramp facility through coordination with the County of Orange, and consider opportunities for the siting and development of a new launch ramp facility owned by the City. (Imp. 14.3, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-4.6: Vessel Fueling.** Coordinate with fuel dock owners to develop strategies for the long-term preservation of vessel fueling stations. (Imp 21.4)

## Harbor Coordination and Administration

Administration of Newport Harbor and Newport Bay involves coordination among various government agencies and internal City departments. The Harbor Department is responsible for many of the harbor-related programs and services in Newport Beach, providing essential services such as daily harbor patrols, coordinating the use of anchorages and mooring fields, renting available slip space and moorings, and managing the guest marina and Marina Park. The Harbor Department's role is vital for supporting the local marine-dependent economy while also supporting residents, businesses, and visitors through coordinated safety efforts and on-the-water support, and generating revenue for the Harbor Department budget and the Tidelands Fund. The Harbor Department supports both the daily operations and long-term sustainability of Newport Harbor

Additionally, several commissions and committees handle administrative and advisory tasks, including advising the City Council, reviewing decisions, and managing permits. These are listed below.

**Harbor Commission.** One of the Harbor Commission's primary charges under Newport Beach City Charter Section 713 is to advise the City Council on all matters related to Newport Harbor, including improvements and vessel regulation.

**Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission.** Per Newport Beach City Charter Section 709, the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission advises the City Council on parks, beaches, recreation, and street trees. It helps plan and promote recreational programs, establishes policies for park and beach development, and manages trees and shrubs, subject to City Council authority.

**Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee.** The Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee advises the City Council on water quality and habitat protection in Newport Bay and the ocean. It strengthens regulations,

implements the Tidelands Infrastructure Capital Plan, and recommends educational initiatives about Newport Bay and the ocean.

**California Department of Parks and Recreation.** The California Department of Parks and Recreation owns and has delegated to the City the development, operation, control, and maintenance of Corona del Mar State Beach, a popular spot for surfing and diving. The park features a 0.5-mile-long sandy beach enclosed by rocky cliffs.

*Goal HBB-5: Coordination among City, County of Orange, State, and Federal agencies having regulatory authority of Newport Harbor and Newport Bay*

**Policy HBB-5.1: Harbor Standards and Regulations.** Periodically review and update, as appropriate, all Newport Harbor planning, design, engineering, and environmental criteria, standards, requirements, and processes. (Imp. 9.1, 21.1, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-5.2: Harbor Maintenance Equipment and Facilities.** Provide harbor access for harbor maintenance equipment and facilities, including for dredging; dock demolition, repair, and construction; mooring services; debris and spill management equipment; and general harbor construction, maintenance, and repair. (Imp. 14.3, 14.6, 21.1, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-5.3: Interagency Cooperation.** Work with other applicable controlling agencies within Newport Harbor and/or Newport Bay to define an area that can support harbor maintenance facilities and equipment. (Imp. 14.3, 14.6, 21.1, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-5.4: Harbor Patrol.** Coordinate with the Orange County Sheriff's Department on patrol of Newport Harbor to provide consistent, effective, and well-coordinated law enforcement on the water. (Imp. 14.3)

**Policy HBB-5.5: Coastal Resilience.** Ensure that the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee has adequate representation of experts in coastal resilience to ensure that this topic remains a priority for the City. (Imp. 29.3)

*Goal HBB-6: Maintenance and enhancement of deep-water channels to ensure they remain navigable by boats*

**Policy HBB-6.1: Sediment Management.** Develop a comprehensive sediment management program that provides for safe navigation and improved water quality. (Imp. 5.2, 21.2, 30.1)

**Policy HBB-6.2: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coordination.** Coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its maintenance and delineation of Federal navigational channels within Newport Harbor in the interest of providing safe navigation. (Imp. 14.12)

**Policy HBB-6.3: Permit Processing.** Secure blanket permits or agreements through the regulatory agencies to expedite permit processing for residential and commercial dock owners in Newport Bay. (Imp. 14.6, 14.11)

**Policy HBB-6.4: Sediment Management Funding.** Develop a sediment management funding plan to identify long-term funding pursuit strategies to support deep-water channels. (Imp. 5.2, 30.1)

**Policy HBB-6.5: Streamlined Dredging.** Evaluate opportunities to streamline City-led dredging efforts. (Imp. 21.4)

*Goal HBB-7: Protection and restoration of beaches and dunes*

**Policy HBB-7.1 (S-1.4): Nature-Based Solutions.** Encourage the use of nature-based solutions for beach and dune preservation and restoration as alternatives to traditional hard infrastructure, to the extent feasible.

Nature-based solutions could include options such as dune restoration and sand replenishment and nourishment. (Imp. 5.2, 8.1, 21.2)

**Policy HBB-7.2: Beach Replenishment.** Develop and implement a comprehensive sand replenishment program to assist in maintaining beach width and elevations. Analyze monitoring data to determine sand replenishment and nourishment priorities, and try to use sand replenishment and nourishment as shore protection, in lieu of more permanent, hard shoreline armoring options. (Imp. 8.1, 21.2)

**Policy HBB-7.3: Beach Erosion Thresholds.** Monitor and analyze beach width and elevation data to establish beach erosion thresholds at which backshore development becomes unreasonably exposed to wave runup flooding risks. (Imp. 28.1)

**Policy HBB-7.4 (S-1.5): Emergency Use of Coastal Facilities and Equipment.** During Emergency Operations Plan updates, reevaluate protocols for the coordinated emergency use of public and private coastal facilities and equipment (i.e., partnerships for allowed use of docks) in advance of flood, storm, pollution, dredging, vessel sinking, and other potentially hazardous events to supplement existing safety and rescue operations. (Imp. 28.2)

**Policy HBB-7.5: Shoreline Protection Thresholds.** Establish and maintain action thresholds for beach width and elevation that, when exceeded, trigger actions such as defined nourishment, dune management responses, and budget requests. Identify structural armoring enhancements such as groins, jetties, and artificial reefs to advance sand and beach retention while maintaining surfing function. (Imp. 5.2, 30.1)

## Economic Value of Newport Harbor, Bay, and Beaches

The City manages an interconnected 47.4-mile-long shoreline system composed of bay and ocean beaches, vital dunes, and the navigational waters of Newport Harbor and the tidal wetlands of Upper Newport Bay<sup>6</sup>. Newport Harbor is among the largest recreational boat harbors on the West Coast, with more than 9,000 recreational boats and a thriving coastal industry that includes maritime-related businesses (e.g., shipyards, fueling facilities, boat rentals, charters, ferry services), food and beverage establishments, retail stores, and hotel industries that service the community and visitors. The beaches serve an estimated 8 million visitors, swimmers, and surfers each year. Beach and boating users are vital to the local economy.

As further detailed in the Harbor and Bay Element Existing Conditions and Background Analysis, Newport Harbor, Bay, and beaches, provides significant economic benefits to both the City and the County of Orange. Based on visitor spending patterns, these areas are estimated to account for slightly more than 30% of all direct tourism-related spending (nearly \$400 million annually) in Newport Beach. This includes spending on accommodations, entertainment, restaurants, retail, and other amenities during their stay, which, for day-trip visitors, is estimated to average slightly less than 4 hours.

Further, based on an analysis of maritime and visitor-serving industries that are in Newport Beach due to the presence of the harbor, bay, and beaches it is estimated that these areas create \$547.4 million in direct economic output annually. This level of economic activity supports approximately 4,440 direct jobs with earnings of \$195.8 million annually. The harbor, bay, and beaches are also estimated to support approximately 5,900 indirect jobs, or 1,500 additional indirect jobs, in Orange County. It is estimated that these areas create \$787 million in total economic output to the County of Orange's economy.

Administration and management of the harbor, bay, and beaches requires coordination among departments, a balance of public investment with revenue, and provision of well-maintained public facilities. Efficient and

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<sup>6</sup> City of Newport Beach. 2026. Demographics and Statistics. <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/i-am-a/visitor/about-newport-beach/demographics-and-statistics>

effective management policies will maintain the City’s ability to provide high-quality services that are accessible to a broad range of people and business.

*Goal HBB-8: Well-managed and economically productive harbor, bay, and beaches*

**Policy HBB-8.1: Marinas and Dry Boat Storage.** Protect and, where feasible through the use of new designs and technology, enhance marinas and expand dry boat storage facilities. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.2: Berthing and Mooring.** Provide a variety of berthing and mooring opportunities, including lower-cost recreational boating, throughout Newport Harbor, reflecting state and regional demand for various slip sizes and affordability. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.3: Anchorages.** Maintain anchorages in designated Federal areas that minimize interference with safe navigation and where shore access and support facilities are available. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.4: Piers.** Authorize, pursuant to permit, license, or lease, new and existing piers and docks bayward of waterfront residential properties, subject to appropriate conditions that ensure compatibility with residential uses. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.5: Vacant Moorings.** Facilitate access to vacant moorings for temporary rental use. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.6: Mooring Transfers.** Foster public access to moorings by enforcing and refining the derelict boat ordinance and regulating permitted transfers by permit holders. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.7: Live-Aboard Vessels.** Allow “live-aboard” vessels, subject to a reasonable maximum number of renewable annual permits, and provide for regulation and vessel inspection. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-8.8: Economic Assessment.** Conduct regular assessments at least every 5 years of the economic viability of the harbor, bay, and beaches to track potential changes. (Imp. 1.2, 12.2, 21.4)

*Goal HBB-9: Cost-efficient servicing and managing of Newport Harbor*

**Policy HBB-9.1: Tidal Revenue.** Explore revenue options to receive a reasonable rate of return from all tideland users to recapture related City investment, services, and management costs. (Imp. 30.2)

**Policy HBB-9.2: Supplemental Funding.** Provide alternative and supplemental Newport Harbor funding, including seeking Federal and State grants, loans, or partnership agreements, for boater safety, education, maintenance, and capital improvements of Newport Harbor. (Imp. 30.2)

**Policy HBB-9.3: Tideland Leases and Permits.** Review the administration of tidelands leases and permits; consider accepted best management practices to assist in redevelopment, maintenance, and financing of waterfront developments; and reflect reasonable value in the lease rates. (Imp. 30.2)

**Policy HBB-9.4: Cost Recovery.** Review costs and procedures to receive reasonable cost recovery for permit processing. (Imp. 21.1)

**Policy HBB-9.5: Efficient Harbor Management.** Support efficient Newport Harbor management through the use of emerging technologies such as smart buoys, online mooring rentals, vessel tracking, and other technologies, to the extent feasible. (21.2)

## Public Access to Coastal Resources

Newport Beach has a well-established system of accessways to ocean beaches and Newport Bay, including public beaches, parks, shoreline trails, walkways, and boardwalks. The City protects public access from adverse impacts due to new development, per the California Coastal Act.

Higher tides and storm surges from sea-level rise can accelerate erosion of sandy beaches, which can often be mitigated through sand nourishment and replenishment. This increased erosion may impact public access to many beach areas, and thus, in extreme cases, to public beach access within Newport Beach. Additionally, unmitigated bluff erosion, which may increase due to sea-level rise, may cause loss and damage to development, including roads, sidewalks, and beach and harbor access points in Corona del Mar and Newport Coast. The possibility of this occurring is greatest in long-term, worst-case sea-level rise scenarios.

Higher sea levels can also lead to increased risk of coastal flooding during consequential storms, which can temporarily impede access to the beach and harbor. Low-lying beach access points may be threatened by significant sea-level rise. The General Plan Safety Element includes maps and additional detail on sea-level rise, potential coastal flooding, and beach erosion.

Access to coastal resources provides recreational, health, and economic benefits. The harbor, bay, and beaches should be valued for the passive and active recreational opportunities they provide, and reasonable access should be provided and maintained for current and future generations. Enhanced reasonable recreational opportunities and user amenities should be available at appropriate locations to enhance the user experience. The types and locations of amenities will consider the needs for both passive and active coastal experiences. As active mobility opportunities are provided, safe pedestrian access should always be prioritized.

### *Goal HBB-10: Safe and accessible beach and harbor access points*

**Policy HBB-10.1: Public Access.** Provide adequate public access to the shoreline, beach, coastal parks, trails, and Newport Bay; acquire additional public access points and consider new vertical access points to these areas and provide parking, where possible. (Imp. 2.1, 5.1, 20.2)

**Policy HBB-10.2: Public Access Facilities.** Ensure that new or improved public access facilities are compatible with existing permitted land uses and with the availability of supporting infrastructure, such as parking and restrooms. (Imp. 2.1, 21.1)

**Policy HBB-10.3: Access Assessment.** Assess beach and harbor access points that are at risk of impacts from coastal hazards, and create long-term management plans to maintain or replace them with similar access. (Imp. 5.2)

**Policy HBB-10.4: Facility Accessibility.** Maintain and enhance existing infrastructure to support accessibility for a range of users with varied abilities, including enhanced restrooms, parking, bike racks, and other supportive infrastructure. (Imp. 30.1)

**Policy HBB-10.5: Marine Safety.** Provide for marine safety, such as lifeguards, harbor patrol, on-the-water fire suppression, police, and traffic and parking enforcement through dedicated funds for the Harbor Department and other applicable departments. (Imp. 23.1, 21.4)

### *Goal HBB-11: Multiple, well-connected coastal access options*

**Policy HBB-11.1: Provision of Visitor Facilities.** Maintain the provision of guest slips, moorings, vessel waste pump-out stations, and anchorages in Newport Harbor. Coordinate with the Orange County Parks Department to provide such facilities where appropriate and feasible within Orange County tidelands. (Imp. 14.3, 21.4)

**Policy HBB-11.2: Public Water Transportation.** Enhance and maintain public water transportation services and expanded public water transportation uses and land support facilities. (Imp. 16.12)

**Policy HBB-11.3: Coastal Transportation.** Promote opportunities to expand water transportation modes, such as water-based shuttle services and water taxis, and land-based transportation modes aimed at increasing coastal access, such as the Balboa Peninsula Trolley. (Imp. 16.12)

**Policy HBB-11.4: Navigation Tools.** Improve accessibility to coastal areas and represent neighborhood character through the use of navigation tools such as physical wayfinding signage, real-time maps, QR codes, and other applicable methods. (Imp. 21.6)

**Policy HBB-11.5: Wayfinding.** Assess potential improvements to wayfinding in coastal areas highlighting visitor resources. (Imp. 21.6, 16.13)

## Upper Newport Bay

Upper Newport Bay, nestled in the heart of Newport Beach, is one of the largest remaining wetlands in the region, spanning approximately 700 acres.<sup>7</sup> This area provides sanctuary to a diverse array of fish, birds, reptiles, plants, and other species. Also known as the Back Bay, this estuarine ecosystem is a popular destination for migratory birds, offering numerous birdwatching opportunities. The Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area, covering just over 1 square mile, includes lagoons, tidal flats, and coastal marsh habitats. It protects a variety of small mammals, fish, birds, crustaceans, and other creatures, including some endangered species, and provides residents and visitors opportunities for recreation. This area is vitally important as a rest stop for migratory birds, with up to 30,000 birds visible in a single day during winter migration periods<sup>8</sup>.

Management of this ecological reserve balances conservation with public access, governed by policies that protect sensitive habitats while promoting educational and recreational opportunities. Public access considerations include trails, walkways, and educational facilities that allow visitors to experience this ecological treasure while minimizing environmental impacts. Upper Newport Bay exemplifies the delicate balance between preserving critical habitat and providing meaningful public access to natural coastal resources.

### *Goal HBB-12: Protection of the visual and ecological resources of Upper Newport Bay*

**Policy HBB-12.1: Public Access.** Maintain public use in Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve to the extent that such use is consistent with the preservation of sensitive resources. (Imp. 2.1, 23.1)

**Policy HBB-12.2 (NR-11.1): Interagency Coordination.** Continue interagency coordination with relevant entities involved in the protection and preservation of Upper Newport Bay. (Imp. 14.3, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.13, 14.14, 14.15)

**Policy HBB-12.3 (NR-12.1, S-6.1): Stormwater Drainage.** Preserve, where possible, natural watercourses or provide naturalized drainage channels within Newport Beach. Where feasible, implement restoration and rehabilitation opportunities. (Imp. 1.1, 5.2, 7.5)

**Policy HBB-12.4 (NR-12.2, S-6.2): Stormwater Management Coordination.** Continue to coordinate the needs of stormwater pollution management with the overlapping (and sometimes competing) needs for habitat management, flood management, capital improvement projects, development, aesthetics, and open space needs. (Imp. 14.15, 19.1)

**Policy HBB-12.5: Supplemental Funding.** Provide alternative and supplemental Upper Newport Bay funding, including seeking Federal and State grants, loans, or partnership agreements for boater safety, education, maintenance, and capital improvements of the estuary and conservation areas. (Imp. 17.2, 23.7, 29.1, 29.3)

**Policy HBB-12.6: Visual Resources Maintenance.** Protect and manage visual and scenic resources by maintaining scenic resource inventories, protection plans, regulations, and other tools. (Imp. 5.2, 10.1)

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<sup>7</sup> Newport Bay Conservancy. 2024. "Bay Management." <https://newportbay.org/the-bay/bay-management/>.

<sup>8</sup> California Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2026. "Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area." <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs/Upper-Newport-Bay>.

**Policy HBB-12.7: New Visual Resources.** Encourage new public and private development to create new public viewpoints that provide views of Upper Newport Bay. (Imp. 2.1, 5.2)

**Policy HBB-12.8: Reduce Pollution.** Minimize pollution in Upper Newport Bay through support of actions and infrastructure that reduce trash, such as the Newport Bay Trash Interceptor. (Imp. 10.3, 16.15)

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# **Attachment B**

Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Natural Resources Element

# Natural Resources Element



NATURAL RESOURCES

## PURPOSE

The Natural Resources Element of the General Plan guides the conservation, protection, development, and use of natural resources in Newport Beach, as well as the preservation of cultural and historic resources.

## OVERVIEW

The Natural Resources Element addresses a wide range of topics, as follows: air quality, mineral and oil resources, energy transition, biological resources, rivers and waterbodies, sandy beaches, water conservation, visual resources, and archaeological and paleontological resources. The Natural Resources Element includes policies designed to help restore, improve, preserve, conserve, and manage natural resources, and to help improve ecosystem services and functions in the natural and built environment. This Natural Resources Element seeks to support the natural function of the systems and their continued provision of benefits to the Newport Beach community.

The Natural Resources Element is coordinated with the Recreation Element; Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element; Safety Element; and Land Use Element to support the conservation, protection, development, and use of natural resources, and the preservation of cultural and historic resources. Goals and policies are aided by the Arts and Culture Element and the Historical Resources Element.

## GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

### Air Quality

#### *South Coast Air Basin*

Newport Beach is within the South Coast Air Basin, named so because its geographical formation is that of a basin, with the surrounding mountains trapping the air and its pollutants in the valleys and low-lying areas below. The South Coast Air Basin includes all of Orange County and non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, in addition to the San Geronio Pass in Riverside County. The region's climate is generally mild and tempered by cool sea breezes, but is interrupted infrequently by periods of hot weather, winter storms, and Santa Ana winds (i.e., hot wind from the east). The extent and severity of the air pollutants in the South Coast Air Basin are functions of the region's natural weather and topography, as well as human influences such as land use patterns, type and density of development, and the location of major roadways. More specifically, mobile sources, such as emissions from motor vehicles, account for a significant portion of air pollutants in the South Coast Air Basin. Newport Beach is a relatively low-density community with fewer public transportation routes, which may result in more motor vehicle trips and associated air pollutants. Notably, two major highways run through Newport Beach: Highway 1 along the coast (i.e., Pacific Coast Highway) and Highway 73, south of John Wayne Airport and along the northeastern boundary of Newport Beach. Air pollution from motor vehicles along these major highways is most concentrated within 1,000 feet of the source; therefore, neighborhoods adjacent to these routes may have higher exposure to air pollutants.

### *Ambient Air Quality*

The Federal and State governments have established ambient air quality standards for outdoor concentrations of various pollutants to help protect public health. The South Coast Air Quality Management District is responsible for bringing air quality within the South Coast Air Basin into conformity with the Federal and State standards. To monitor the various concentrations of air pollutants throughout the South Coast Air Basin, the South Coast Air Quality Management District divided the region into 27 source receptor areas (SRAs). Newport Beach is within SRA 18, which encompasses the northern coastal Orange County area. The air pollutants most relevant to air quality planning and regulation in SRA 18 are ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide. As of 2025, SRA 18 exceeds State and Federal standards for two pollutants: ozone and fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Due to its small size, PM<sub>2.5</sub> can be inhaled, and prolonged exposure to these particles can result in negative health effects. Ground-level ozone, often referred to as “smog,” also affects lung and heart health. Together, these pollutants may lead to potential health concerns, such as breathing difficulties, inflamed and irritated airways, asthma attacks, and heart disease.

### *Aircraft Pollution*

Aircraft operations at John Wayne Airport also contribute air pollutants that may affect residents and visitors of Newport Beach. Specifically, jet aircraft engines emit water vapor, carbon dioxide, small amounts of nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, sulfur gases, soot, and metal particles formed by the high-temperature combustion of jet fuel during flight. Piston aircraft engines burning leaded gasoline can emit other pollutants, including lead. These emissions can cause pulmonary and respiratory health effects.

The City of Newport Beach (City) does not have aircraft emissions standards. Rather, the Secretary of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set and enforce emissions standards, and the Federal Aviation Administration administers certification requirements. The EPA collaborates with the International Civil Aviation Organization to develop standards and recommended practices for aircraft emissions; thus, EPA standards are highly aligned with those of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

### *Goal NR-1: Reduced transportation-related emissions to improve air quality*

- **Policy NR-1.1: Safe Streets.** Promote walkable and bikeable neighborhoods that are safe for all users by providing amenities such as wayfinding, maintained sidewalks, bike lanes, secure bike and stroller parking, well-designed intersections, and Americans with Disabilities Act–compliant infrastructure to support people of all abilities. (Imp. 16.13)
- **Policy NR-1.2: Mixed-Use Development.** Encourage mixed-use development as a way to preserve natural resources. (Imp. 8.2)
- **Policy NR-1.3: Minimize Pollution Exposure.** Identify high-volume roadways near existing and planned sensitive uses, such as residences and schools, and encourage trees and hedge barriers to reduce air pollution, when not already present. (Imp. 8.2, 16.2, 16.15)
- **Policy NR-1.4: Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled.** Employ incentives, regulations, and/or transportation demand management programs in cooperation with other jurisdictions in the South Coast Air Basin to reasonably reduce vehicle trips. (Imp. 7.3, 14.1)
- **Policy NR-1.5: Unleaded Aviation Fuel.** Continue to advocate for phase-out of sales of leaded aviation gasoline at John Wayne Airport. (Imp. 14.3, 16.15)

*Goal NR-2: Electric vehicle charging or other clean technology infrastructure to serve the growing share of clean-energy vehicles*

- **Policy NR-2.1: Clean Vehicle Charging for Visitors.** Create public and/or private partnerships to increase clean-vehicle charging and/or refueling stations at or near visitor lodging and popular tourist destinations, as deemed appropriate. (Imp. 16.14)
- **Policy NR-2.2: Clean Vehicle Charging for Residents.** Identify, prioritize, and incentivize the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in residential areas that have limited charging options, such as apartments. (Imp. 16.14)
- **Policy NR-2.3: Clean Energy Boat Charging.** Encourage the provision of needed additional electric boat charging stations or other clean-energy technology. (Imp. 16.14)

*Goal NR 3: Reduced air pollution emissions from ground operations at John Wayne Airport*

- **Policy NR-3.1: Reduce Airport Pollution.** Collaborate with John Wayne Airport to help reduce air pollution generated by stationary and nonstationary sources. (Imp. 14.3)
- **Policy NR-3.2: Reduced Emissions Equipment and Vehicles.** Collaborate with John Wayne Airport to encourage reasonable development and cost-effective use of reduced-emissions ground service equipment and transit vehicles. (Imp. 14.3)

## Mineral and Oil Resources

The City owns and operates 16 oil wells that were drilled between 1953 and 1958. Fourteen are in operations as of 2026, one is used for water injection to increase productivity from other wells, and one is completely out of service. The well heads are located on two sites in unincorporated County of Orange territory along West Coast Highway. The wells are slant-drilled under property in Newport Beach into an area under the ocean called the Newport Offshore Oil Field. The California Department of Conservation maintains a current database, and should be utilized where needed.<sup>1</sup> Section 1401 of the City Charter bans oil and gas drilling inside the incorporated area, and any annexed area has 10 years to comply with the standards detailed in the City Charter. However, the Charter allows for drilling for production or processing of oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon substances by vertical, slant or other drilling methods originating from two identified areas in unincorporated County of Orange territory along West Coast Highway. The locations of oil well heads can be seen on Figure NR-1, Oil and Gas Wells.

Oil production in Newport Beach has declined from 60,000 barrels per year in the 1980s to 20,000 barrels per year in 2020. The City earns \$1 million to \$1.2 million annually from offshore oil and gas, which is deposited into the Tidelands Fund to support and maintain tidelands.<sup>2</sup> California’s climate goals include phasing out the extraction of oil and gas by 2045. The City will monitor and proactively address implementation of California laws to facilitate a sustainable transition and dependable revenue streams.

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<sup>1</sup> California Department of Conservation. 2026. “Well Finder.” <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/WellFinder.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> City of Newport Beach. 2023. “Utilities: Oil and Gas.” <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/utilities/oil-and-gas>.

*Goal NR-4: Preparation for the orderly transition of oil and gas resources, as deemed appropriate*

- **Policy NR-4.1: Phaseout Process.** If deemed appropriate, engage with community members and interest groups in the phaseout analysis process for oil and gas. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-4.2: Tidelands Fund Sources.** Pursue alternate funding sources to replace the potential loss of oil revenue funding for the Tidelands Fund. (Imp. 21.1, 24.1, 30.2)

## Energy Transition

Meeting California’s greenhouse gas reduction goals may require converting some natural gas appliances and gas cars to electric or alternatives, while simultaneously increasing renewable energy in the grid. Senate Bill 100 (2018) mandates that 100% of the State’s electricity retail sales come from renewable and zero-carbon sources by 2045, with interim targets of 90% by 2035 and 95% by 2040. Consequently, Southern California Edison and other utilities across the state will need to boost their renewable energy supply over the next two decades. The Advanced Clean Car rule establishes a year-by-year roadmap so that by 2035, 100% of new cars and light trucks sold in California will be zero-emission vehicles. As of 2024 there is no State legislation to reduce natural gas consumption; however, electrification of landscape equipment and heating and cooking systems may be a strategy to help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

*Goal NR-5: Increased electrification or use of renewable energy at public facilities to reduce gasoline and natural gas usage and emissions*

- **Policy NR-5.1: City Vehicle Fleet.** To the extent reasonable and appropriate, adopt a schedule for replacing the City vehicle fleet and consider clean-energy vehicles for any new acquisitions or City programs. (Imp. 16.14)
- **Policy NR-5.2: Clean Energy and Public Facilities.** If feasible, consider installation of solar panels or other alternative energy technologies on public facilities such as parking lot shade structures, rooftops, and other appropriate surfaces, especially where electric vehicle charging can be facilitated. (Imp. 16.14)

*Goal NR-6: Electrification or renewable energy incentives for existing buildings to reduce natural gas emissions*

- **Policy NR-6.1: Alternative Energy Engagement.** To the extent reasonable and appropriate, perform outreach to raise awareness of electrification and alternative energy incentive programs. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-6.2: Clean Energy Landscaping Equipment.** Consider expansion of ordinances requiring electric or clean-energy landscaping equipment. (Imp. 8.2)

## Biological Resources

Newport Beach is made up of a diverse range of elevations, biogeographic features, and ecosystems. Within Newport Beach, there are 6 plant and 23 animal species classified as endangered, threatened, or both by Federal and/or State agencies (see Natural Resources Existing Conditions and Background Analysis). Many of these species live in **environmental study areas**, as shown in Figure NR-2, and **environmentally sensitive habitat areas**. Both environmental study areas and environmentally sensitive habitat areas are subject to stricter regulations, implemented through the Local Coastal Program.

Consistent with Assembly Bill 1889 (2024), wildlife corridors should be developed to connect environmentally sensitive habitat areas with other core habitat areas. This may be accomplished by protecting existing open spaces between habitats, planting native plants that provide food and/or shelter on developed sites, and reducing the introduction of invasive species.

Ecosystems provide important services, such as filtering and storing water, storing carbon in vegetation and soil, purifying the air, providing habitat for wildlife, and creating visually appealing and enjoyable places for people. Well-functioning ecosystems include diverse **native** and **naturalized non-invasive species**, and they support complex food webs, a mix of habitats, and nutrient cycling. Promoting native and environmentally adapted species across public and private land will enhance and expand an integrated network of resilient ecosystems.

Ecosystem restoration and conservation can reverse the effects of invasive species and support the development of large contiguous or interconnected ecosystems. These ecosystem reserves can serve as nurseries and connected networks for local plant and animal communities to access food, water, shelter, and breeding areas.

*Goal NR-7: Native and naturalized non-invasive species habitats in parks and public open spaces*

- **Policy NR-7.1: Native Plant Species.** Review existing policies, procedures, and guidelines regarding plant, shrub, and tree palettes, and consider revisions to ensure they feature native and naturalized non-invasive species. (Imp. 8.2)
- **Policy NR-7.2: Native Plants in Parks.** Adopt standards for new public parks to include vegetation for the revised plant, shrub, and tree palette. Imp. 8.2)
- **Policy NR-7.3: Invasive Plant Species Removal.** Perform regular removal of invasive species on public lands to protect native habitats. (Imp. 27.2)
- **Policy NR-7.4: Resilient Landscaping.** Create and distribute educational resources and incentives to increase awareness and use of native and resilient species in landscaping on private properties. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-7.5: Local Plant Nurseries.** Work with local nurseries to highlight native and naturalized non-invasive species and discourage the sale of invasive species. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-7.6: Habitat Certification.** Create or promote a yard habitat certification program encouraging landscaping practices that support native ecosystems. (Imp. 8.2, 29.1)
- **Policy NR-7.7: Air Quality and Trees.** Monitor and assess the health and air quality benefits of the urban forest canopy through regular tree surveys and air quality measurements. (Imp. 10.1, 10.3, 28.1)
- **Policy NR-7.8: Urban Forest Management Plan.** Consider drafting an Urban Forest Management Plan that prioritizes native and naturalized non-invasive tree species known to improve air filtration and species habitat. (Imp. 8.2, 16.15, 20.1)

*Goal NR-8: Cooperation with State and Federal resource protection agencies and private organizations to protect terrestrial and marine resources*

- **Policy NR-8.1: Conservation Plans.** Comply with the policies contained in the Orange County Natural Communities Conservation Plan or other applicable plans as they become available. (Imp. 1.1, 2.1, 16.5)

- **Policy NR-8.2: Interagency Coordination.** Make reasonable efforts to coordinate with the California Natural Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other relevant State agencies. (Imp. 14.7, 14.8)
- **Policy NR-8.3: Reforestation.** Protect and support reforestation programs for eelgrass and giant kelp. (Imp. 14.1, 14.3, 14.13, 14.14)

*Goal NR-9: Community-driven initiatives for ecosystem conservation*

- **Policy NR-9.1: Local Conservation Coordination.** Continue to partner with local non-profits that host beach cleanups and community data-collection initiatives. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-9.2: Conservation Education.** Provide informational signage that educates residents and visitors about local ecosystems, stewardship, and opportunities for citizen science. (Imp. 29.1)

*Goal NR-10: Land use and development standards to conserve important ecosystem services and habitats*

- **Policy NR-10.1: Habitat Corridors.** Create and regularly update mapping of habitat corridor areas and evaluate appropriate additional landscaping or study requirements for developments in these areas. (Imp. 8.1, 8.2)
- **Policy NR-10.2: Development Analysis.** As appropriate, require a site-specific survey and analysis prepared by a qualified biologist as a filing requirement for any development permit applications where development would occur within or contiguous to areas identified as environmental study areas. (Imp. 2.1, 6.1)
- **Policy NR-10.3: Resource Protection.** Require that the siting and design of new development, including landscaping and public access, reasonably protect sensitive and rare resources against any significant disruption of habitat values. (Imp. 1.1, 2.1)
- **Policy NR-10.4: Resource-Dependent Uses.** Subject to Federal, State, and other legal requirements, limit uses within areas containing any significant or rare biological resources to only those uses that are dependent on such resources, except where application of such a limitation would result in a taking of private property. If application of this policy would likely constitute a taking of private property, then a non-resource-dependent use shall be allowed on the property, provided development is limited to the reasonable amount necessary to avoid a taking, and the development is consistent with and subject to other applicable resource protection policies. Public access improvements and educational, interpretative, and research facilities are considered resource-dependent uses. (Imp. 2.1)
- **Policy NR-10.5: Resource Buffer.** Maintain a buffer of sufficient size around significant and rare biological resources to ensure the protection of these resources. Require the use of native vegetation and prohibit invasive plant species within these buffer areas. (Imp. 2.1)
- **Policy NR-10.6: Habitat Protection Regulations.** Prepare natural habitat protection regulations for Buck Gully and Morning Canyon to provide standards to ensure the protection of the natural habitats in these areas and of private property rights. Include standards for the placement of structures, native vegetation/fuel modification buffers, and erosion and sedimentation control structures. (Imp 2.1, 8.2)

## Rivers and Waterbodies

The rivers and waterbodies of Newport Beach significantly contribute to the area’s ecological diversity and enhance the experiences of residents and visitors. As illustrated in Figure NR-3, Rivers and Waterbodies in

Newport Beach, Newport Beach features freshwater, saltwater, estuarine, riverine, and lake ecosystems. Of particular importance are Upper Newport Bay and the Santa Ana River. Upper Newport Bay, designated as an ecological reserve, is one of the largest remaining natural estuarine ecosystems in Southern California. The west end of Newport Beach lies within the Santa Ana River watershed, with the river itself forming Newport Beach’s westernmost boundary.

*Upper Newport Bay*

Upper Newport Bay, nestled in the heart of Newport Beach, is one of the largest remaining wetlands in the region, spanning approximately 700 acres.<sup>3</sup> This area provides sanctuary to a diverse array of fish, birds, reptiles, plants, and other species. Also known locally as the Back Bay, this estuarine ecosystem is a popular destination for migratory birds, offering numerous birdwatching opportunities. The Upper Bay State Marine Conservation Area, covering just over 1 square mile, includes lagoons, tidal flats, and coastal marsh habitats. It protects a variety of small mammals, fish, birds, crustaceans, and other creatures, including some endangered species, and provides residents and visitors opportunities for recreation.

*Santa Ana River*

The Santa Ana River spans nearly 100 miles across San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. Its rich biodiversity supports various ecosystems and provides habitats for numerous species of birds, reptiles, fish, and mammals. The river forms a small boundary with Newport Beach at Newport Beach’s westernmost edge, where the river flows into the Pacific Ocean. To protect the river and its biological resources, the City has implemented regulations, including a maximum speed limit of 5 miles per hour for aquatic vessels navigating the river, encroachment limits for residential homes near the riverfront and other property development standards, and discouragement of off-leash dogs near the river mouth.

*Water Quality*

Both **Lower and Upper Newport Bay** have concentrations of pollutants that exceed EPA standards for marine habitat and for fish and shellfish consumption. Unlike Upper Newport Bay, however, Lower Newport Bay is safe for swimming and boating. Coastal waters of the Pacific Ocean are generally safe for swimming and boating. See Table NR-1 for the water quality condition of each waterbody in Newport Beach.

Clean water is necessary for human health and recreation, and for aquatic habitat and organisms. Improving water quality in Newport Bay and in coastal waters can ensure safe enjoyment of these irreplaceable natural resources for residents and visitors while continuing to support the businesses that rely on proximity to the coast. Reducing stormwater runoff, restoring floodplains, and preventing waste from entering waterbodies can improve water quality and help to realize the benefits of clean water.

**Table NR-1. Water Body Uses and Conditions**

Waterbody	Identified Pollutants	Waterbody Uses	Conditions
Newport Beach	PCBs, pesticides	Fish and shellfish consumption	Impaired
Newport Beach	None	Swimming and boating	Good
Big Canyon Creek	None	Aquatic life, fishing, and boating	Unknown
Costa Mesa Channel	None	Aquatic life	Unknown

<sup>3</sup> Newport Bay Conservancy. 2024. “Bay Management.” <https://newportbay.org/the-bay/bay-management/>.

**Table NR-1. Water Body Uses and Conditions**

Waterbody	Identified Pollutants	Waterbody Uses	Conditions
Lower Newport Bay <sup>1</sup>	Bacteria and other microbes, metals, nitrogen and/or phosphorus, PCBs, pesticides, total toxic chemicals	Fish and shellfish consumption; marine habitat	Impaired
Lower Newport Bay <sup>1</sup>	None	Swimming and boating	Good
Upper Newport Bay (Ecological Reserve)	Bacteria and other microbes, nitrogen and/or phosphorus, PCBs, pesticides, sediment, total toxic chemicals	Aquatic life; fish and shellfish consumption; swimming and boating; marine habitat	Impaired

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2024. "How's My Waterway?" <https://mywaterway.epa.gov/>. **Note:**

<sup>1</sup> Includes entire Lower Bay, including Rhine Channel, Turning Basin, and South Lido Channel to east end of H- J Moorings.

*Goal NR-11: Coordination with relevant agencies to reduce pollutants of concern in Newport Bay*

- **Policy NR-11.1 (HBB-12.2): Upper Newport Bay Protection.** Continue coordination with relevant entities involved in the protection and preservation of Upper Newport Bay. (Imp. 14.6, 14.7, 14.8)
- **Policy NR-11.2: Stormwater Runoff Reduction.** Coordinate with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and neighboring cities to implement measures to reduce stormwater runoff. (Imp. 14.1)

*Goal NR-12: Enhanced green infrastructure to help prevent runoff into Newport Bay*

- **Policy NR-12.1 (S-6.1, HBB-12.3): Stormwater Drainage.** Preserve, where possible, natural watercourses or provide naturalized drainage channels within Newport Beach. Where feasible, implement restoration and rehabilitation opportunities. (Imp. 17.1, 23.6)
- **Policy NR-12.2 (S-6.2, HBB-12.4): Stormwater Management Coordination.** Coordinate the needs of stormwater pollution management with the overlapping (and sometimes competing) needs for habitat management, flood management, capital improvement projects, development, aesthetics, and open space needs. (Imp. 7.5, 17.1, 17.2)
- **Policy NR-12.3: Wetland Preservation.** Promote the use of natural wetlands through preservation or restoration to improve water quality. (Imp. 19.1, 23.2, 23.6)
- **Policy NR-12.4: Watershed Coordination.** Represent the City of Newport Beach by participating in watershed-based runoff reduction, water quality control, and other planning efforts with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County of Orange, and upstream cities. Use reasonable efforts to promote regulation of upstream dischargers (cities, Orange County, residential and commercial uses) in the San Diego Creek and Santa Ana-Delhi Channel watersheds. (Imp. 14.1, 14.3, 14.15)

*Goal NR-13: Standards and programs to limit runoff of pollution to preserve water quality of groundwater sources*

- **Policy NR-13.1: Chemicals Impacting Water Quality.** Support regulations limiting or banning the use of insecticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals shown to be detrimental to water quality. (Imp. 2.1, 17.1)

- **Policy NR-13.2: Water Pollution Prevention.** Promote pollution prevention and elimination methods that minimize the introduction of pollutants into natural waterbodies. Methods may include the installation of storm drain screens, increased green infrastructure to absorb runoff, and the use of retention ponds and wetlands. (Imp. 16.15)
- **Policy NR-13.3: Groundwater Contamination.** Suspend activities and implement appropriate health and safety procedures in the event that previously unknown groundwater contamination is encountered during construction. Where site contamination is identified, implement an appropriate remediation strategy that is approved by the City and the State or Federal agency with appropriate jurisdiction. (Imp. 1.1, 10.4, 11.1)
- **Policy NR-13.4: Storm Drain System Permits.** Require all development to comply with the regulations under the City’s municipal separate storm drain system permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. (Imp. 19.1, 26.1)
- **Policy NR-13.5: Water Quality Checklist.** Develop and maintain a water quality checklist to be used in the permit review process to assess potential water quality impacts. (Imp. 10.4, 11.1, 16.15, 17.1, 17.2)
- **Policy NR-13.6: Water Quality Management Plan.** Continue to require new development applications to include a Water Quality Management Plan to minimize runoff from rainfall events during and after construction. (Imp. 10.4, 11.1, 16.15, 17.1, 17.2)
- **Policy NR-13.7: Best Management Practices.** Implement and improve upon water quality best management practices (BMPs) for residences, businesses, development projects, and City operations. (Imp. 7.5, 16.15, 17.1, 17.2)
- **Policy NR-13.8: Site Design and Source Control.** Include site design and source-control BMPs in all developments. When the combination of site design and source-control BMPs are not sufficient to protect water quality as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, structural treatment BMPs will be implemented, along with site design and source-control measures. (Imp. 7.5)
- **Policy NR-13.9: Reduction of Infiltration.** Include equivalent BMPs that do not require infiltration where infiltration of runoff would exacerbate geologic hazards. (Imp. 7.5)
- **Policy NR-13.10: Street Drainage Systems.** Require all street drainage systems and other facilities created by the City or developers of new subdivisions to be designed, constructed, and maintained to minimize or reduce adverse impacts on water quality. Investigate the possibility of treating or diverting street drainage to minimize or reduce impacts to waterbodies. (Imp. 6.1, 7.1, 17.1)
- **Policy NR-13.11: Impervious Surfaces.** Require new development and public facilities to minimize the creation of and increases in impervious surfaces, especially those directly adjacent to existing impervious areas, to the maximum extent possible. Require redevelopment to increase the area of pervious surfaces, where feasible. (Imp. 6.1, 7.1, 17.1)
- **Policy NR-13.12: Pollution Prevention Tracking.** Conduct periodic analysis of the overall effectiveness of the pollution prevention programs in Newport Beach. (Imp. 10.3)
- **Policy NR-13.13: Grading and Erosion Control Plans.** Require grading/erosion control plans that provide for structural BMPs that prevent, minimize, or reduce possible erosion during and after construction for development on steep slopes and on graded or disturbed areas. (Imp. 7.5)
- **Policy NR-13.14: Plastic Usage Reduction.** Assess methods to reduce plastic waste to protect water quality, natural habitats, and local wildlife, and to comply with Assembly Bill 1276 (2022) and any subsequent applicable laws and revisions. The assessment should identify short- and long-term strategies to meaningfully reduce single-use plastics, and the potential for water usage, landfill capacity, and economic impacts of such strategies. Strategies may include outreach and engagement,

partnerships with local non-profit organizations, and partnerships with local establishments with higher single-use plastic usage. (Imp. 8.2, 16.15)

### *Goal NR-14: Minimized adverse effects to water quality from sanitary sewer outflows*

- **Policy NR-14.1: City Sewer Management and Master Plans.** Implement the Sewer System Management Plan and the Sewer Master Plan. (Imp. 18.1)
- **Policy NR-14.2: Waste Discharge Permits.** Require waste discharge permits for all applicable food preparation facilities that produce grease. (Imp. 18.1)
- **Policy NR-14.3: Sewer Pump Stations.** Renovate all older sewer pump stations and install new plumbing according to the most recent standards. (Imp. 18.1)
- **Policy NR-14.4: Waste Discharge Permits.** Comply with the California State Water Resources Control Board’s Waste Discharge Requirements associated with operation and maintenance of the City’s sewage collection system. (Imp. 18.1)

## Sandy Beaches

Sandy beaches are at risk as a result of sea-level rise and from coastal development interrupting natural beach nourishment and replenishment. Sand nourishment and replenishment projects have been conducted locally since the 1960s, first by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, then by local governments in the 2000s.<sup>4</sup> Sand naturally migrates, and effective nourishment requires regional efforts. Comprehensive sand nourishment, retention, and replenishment recognizes the role of natural processes, built facilities, and human solutions, where appropriate.

### *Goal NR-15: Beach nourishment, sand retention, and sediment restoration projects*

- **Policy NR-15.1: Beach Protection Partnerships.** Work with regional governments to create partnerships and cross-boundary projects that benefit the region. (Imp. 14.1, 14.15)
- **Policy NR-15.2: Beach Protection Needs.** Identify appropriate sites for beach nourishment, living shoreline restoration, and built structures as part of a comprehensive sea-level-rise adaptation plan. (Imp. 5.2)
- **Policy NR-15.3: Beach Protection Monitoring.** Monitor progress of sand nourishment and retention projects. (Imp. 10.2)

## Water Conservation

As of 2025, the City’s water supply comes from a combination of imported water (18.5%), which includes water from the Colorado River and the State Water Project; recycled water (1.5%); and groundwater from the Orange County Basin (80%). As outlined in the City’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan,<sup>5</sup> the City intends to reduce reliance on imported water by improving water-use efficiency and through increased reliance on groundwater.

<sup>4</sup> Brey, Jared. 2024. “California Neighbors and Cities Fight over Sand as Beaches Shrink.” *Governing*. Accessed November 25, 2024. <https://www.governing.com/resilience/california-neighbors-and-cities-fight-over-sand-as-beaches-shrink>. Connelly, Laylan. 2023. “Dates Set for Sand Replenishment Project for Orange County Beaches.” *Los Angeles Times*, November 22, 2023. <https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2023-11-22/dates-set-for-sand-replenishment-project-for-orange-county-beaches>.

<sup>5</sup> City of Newport Beach. 2021. *Newport Beach 2020 Urban Water Management Plan*. June 2021. <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/75001/638579289862370000>.

To plan for the event of water shortage due to drought, a catastrophic event (e.g., earthquake), or other circumstances, the City has created a Water Shortage Contingency Plan, most recently updated in 2020, to help maintain adequate, reliable supplies and reduce impacts of supply interruptions. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan provides real-time water supply availability assessments and strategic steps to respond to current conditions.<sup>6</sup>

Clean water is a precious resource in Southern California. Reduced indoor and outdoor water use can play an important role in conserving water. By implementing best practices for landscaping and irrigation on public property, and by offering incentives to residents and businesses to conserve potable water on their property, the City may be able to reduce reliance on imported fresh water.

### *Goal NR-16: Reduced potable water use for landscaping on public lands*

- **Policy NR-16.1: Demonstration Gardens.** Create demonstration water-saving gardens with educational signage on public property. (Imp. 23.1, 23.2)
- **Policy NR-16.2: Graywater Systems.** Evaluate the feasibility of graywater systems for irrigation of landscaped public property. (Imp. 7.4)
- **Policy NR-16.3: Non-Functional Turf on City-Owned Properties.** Unless no longer required by State law, work to implement the Assembly Bill 1572 (2023) non-functional turf ban for properties owned by the City by 2027. (Imp. 23.8)

### *Goal NR-17: Water-efficient landscaping incentives for private property*

- **Policy NR-17.1: Landscaping Incentives.** Adopt incentives for property owners to install graywater systems, rain gardens, and rain barrels; plant drought-tolerant vegetation; and implement other practices to increase water-efficient landscaping. (Imp. 8.2, 7.4, 17.1)
- **Policy NR-17.2: Landscaping Awareness.** Conduct education and outreach to raise awareness of water-efficient landscaping practices and offered incentives. (Imp. 29.1)
- **Policy NR-17.3: Water-Efficiency in New Construction.** Enforce water conservation measures that limit water usage, prohibit activities that waste water or cause runoff, and require the use of water-efficient landscaping and irrigation in conjunction with new construction projects. (Imp. 7.4, 17.1)
- **Policy NR-17.4: Water Conservation.** Continue to actively promote the use of water-conserving devices and practices in both new construction and major alterations and additions to existing buildings. This can include the use of rainwater capture and storage, and water reuse facilities. (Imp. 7.4, 17.1)
- **Policy NR-17.5: Non-Functional Turf.** Implement the Assembly Bill 1572 (2023) non-functional turf ban for private properties in accordance with the timeline outlined in legislation. (Imp. 23.8)

## Visual Resources

Visual resources contribute to a community's quality of life and may help build a connection to an area. Public access to visual resources is not only important for connecting individuals to these resources, but may be a key component to ensuring that the preservation of such resources remains a priority for the community. To protect

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<sup>6</sup> City of Newport Beach. 2021. *2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan*. June 2021.  
<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/75003/638579298931530000>.

visual resources, the City has identified and designated public viewpoints and corridors to ensure that public access to visual resources is preserved to the extent possible.

Viewpoints and view corridors are often situated near dynamic and inspiring natural environments, including the Pacific Ocean, Crystal Cove State Park, the San Joaquin Hills, and the wetlands and bluffs of Newport Bay. Due to its coastal nature, much of Newport Beach’s development, as well as its streets and highways, has been designed to capture and preserve picturesque views of the coastline, harbor, and bay. Additionally, the approximately 560 acres of parkland and open space and approximately 47.7 miles of coastline in Newport Beach are considered visual resources.

Sweeping views of the beaches, harbor, and coast distinguish Newport Beach as a city with unparalleled natural beauty. Viewsheds often hold historic or scenic value and should be protected to the maximum extent possible for current and future generations. Preserving viewpoints and corridors allows the public to appreciate Newport Beach’s beauty, character, and history. Figure NR-4, Viewpoints and Corridors, shows public viewpoints, coastal view roads, and existing and proposed beaches and parks.

### *Goal NR-18: Viewsheds and corridors that are preserved*

- **Policy NR-18.1 (LU-2.7): Public Views.** Protect and, where feasible, enhance significant scenic and visual resources that include views of open space, mountains, canyons, ridges, the ocean, and the harbor from public vantage points, as shown in Figure NR-4. (Imp. 5.2, 20.4)
- **Policy NR-18.2: Restored Visual Quality.** Require new development to restore and enhance the visual quality of visually degraded areas, where feasible, and encourage view easements or corridors designed to protect public views or to restore public views in developed areas, where appropriate. (Imp. 5.2, 20.4)
- **Policy NR-18.3: View Corridors.** Protect and enhance public view corridors from roadway segments (shown in Figure NR-4) and other locations that may be identified in the future. (Imp. 5.2, 20.4)
- **Policy NR-18.4: Updated Visual Resources.** Update visual resources, as needed, through an update to the City’s Local Coastal Program, including an updated map of identified visual resources. (Imp. 5.2, 20.3, 20.4)

### *Goal NR-19: Minimized visual impacts of signs and utilities*

- **Policy NR-19.1: Sign and Utility Design.** Design and site signs, utilities, and antennas to minimize visual impacts. (Imp. 2.1, 20.4)
- **Policy NR-19.2: Illegal Signs.** Implement programs to remove illegal signs. For temporary signage on public or private property, ensure all signs are removed promptly. (Imp. 2.1, 26.1)
- **Policy NR-19.3: Utility Undergrounding.** Continue to support programs to remove and underground overhead utilities in new development and existing neighborhoods. (Imp. 2.1, 30.1)

## **Archaeological and Paleontological Resources**

Archaeological and paleontological resources are invaluable and irreplaceable. Fossils in the central Santa Ana Mountains represent the oldest formations in Orange County, at 145 to 175 million years old. Changes in geological land formations over time, brought upon by tectonic activity, have resulted in a mix of aquatic and terrestrial fossils underlying Newport Beach. The Miocene-age rock units (26 to 7 million years ago), particularly in the Newport Coast area, are considered to be of high paleontological significance (6 to 9 on a scale of 1 to 10).

Other fossil deposits found in the Newport Beach area include a variety of marine mammals, sea birds, mollusks, and a number of vertebrate animals typically associated with the Ice Age (2.5 million years ago to 15,000 years ago). Local paleontological sites, particularly near the Castaways area along Dover Drive, have yielded fossils of Ice Age horses, elephants, bison, antelopes, and dire wolves. Also, a number of localities in the portions of the Vaqueros formation that underlie the Newport Coast area have yielded a variety of invertebrate and vertebrate fossils that are considered to be of high paleontological significance. Other areas with significant fossils and known paleontological deposits include the Randall Preserve area, which contains at least 14 documented sites of high significance, and Fossil Canyon in the North Bluffs area, which is considered a unique paleontological locality.

Newport Beach also contains many significant archaeological sites. The Upper Newport Bay area has yielded some evidence for the earliest human occupation of Orange County, dated to approximately 9,500 years before present. More than 50 sites, including human burials, have been documented in the Newport Beach area, including the Newport Coast area and Randall Preserve, with many yielding substantial information regarding the prehistory of Newport Beach and Orange County. At least two and possibly three distinct cultural groups once inhabited the area, including the Tongva and Acjachemen tribes, although the boundaries of their tribal territories are unclear.

Protecting archaeological and paleontological resources in Newport Beach is important for preserving the area's rich cultural and natural history. These resources offer invaluable insights into the lives of Indigenous peoples, the evolution of ecosystems, and the region's geological past. Safeguarding these remnants ensures that future generations can study and learn from them, fostering a deeper understanding of human history and the natural world. Additionally, these resources hold significant cultural importance for local communities, particularly for Indigenous groups whose heritage is tied to these lands.

### *Goal NR-20: Protection of archaeological and paleontological resources*

- **Policy NR-20.1: New Development Activities.** Require new development to protect and preserve paleontological and archaeological resources from destruction, and to avoid and minimize impacts to such resources in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Through planning policies and permit conditions, ensure the preservation of significant archaeological and paleontological resources and require that the impact caused by any development be mitigated in accordance with CEQA. (Imp. 7.1, 11.1)
- **Policy NR-20.2: Grading and Excavation Activities.** As deemed appropriate and necessary, prepare and maintain sources of information regarding paleontological and archaeological sites, and the names and addresses of responsible organizations and qualified individuals who can analyze, classify, record, and preserve paleontological and archaeological findings. (Imp. 10.1)
- **Policy NR-20.3: Cultural Organizations.** Notify cultural organizations, including Native American organizations, of proposed developments that have the potential to adversely impact cultural resources. Allow qualified representatives of such groups to monitor grading and/or excavation of development sites. (Imp. 14.15)
- **Policy NR-20.4: Paleontological or Archaeological Materials.** Require new development, where on-site preservation and avoidance are not feasible, to donate scientifically valuable paleontological and archaeological materials to a responsible public or private institution with a suitable repository in Newport Beach or Orange County, whenever possible. (Imp. 11.1)

--- City of Newport Beach Boundary

### Oil and Gas Well

- Active
- Canceled
- Idle
- Permitted
- Plugged

These sites were collected in 2024, for up-to-date data please visit the following:

#### Oil and Gas Wells

<https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/doggr/wellfinder/>



SOURCE: City of Newport Beach 2023; CA Dept of Conservation 2024;



SOURCE: California Geological Survey 2024; City of Newport Beach; SCAG 2024;



**NR-2  
Environmental Study Areas**

City of Newport Beach General Plan Update





SOURCE: California Geological Survey 2024; City of Newport Beach; SCAG 2024;

# **Attachment C**

Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Recreation Element

# Recreation Element

## PURPOSE

The Recreation Element addresses parks and recreation facilities, recreation programs, shared facilities, coastal recreation and support facilities, marine recreation and public access, and the provision of parklands and recreation programs. The primary purpose of this Recreation Element is to guide the provision of parks and recreation facilities sufficient for current and future residential, business, and visitor populations of Newport Beach.



## OVERVIEW

Recreational spaces and programs play an important role in the physical, mental, social, and environmental health of Newport Beach’s residents. Newport Beach’s landscape is made up of coastal, beach, tideland, reserve, and urban areas, creating an opportunity for a diverse range of parkland and recreation types.

The Recreation Element overlaps with the Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element; Natural Resources Element; Safety Element; Housing Element; and Land Use Element to help support the preservation of open spaces, including beaches and the harbor, as recreational spaces.

## Parks and Recreation

As of 2025, the City of Newport Beach (City) had approximately 595 acres of City- and State- owned land dedicated to parks and recreational facilities consisting of 344 acres of parks and 251 acres of recreational beaches. Additional recreational opportunities in Newport Beach include 66 acres of parks under school jurisdiction that are under a joint-use agreement with the City, and approximately 2,478 acres of land dedicated to open space and preservation, much of which offers recreational opportunities, such as trails (see Figure R-1, Parks and Open Space).

The Newport Beach Municipal Code establishes a parkland dedication standard for new subdivisions of 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 persons allotted to the subdivision (refer to Newport Beach Municipal Code Title 19, Subdivisions, for applicability). The parkland dedication standard applies to recreational parks and excludes open space and preserves because open space is not always accessible, and its primary purpose is the preservation of open lands. Applying this standard citywide, Newport Beach has a surplus of parkland to meet the current and projected population. As further described in the Recreation Element Existing Conditions and Background Analysis (April 2024), in 2045, the total population is estimated to be 88,650 people, which would need to be served by approximately 443 acres of parkland. Given the City’s 344 acres of parks and recreational facilities (inclusive of playgrounds, picnic tables, sports fields and courts, passive parks, and community centers) and 251 acres of recreational beaches, there is a current surplus of 152 acres of parkland.

For the purposes of planning parks in a manner that meets the geographic needs of residents, the City divided Newport Beach into 12 park service areas for which the City administers parkland dedications and fees provided by residential development. When the City’s parkland standard of 5 acres per 1,000 residents is applied by service area, 8 of the 12 service areas are considered to be deficient in total park acreage to meet projected population needs. Figure R-1 shows the public parks and recreational opportunities by service area. As shown in Table R-1, and further detailed in the Recreation Element Existing Conditions and Background Analysis, the park service areas that are anticipated to meet and exceed projected population parkland needs are West Newport, Balboa Peninsula, Eastbluff/Newport North, and Harbor View; the eight other service areas are not anticipated to meet the needs of the projected population. Figures R-2 through R-12 provide an overview of parks and open space for each park service area listed in Table R-1.

**Table R-1. 2045 Projected Park Needs by Service Area**

Park Service Area	2045 Projected Park Acreage Needs <sup>1</sup>	2024 Existing Parkland Acreage			Deficit (–) or Excess (+) Acreage
		Parks	Beaches	Combined	
1. West Newport	64.6	23.89	58.9	82.79	18.19
2. Balboa Peninsula	20.5	16.21	163.26	179.47	158.97
3. Newport Heights/ Upper Bay	69.6	42.50	11.68	54.18	-15.42
4. Santa Ana Heights	9	3.73	0	3.73	-5.27
5. Lower Bay	17	0.05	0	0.05	-16.95
6. Balboa Island	13.4	0.28	0	0.28	-13.12
7. Eastbluff/ Newport North	36.4	66.6	0	66.60	30.2
8. Big Canyon Belcourt	17.9	0	0	0	-17.9
9. Newport Center	26.1	19.93	0	19.93	-6.17
10. Corona del Mar	42.2	16.19	17.12	33.31	-8.89
11. Harbor View	67.1	129.51	0	129.51	62.41
12. Newport Coast	59.5	25.17	0	25.17	-34.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>443.30</b>	<b>344.06</b>	<b>250.96</b>	<b>595.02</b>	<b>+151.72</b>

<sup>1</sup> Projected park needs are estimated by proportionally allocating the total projected population to each service area based on its share of the existing population, and applying the City’s park acreage standard. Existing parkland acreage was then compared to projected needs to determine deficits or surpluses.

## Park Type Classifications

The types of parks in Newport Beach vary in size, communities served, and recreational opportunities offered. The specific park types are summarized below:

- **Community Park.** Community parks serve all of Newport Beach and are easily accessible via arterial roads. Community parks typically include community buildings, parking, swimming facilities, facilities for picnicking, active sports facilities, and other facilities that serve a larger population.
- **Mini Park.** Mini parks are smaller parks that have two general purposes. Most mini parks are less than 1 acre, serve an area in a 0.25-mile radius, and are located within a neighborhood separate from major collector roads. Some mini parks serve the entire community of Newport Beach and are located at urban trailheads along major trails or streets.
- **Neighborhood Park.** Neighborhood parks serve all ages and are generally 1 to 8 acres. They are located adjacent to public schools, when possible. Neighborhood parks contain amenities such as turf areas, active sport fields and courts, community buildings, playground equipment, and picnic facilities. Some neighborhood parks may also include senior centers, youth centers, and aquatic facilities.
- **View Park.** View parks are small, passive parks at significant vistas or viewpoints. They are often located on coastal bluffs and highlight ocean and bay views. Most view parks are 0.5 to 3 acres and serve the entire Newport Beach community. View park amenities include improved landscaping, walkways, and benches.

- **Open Space.** Open space includes passive and active open space areas that do not function as public spaces but do provide open space relief. Some open space areas are open to and accessible by the public.
- **Public Beach.** Public beaches serve a number of local and regional functions. In some neighborhoods, beaches function as neighborhood or community parks. Easy accessibility, a lack of entrance fees, and a lack of other available parks have contributed to this function. Public beaches all include sandy beach areas adjacent to Newport Bay or the ocean, and may include active sport areas, snack bars, showers, drinking fountains, restrooms, walkways, docks, benches, shade trees, and parking areas. Active beach area acreage is measured 100 feet from the observed water edge (based on satellite imagery) into the water area based on the standard for shoreline swimming and previous observations from the 2004 Newport Beach Technical Report prepared for the adopted 2006 General Plan.
- **School.** Public schools are a part of the Newport Beach’s recreation system because indoor facilities, outdoor fields, and playground areas can serve the general public during weekends, holidays, and after school.

The number of park types within a service area varies based on the nature of the physical geographic area. For example, a service area with a canyon or bay may have more view parks than a more urbanized and developed service area. Figure R-13, Park Classification, summarizes the number of park types throughout Newport Beach.

## Support Facilities

Many of the parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities in Newport Beach provide support facilities. Support facilities, such as parking, restrooms, seating areas, and water fountains, are crucial for enhancing accessibility, encouraging longer stays, and improving the overall experience. By providing adequate and well-maintained support facilities, the City contributes to cleaner and more-welcoming public spaces.

To further support the recreational needs of the community, there are several programs that encourage the use of public spaces by engaging residents and visitors. Programs include arts, theater, and dance classes; various sports; hiking and nature exploration; and special events, such as movies in the park. Such programs offer structured opportunities for social and physical activity, encourage people to visit and interact with public spaces, and contribute to Newport Beach’s culture.

For a full list of public parks and recreational facilities and a summary of the service areas, refer to the Recreation Element Existing Conditions and Background Analysis (April 2024).

## GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

Goals, policies, and actions support the purpose of the Recreation Element to ensure an appropriate balance between the provisions of sufficient parks and recreational facilities and the current and future residential, business, and visitor populations of Newport Beach. The goals, policies, and actions are categorized into six topics: Recreation Programs, New Parks, Maintenance and Improvements, Funding and Coordination, Beach and Recreation, and Support Facilities.

### Recreation Programs

Recreation programs enrich community members’ lives by building social connections and providing opportunities for learning and physical activity. High-quality recreation programs that are tailored to the community’s needs can foster an engaged and healthy community. Recreation programs vary based on the population they serve, such as children and adolescents, adults, and older adults. The older adult population in

Newport Beach is expected to double over the next 20 years, creating an increased demand for recreational activities and programming for older individuals. Additionally, Newport Beach’s diverse landscapes provide unique programming opportunities that may be tailored to the natural environment and landscape.

*Goal R-1: A community with high-quality recreation programs*

- Policy R-1.1: Events and Programming. Establish and maintain high-quality events and programming for residents, prioritizing older adults and families with children. (Imp. 23.4)
- Policy R-1.2: Community Engagement. Continue to inform the community about upcoming events, new facilities and programs, and other pertinent parks and recreation news. (Imp. 29.1)
- Policy R-1.3: Homeowner’s Association Coordination. Coordinate with homeowner’s associations to conduct City recreation programs on private parkland. (Imp. 23.3)
- Policy R-1.4: Compatible Recreation Activities. Provide programming and recreational activities compatible with the location and landscape. (Imp. 23.3)
- Policy R-1.5: Water-Related Programs. Protect and enhance specific programs that use the harbor, bay, and ocean, such as the City’s sailing program and junior lifeguard program. (Imp. 23.4, 21.4)

*Goal R-2: Programs for older adults that benefit and are used by residents*

- **Policy R-2.1: Optimization of Senior Programs.** Continue to maintain partnerships with relevant organizations, such as Friends of OASIS (Older Adult Social and Information Services), and determine potential improvements to increase participation in recreational programs targeted toward older adults. (Imp. 23.3)
- **Policy R-2.2: Self-Sustaining Adult Recreational Programs.** Create programs for older adults that are financially sustainable. (Imp. 23.4)
- **Policy R-2.3: Program Awareness.** Continue to increase program awareness among older adults. (Imp. 29.1)

## Parks and Playgrounds

Parks are a vital asset in any community, providing opportunities for refuge, recreation, and socialization, in addition to physical and mental health benefits. Increasing park access and recreational opportunities throughout the community can help to ensure that these benefits are available to residents of all ages and needs.

Most residents can walk to a park in 10 to 15 minutes, but the types of parks available vary due to Newport Beach’s varying landscape. These variable landscapes provide unique recreational facilities for the community depending on the location of the park, such as access to walking trails or the beach in certain areas of the city. Because land for new parks in urbanized areas is limited, the design of new parks should consider parks and recreational facilities that are needed in the respective service area. Additionally, new development should be paired with innovative park types to capitalize on limited land opportunities and promote equitable access to parks to improve the quality of life for residents.

Equally as important, the preservation and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities are essential for maintaining community access to recreational opportunities. Maintenance and needed upgrades to these

facilities can help protect City investments while ensuring that residents have continued access to high-quality recreational facilities that meet changing needs.

As the environment changes and the population shifts, it is important that parks and recreational facilities continue to meet community needs and provide benefits to human health and well-being, and the environment. Finding opportunities to expand or adapt parks and recreational facilities to serve older adults and people with disabilities can help serve all residents now and in the future. Furthermore, designing parks and recreational facilities to be resilient to extreme heat, flooding, and wildfires can ensure these amenities continue to function despite environmental changes. This can include planning for cooling centers, which are free indoor air-conditioned locations where residents can keep cool during extreme heat conditions, or using materials for parks, surfaces, and pathways that reflect more solar energy to reduce the amount of heat absorbed and radiated, referred to as cool pavement.

*Goal R-3: New parks and connections that increase resident access to recreation, parks, and open space opportunities*

- **Policy R-3.1: Innovative Park Types.** Support innovative park types that encourage community gathering and integrate nature into the urban environment. This could include publicly accessible open spaces that create or enhance mobility connections, such as paseos, promenades, or small accessible spaces that offer refuge, such as courtyards, pocket parks, rooftop gardens, and other park types not identified in the park type classifications. (Imp. 23.2)
- **Policy R-3.2: Service Area Recreational Needs.** Support the recreation needs of residents by service area by reviewing and possibly revising the methodology for determining park needs in each service area by considering existing park types, demographics, physical geography, and connectivity to nearby parks and open spaces, as well as access across and between different service areas. (Imp. 23.1)
- **Policy R-3.3: New Park Needs.** Continually evaluate open space acreage and park type classification across Newport Beach to identify areas to prioritize for new parks and green spaces that are tailored to community needs. (Imp. 23.1)
- **Policy R-3.4: Parks Master Plan.** Consider creating a Parks Master Plan to comprehensively assess and plan for park needs across Newport Beach. (Imp. 23.1)
- **Policy R-3.5: Park Incentives.** Continually evaluate potential development incentives for developers to contribute to new parks or to make improvements to existing parks, in addition to the required park dedication and/or fees. (Imp. 23.5)
- **Policy R-3.6: New Joint-Use Facilities.** Support the increase of parkland through joint-use agreements. (Imp. 14.2)
- **Policy R-3.7: Community Hubs.** Develop new community parks near public facilities, such as schools, libraries, or community centers, to create hubs for community gathering. (Imp. 23.2)
- **Policy R-3.8: Public Facilities.** Design public facilities to incorporate recreational elements, such as children’s play areas, pocket parks, and usable public plazas. (Imp. 23.2)
- **Policy R-3.9: Park Dedications and Fees.** Support the assessment of the Park Dedications and Fees Ordinance to consider the benefit and feasibility of expanding the in-lieu park fees to for-rent residential developments. (Imp. 23.5)
- **Policy R-3.10: Dog Parks.** Encourage the incorporation of dog parks to provide opportunities for residents to let their dogs off leash in protected areas. (Imp. 23.2, 23.5)

*Goal R-4: Parks and recreation facilities that are preserved, upgraded, and well-maintained*

- **Policy R-4.1: Community Engagement.** Conduct outreach on a neighborhood or district scale to identify desired improvements to parks and recreational facilities, which may include a community pool or aquatic center. (Imp. 23.3)
- **Policy R-4.2: Priority for Park Improvements.** Prioritize park improvements based on identified needs, including shade structures, dog parks, and other improvements identified through community outreach. (Imp. 23.1)
- **Policy R-4.3: Service Area Park Improvements.** Identify areas with lower-than-average park access, park variety, or based on findings from the methodology analyzing parks in each service area identified in Policy R-3.2 to prioritize improvements by service area. (Imp. 23.1)
- **Policy R-4.4: Park Dedications and Fees.** Continue funding park improvements through the Park Dedications and Fees Ordinance. (Imp. 23.5)
- **Policy R-4.5: Preservation of Recreational Uses.** Ensure continued protection of public parkland for recreational uses. (Imp. 23.9)
- **Policy R-4.6: Preservation of Parkland and Open Space.** Prevent, to the extent possible, any net loss of parkland and open space. (Imp. 23.9)
- **Policy R-4.7: Natural Watercourses and Drainage.** Preserve, where possible, natural watercourses and provide naturalized drainage channels within Newport Beach. Where feasible, implement restoration and rehabilitation activities. (Imp. 23.6, 23.9)
- **Policy R-4.8: Usage and Need-Based Enhancements.** Evaluate park and recreational facility usage and needs to identify needed enhancements. (Imp. 23.3)

*Goal R-5: Parks and recreational facilities that are adapted to meet a variety of needs for existing and future residents*

- **Policy R-5.1: Evolving Recreational Needs.** Enhance recreational facilities to ensure adequate capacity for future user demands and adapt to evolving services and facility needs. (Imp. 23.2)
- **Policy R-5.2: Adaptive Parks.** Develop design standards for parks that are reasonably adaptive to extreme heat (e.g., shade, seating, water fountains). (Imp. 23.2)
- **Policy R-5.3: Retrofitted Park Facilities.** Continue efforts to expand accessibility and serve diverse populations by making reasonable efforts to retrofit existing facilities and encouraging development of new facilities that ensure adequate access for people with disabilities, in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. (Imp. 21.6, 23.2)
- **Policy R-5.4: Facility Design.** Develop reasonable design standards to ensure ADA-compliant facilities at parks, piers, trails, and public viewing areas for people who require mobility aids. (Imp. 21.6, 23.2)
- **Policy R-5.5: Flood Management.** Maintain reasonable flood management standards for development, public facilities, and infrastructure located within an officially designated 100-year floodplain. Use reasonable efforts to design development in a manner that does not negatively impede or redirect floodwaters or raise anticipated flood heights as identified by current applicable data. (Imp. 5.2, 8.2, 28.1)

- **Policy R-5.6 (S-10.1): Cooling Centers.** Use reasonable efforts to improve cooling centers with resilience improvements, such as battery backup power and amenities that help promote a sense of community and socialization. (Imp. 27.1)
- **Policy R-5.7 (S-10.5): Cool Pavement.** Review cool pavement technology effectiveness and consider a pilot cool pavement program to reduce the effects of extreme heat. (Imp. 16.3)
- **Policy R-5.8 (S-10.4): Shade Enhancements.** Evaluate the availability of shade in parks and the public right-of-way to identify areas that could be enhanced with more shade to improve the user experience on hot days. Public parks and active-transportation corridors should be prioritized for any identified enhancements. To the extent reasonable, evaluation could occur through the development of a Parks Master Plan or similar citywide effort or through a site-specific project such as a Capital Improvement Program project. (Imp. 20.1, 23.1, 23.3)
- **Policy R-5.9: Population-Based Park Needs.** Re-evaluate population projections to determine park and recreational needs for 2050. (Imp. 23.3)

## Partnerships

Coordination with internal City departments and outside agencies and organizations creates opportunities to share resources, promotes effective communication, and can help facilitate the successful implementation of General Plan goals and policies. Moreover, such coordination can increase the quality of and access to parks and open space through integrated strategies and efficient use of resources.

There are several open space areas, preserves, and beaches within the boundaries of Newport Beach and the City’s Sphere of Influence that are managed by the County of Orange, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Additionally, school facilities provide indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities in Newport Beach on approximately 66 acres of Newport-Mesa Unified School District land, which are available to the public under joint-use agreements. These other types of recreational opportunities provide a significant resource for the community, and continued coordination between various City, County of Orange, and State departments and agencies ensures that these diverse recreational resources continue to serve the needs and enhance the quality of life for all residents of and visitors to Newport Beach.

*Goal R-6: Established and well-maintained relationships to facilitate interagency and interorganizational coordination*

- **Policy R-6.1: Existing Joint-Use Agreements.** Maintain and expand existing joint-use agreements with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for use of school recreational facilities as public parks to provide public access to play areas, pool facilities, gymnasiums, and sports fields. (Imp. 14.2)
- **Policy R-6.2: New Joint-Use Agreements.** Develop appropriate new, long-term, joint-use agreements with other public and private agencies to expand the use of non-City recreational facilities/amenities and supplement the parks and recreational needs of the community. (Imp. 14.2, 14.3, 14.8, 14.15)
- **Policy R-6.3: Trail Maintenance.** Continue collaborating with County of Orange and State agencies to maintain trails in public open space, such as Upper Newport Bay. (Imp. 14.3, 14.7, 14.8, 14.15)
- **Policy R-6.4: Maintenance of Existing Facilities.** Continue providing City facilities for City-operated recreational programs and other purposes. (Imp. 23.4)

- **Policy R-6.5: County and State Facilities and Services.** Continue efforts to protect and enhance recreational activities and support facilities at County of Orange and State beaches and parks in cooperation with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and County of Orange. (Imp. 14.3, 14.7, 14.8)
- **Policy R-6.6: Interagency Coordination to Provide New Facilities.** Coordinate with the Orange County Community Resources Department (OC Parks) to provide facilities at Bayside Beach within Newport Harbor, where appropriate and feasible. (Imp. 14.3, 21.2)
- **Policy R-6.7: Interagency Coordination for the Randall Preserve.** Encourage interagency coordination to support planning efforts for the Frank and Joan Randall Preserve (formerly Banning Ranch). (Imp. 14.15)

## Beach Recreation

Newport Beach has approximately 251 acres of public beach recreational areas, offering numerous opportunities for passive and active beach and coastal recreation. There are more than 8 miles of sandy beaches in Newport Beach that provide public facilities and opportunities for walking, sunbathing, volleyball, swimming, surfing, windsurfing, and other recreational activities. Maintaining physical access points and supportive facilities and services can help protect continued public beach access. Additionally, Newport Beach offers a diversity of water use opportunities to support recreation on Newport Bay and the wider Pacific Ocean. The recreational and boating activities include sailing and motorized and human-powered vessels. These water-dependent recreational and commercial activities and uses along the beaches and in Newport Bay are addressed, in part, in the Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element.

### *Goal R-7: Protection of public beach access*

- **Policy R-7.1: Preservation of Public Beaches.** Use reasonable efforts to ensure the preservation and enhancement of public beaches for public recreation. (Imp. 14.6, 14.8, 23.2)
- **Policy R-7.2: Beach Access Assessment.** Conduct a periodic assessment of at-risk beach access points to determine risk of damage or impairment from coastal hazards, including flooding and erosion. (Imp. 5.2, 21.6, 23.3)
- **Policy R-7.3: Resilient Beach Access.** Adapt infrastructure for beach access points to be resilient to coastal hazards. (Imp. 21.5)
- **Policy R-7.4: Adequate Beach Access.** Maintain reasonable beach access points to continue providing adequate public access to the beach and coastal resources. (Imp. 21.6, 23.1)
- **Policy R-7.5: Maintained Beach Access.** Prioritize sites experiencing natural erosion for beach nourishment and replenishment, living shoreline restoration, and built structures as part of a comprehensive sea-level-rise adaptation plan. (Imp. 21.6, 23.1)
- **Policy R-7.6: Passive and Active Beach Recreation.** Provide opportunities for both passive and active beach recreation, prioritizing safe pedestrian activity. (Imp. 20.2, 23.2, 23.3)

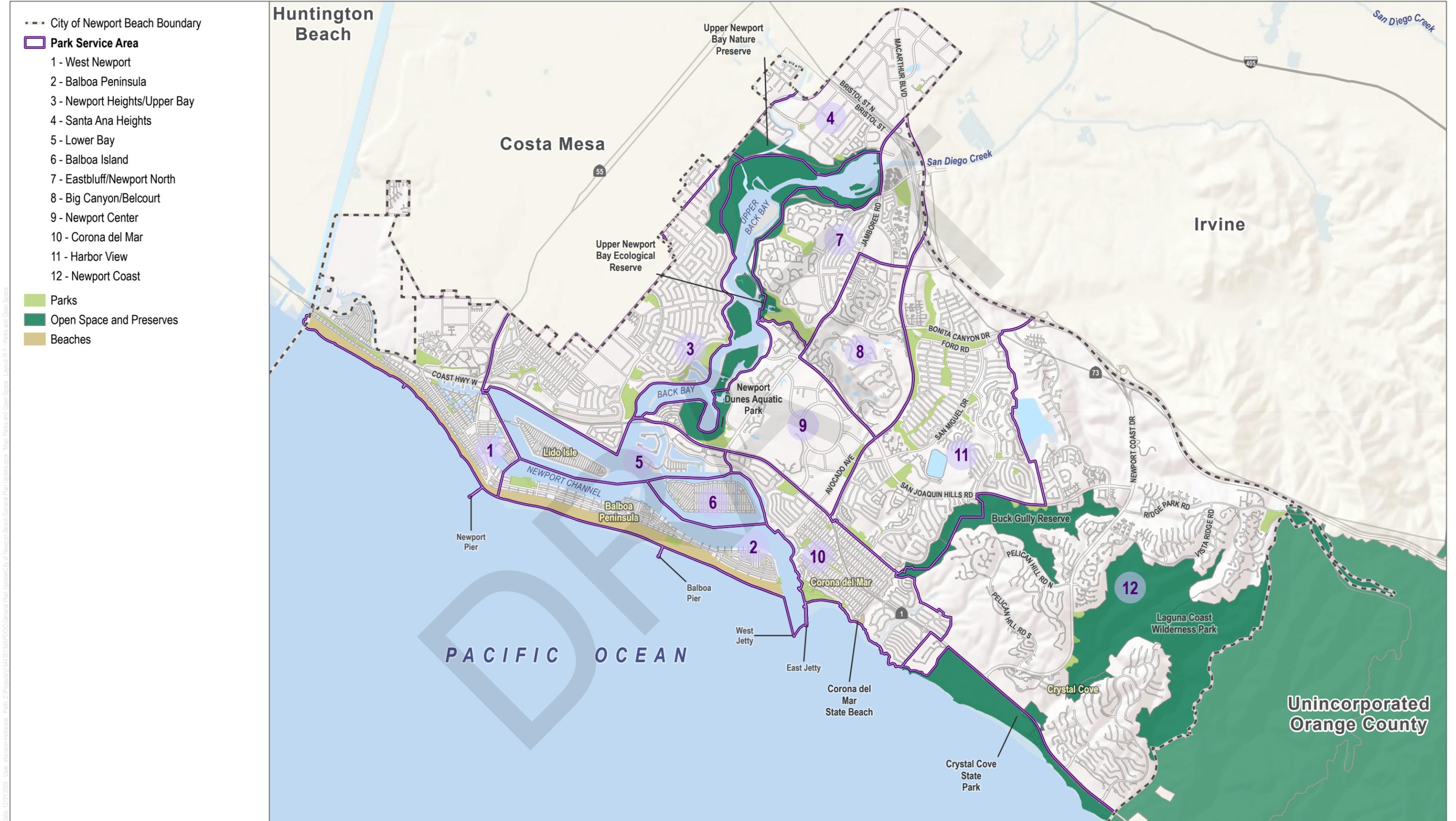
## Support Facilities

Support facilities are an important aspect of providing parks and recreational spaces that are highly used and enjoyed by the community. Support facilities include restrooms, showers, lifeguard towers, parking, bicycle racks, and staffing. Providing and maintaining facilities needed to support varying parks and recreation spaces in Newport Beach can help ensure parks and open spaces are enjoyed by the community and provide a high-quality level of service.

*Goal R-8: Adequate support facilities at parks and recreation areas*

- **Policy R-8.1: Provision of Public Recreational Facilities and Services.** Provide reasonable and appropriate support facilities and services needed to serve recreational uses in parks, beaches, the harbor, and other open space areas, and to protect reasonable public access and recreation in coastal areas for residents and visitors. (Imp. 21.1, 21.4, 23.1)
- **Policy R-8.2: Adaptive Support Facilities.** Reasonably improve support facilities to ensure that they are adaptable to changing needs, interests, and demographics. (Imp. 23.2, 23.3)
- **Policy R-8.3: Upper Newport Bay Facility Needs.** Assess support facility needs in Upper Newport Bay to accommodate the needs of pedestrians and those using active forms of transportation. The assessment should specifically consider the need for restrooms and drinking fountains. (Imp. 23.3)

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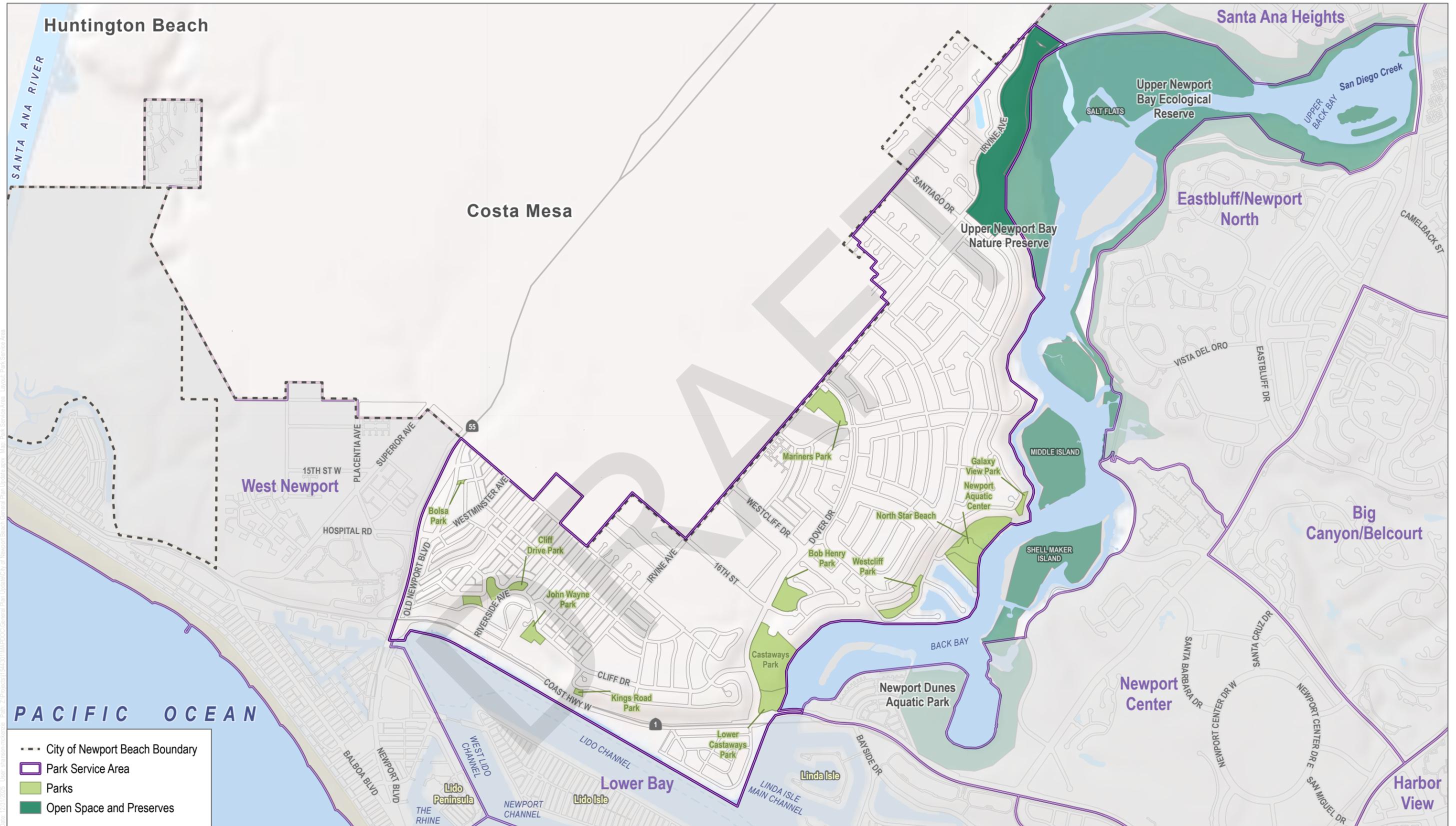
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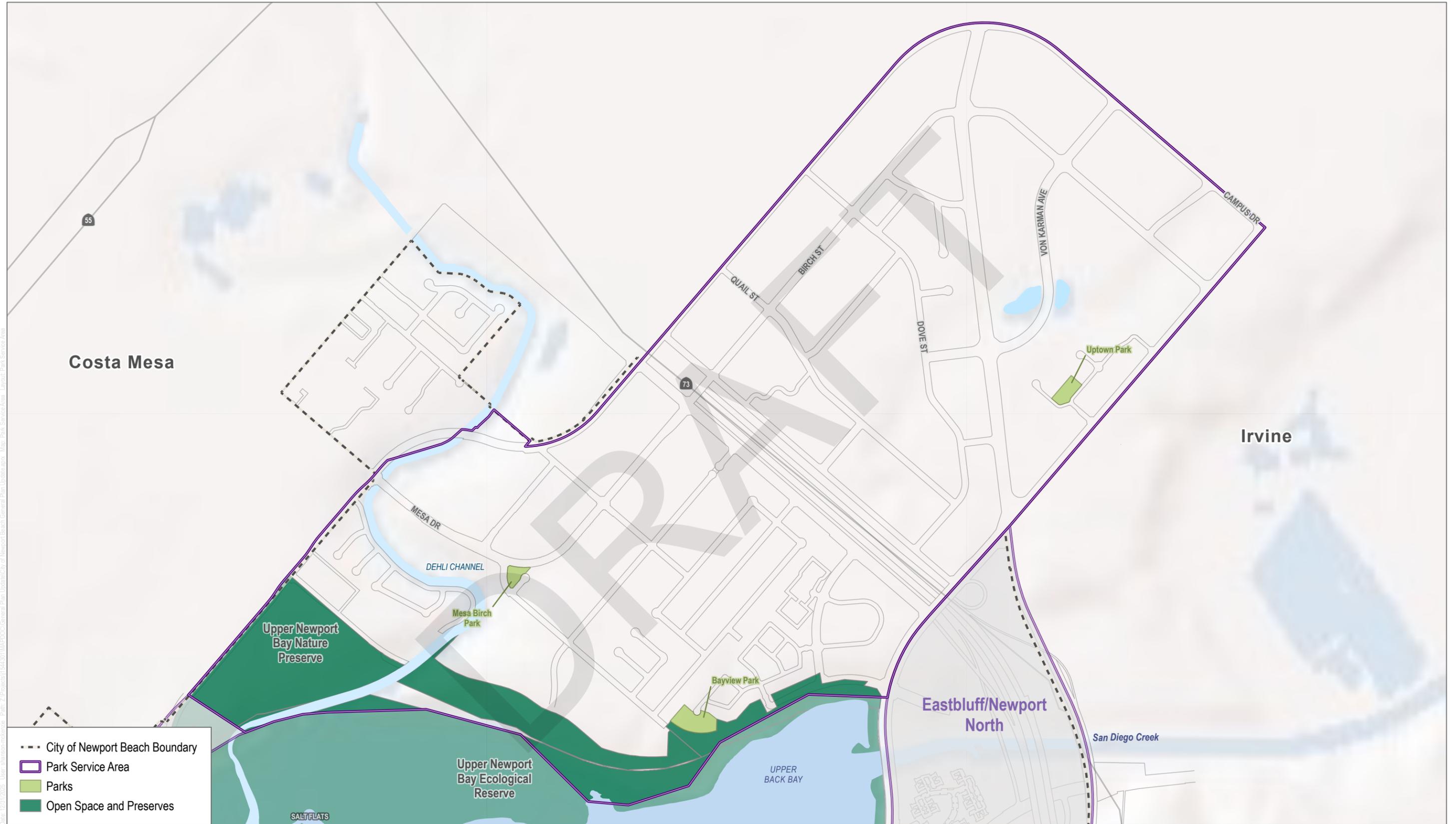


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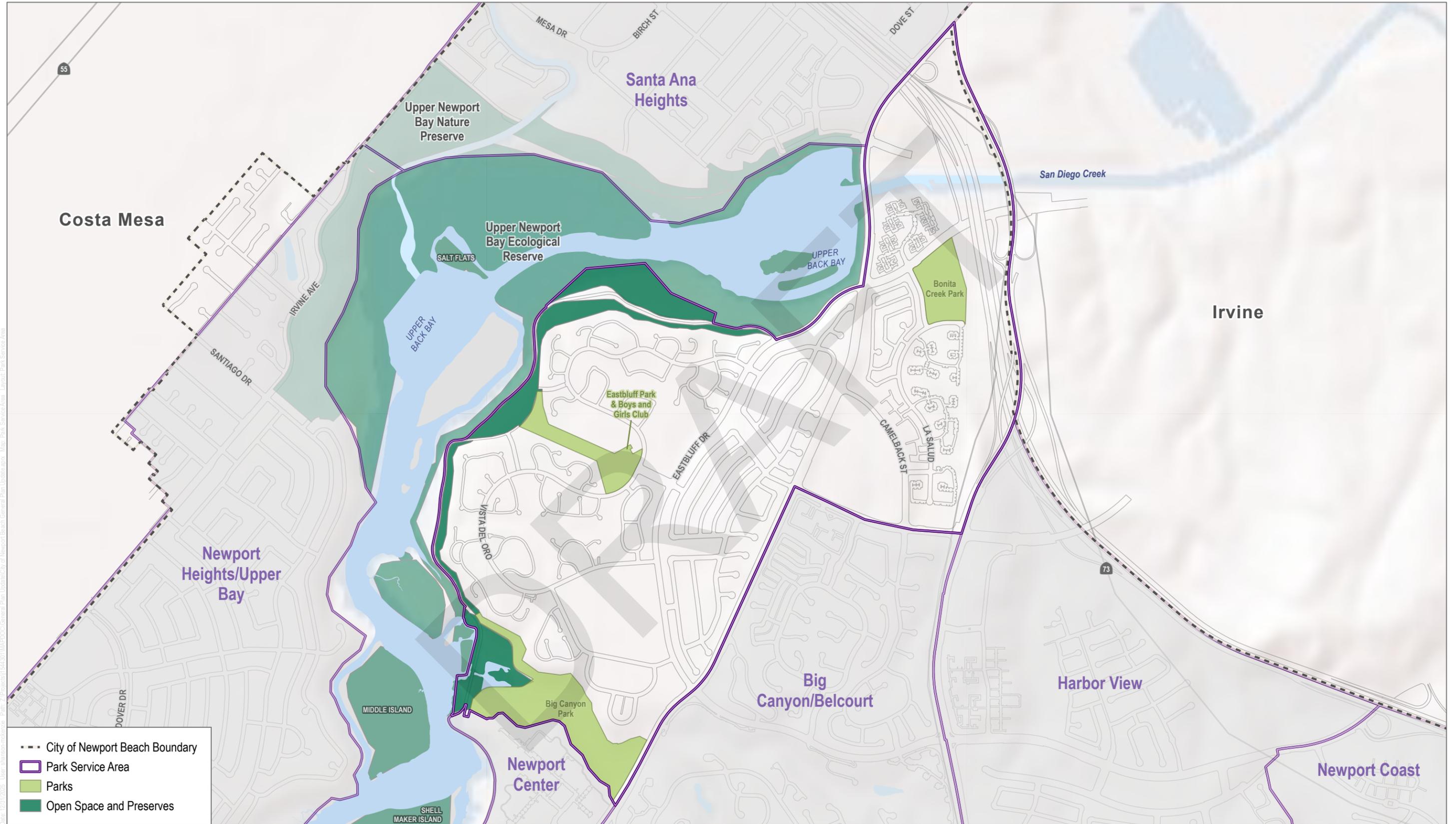
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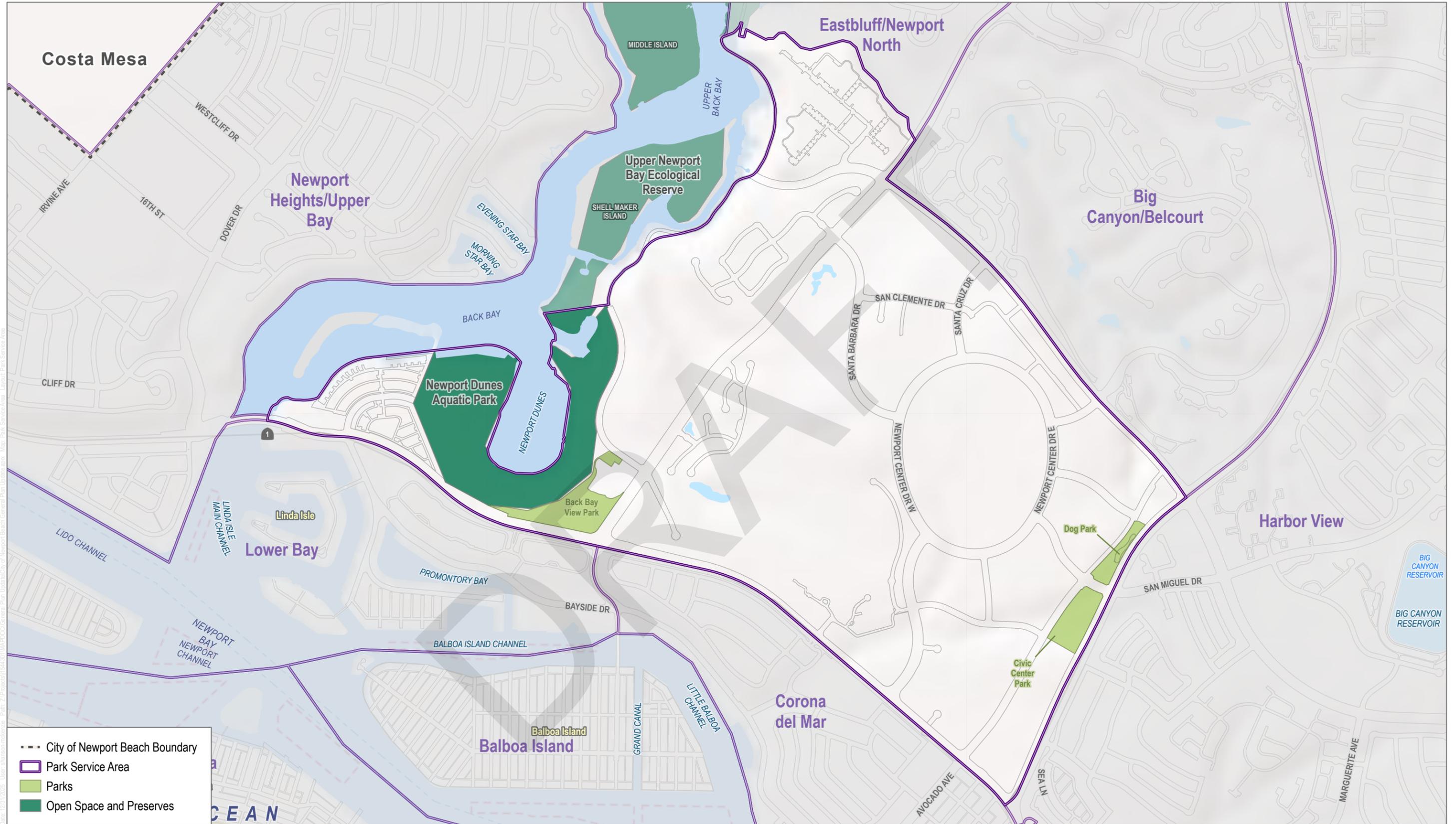
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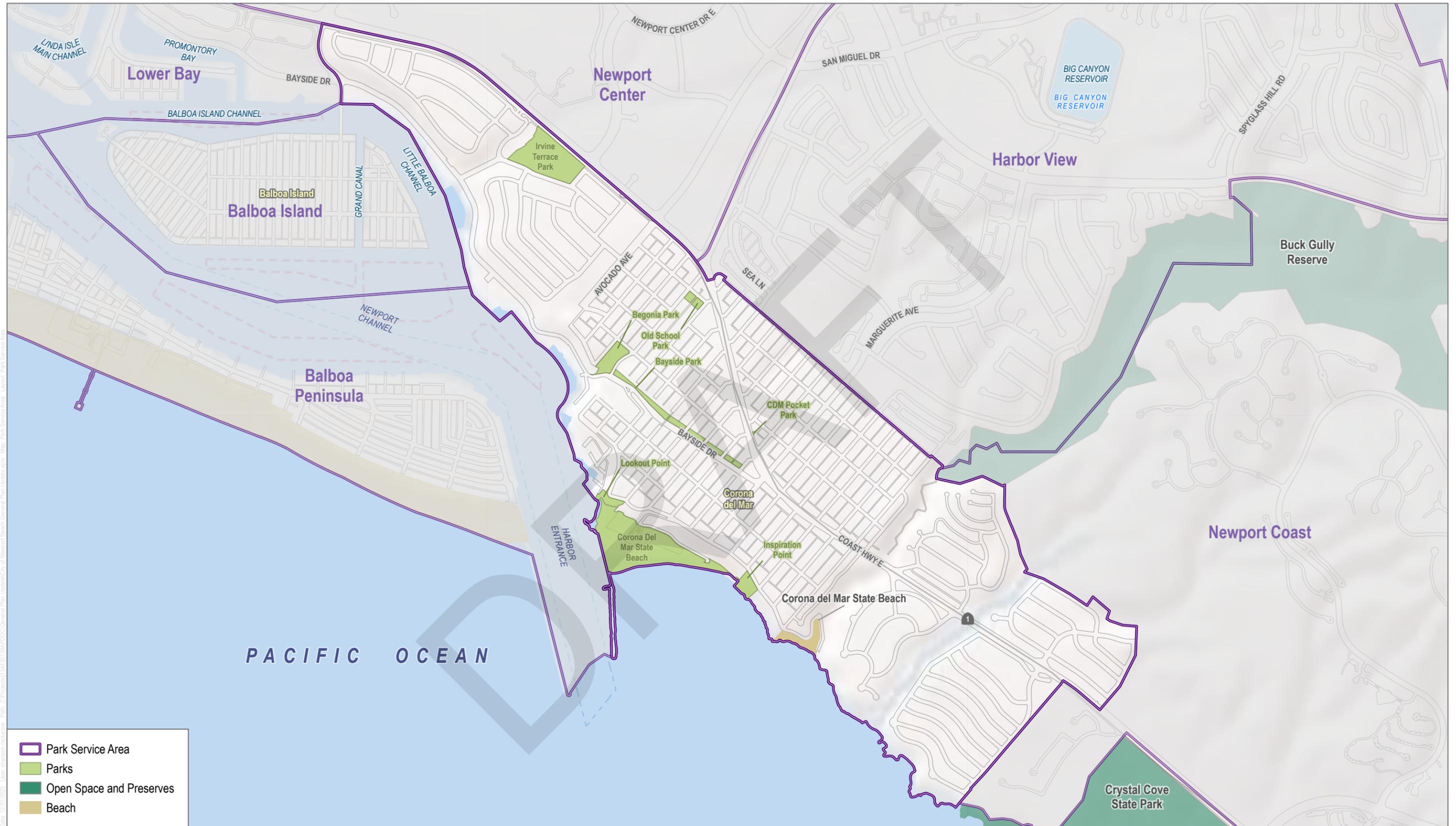


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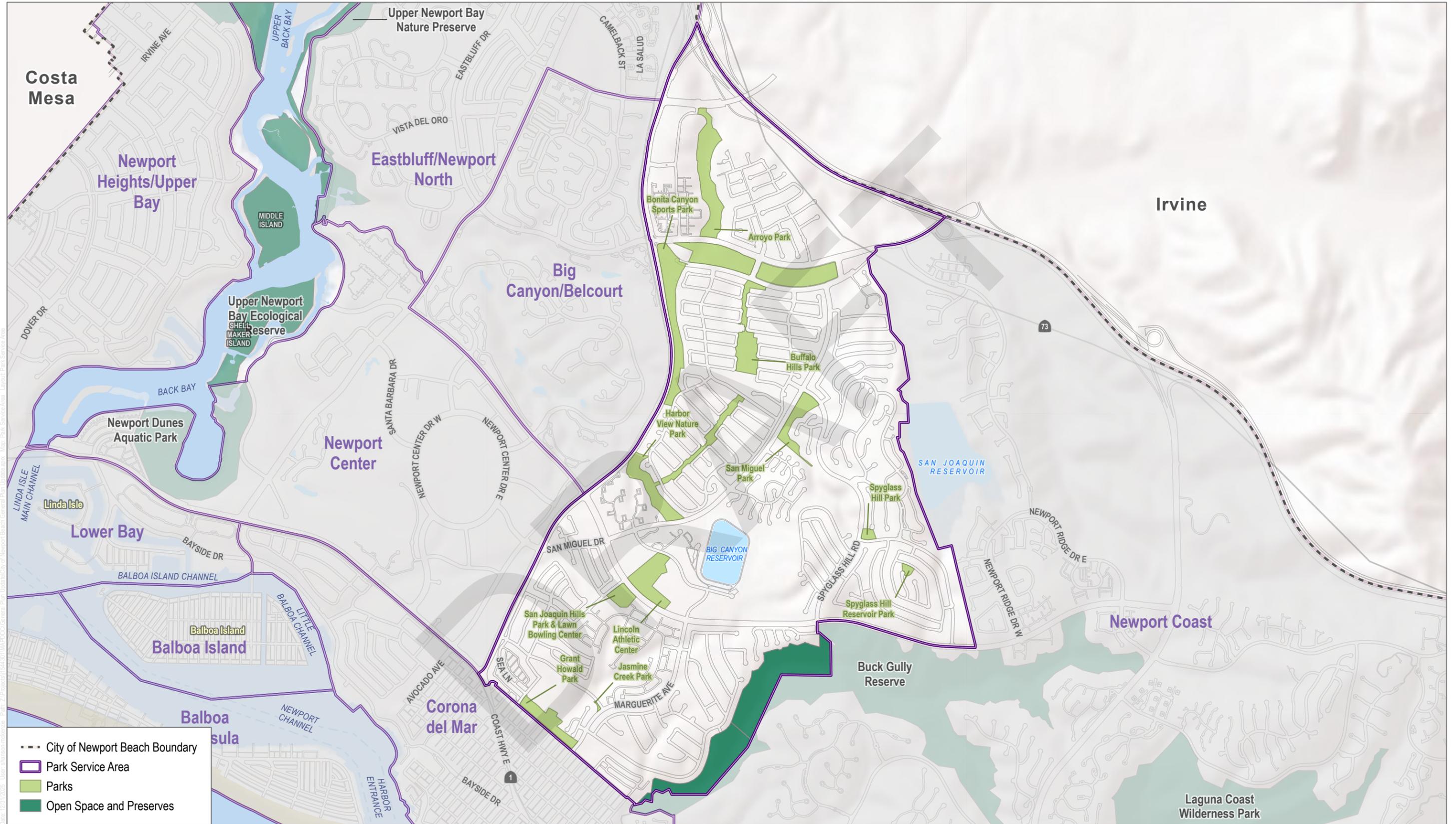


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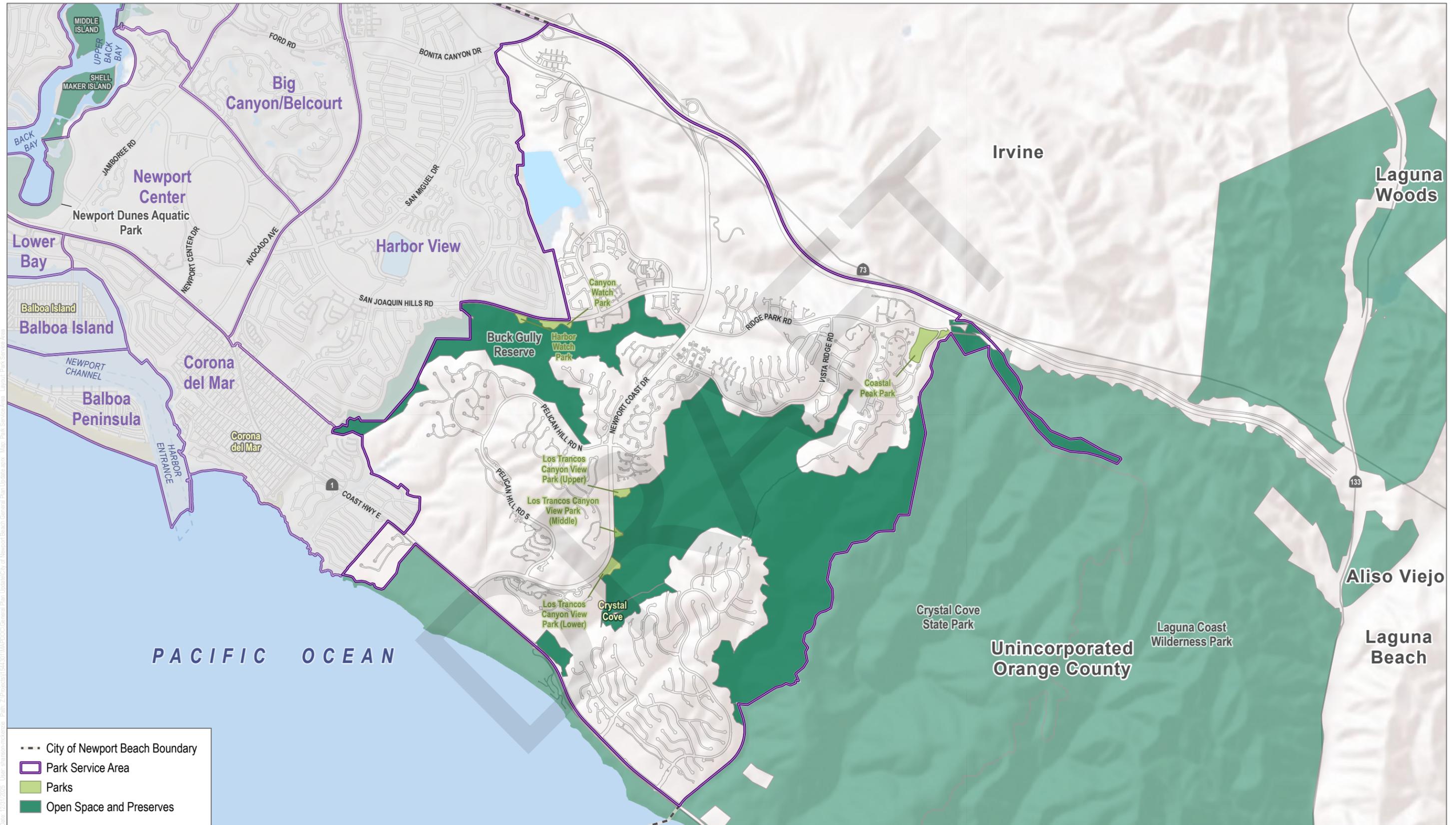
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# City Park Categories

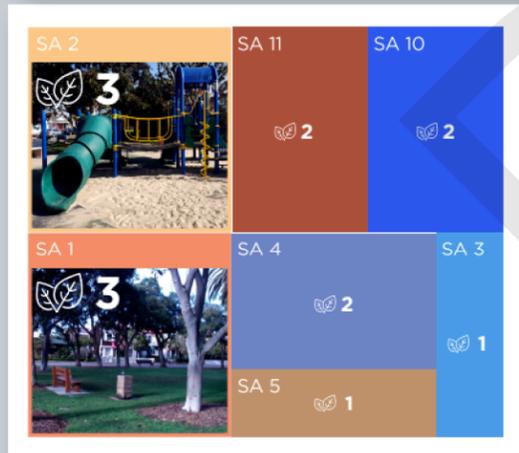
**Community Park**  
There are 16 Community Parks across 7 different service areas



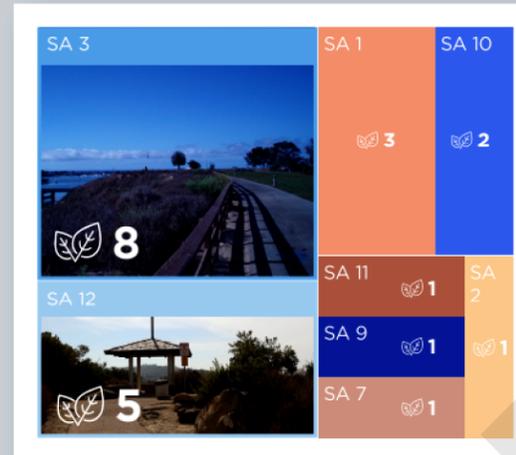
**Neighborhood Park**  
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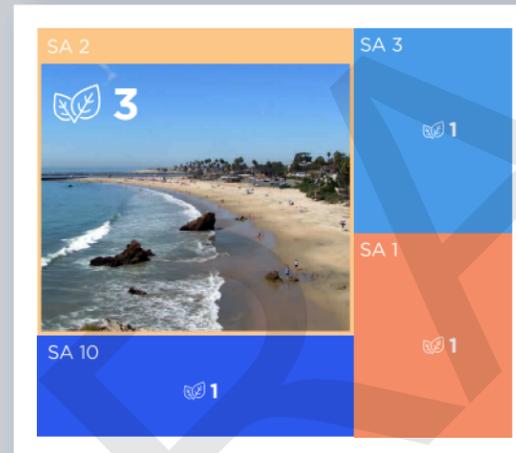
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There are 14 Mini Parks across 7 different service areas



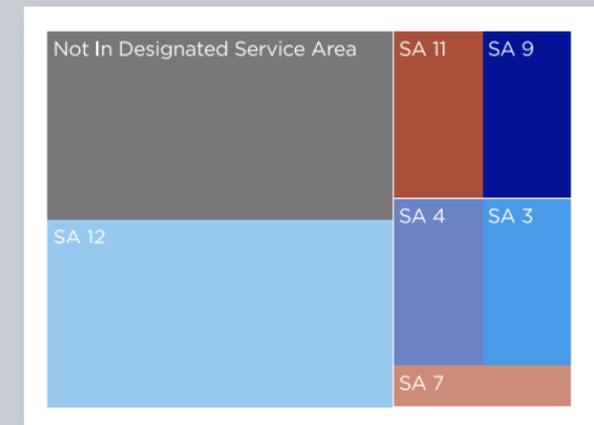
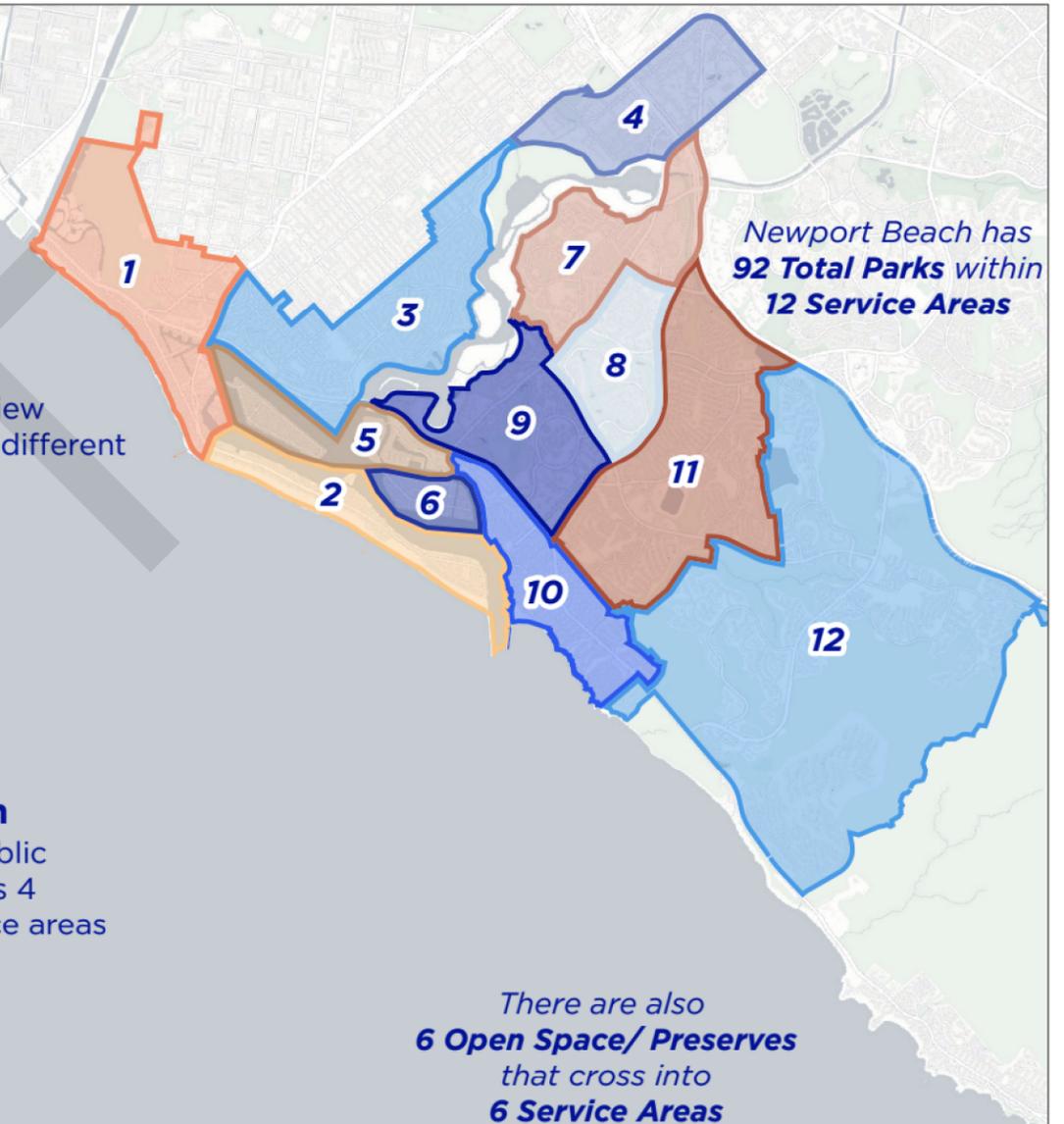
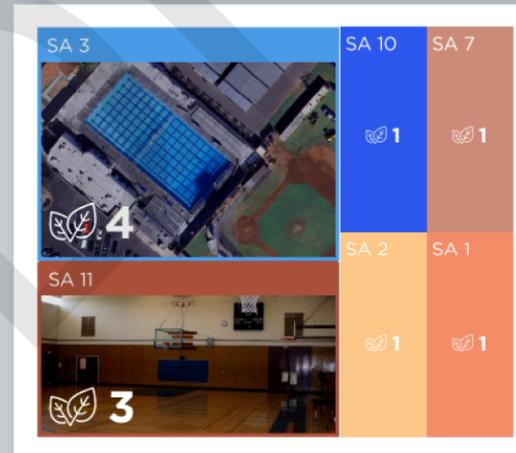
**View Park**  
There are 22 View Parks across 8 different service areas



**Public Beach**  
There are 6 Public Beaches across 4 different service areas



**School**  
There are 10 School Recreation Facilities across 6 different service areas



# **Attachment D**

Table of PB&R Commission Comments and Revisions

**City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Feedback**  
**GPAC/GPUSC Revisions from December 3, 2025**

**Table 1, PB&R Commission Feedback – Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Goal/Section</b>	<b>Comment(s)</b>	<b>GPAC/GPUSC Revisions</b>
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-1: Local businesses and water-dependent commercial uses in the Newport Harbor area that are preserved to maintain and enhance the economic activity charm of the waterfront community	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-2: Minimized risk of displacement by coastal hazards	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-3: A harbor, bay, and beaches that attract tourism and maintain the character of coastal neighborhoods	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-4: Sufficient coastal infrastructure that protects coastal-dependent and public recreational uses and view corridors while matching the character of the surrounding development and protecting coastal and visual resources	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-5: Coordination among City, County of Orange, State, and Federal agencies having regulatory authority of Newport Harbor and Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-6: Maintenance and enhancement of deep-water channels to ensure they remain navigable by boats	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-7: Protection and restoration of beaches and dunes	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-8: Well-managed and economically productive harbor, bay, and beaches	N/A	N/A

**City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Feedback**  
**GPAC/GPUSC Revisions from December 3, 2025**

**Table 1, PB&R Commission Feedback – Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element**

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Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-9: Cost-efficient servicing and managing of Newport Harbor	N/A	N/A
Harbor, Bay, and Beaches	HBB-10: Safe and accessible beach and harbor access points	We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in the <b>Preamble to HBB-10</b> and where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.	See Page HBB-8. A responsive sentence has been added to preamble as follows: “As active mobility opportunities are provided, safe pedestrian access should always be prioritized.”
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**City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Feedback**  
**GPAC/GPUSC Revisions from December 3, 2025**

**Table 2, PB&R Commission Feedback – Natural Resources Element**

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Natural Resources	NR-1: Reduced transportation-related emissions to improve air quality	We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in <b>NR-1.1 (safety consideration in addition to promoting walkable &amp; bikeable neighborhoods)</b> and where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.	See Page NR-2. Policy NR-1.1 (Safe Streets) has been revised as follows: “Promote walkable and bikeable neighborhoods that are safe for all users by providing amenities such as wayfinding, maintained sidewalks, bike lanes, secure bike and stroller parking, well-designed intersections, and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant infrastructure to support people of all abilities.”
Natural Resources	NR-2: Electric vehicle charging or other clean technology infrastructure to serve the growing share of clean-energy vehicles	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR 3: Reduced air pollution emissions from ground operations at John Wayne Airport Mineral and Oil Resources	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-4: Preparation for the orderly transition of oil and gas resources, as deemed appropriate	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-5: Increased electrification or use of renewable energy at public facilities to reduce gasoline and natural gas usage and emissions	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-6: Electrification or renewable energy incentives for existing buildings to reduce natural gas emissions	N/A	N/A

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Natural Resources	NR-7: Native and naturalized non-invasive species habitats in parks and public open space	We like that the policies in this Goal highlight the importance and value of our Urban Forest. Additionally, we think it is important to recognize the threat of invasive species and the significance of their eventual removal.	No change needed.
Natural Resources	NR-8: Cooperation with State and Federal resource protection agencies and private organizations to protect terrestrial and marine resources	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-9: Community-driven initiatives for ecosystem conservation	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-10: Land use and development standards to conserve important ecosystem services and habitats	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-11: Coordination with relevant agencies to reduce pollutants of concern in Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-12: Enhanced green infrastructure to help prevent runoff into Newport Bay	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-13: Standards and programs to limit runoff of pollution to preserve water quality of groundwater sources	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-14: Minimized adverse effects to water quality from sanitary sewer outflows	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-15: Beach nourishment, sand retention, and sediment restoration projects	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-16: Reduced potable water use for landscaping on public lands	N/A	N/A

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Natural Resources	NR-17: Water-efficient landscaping incentives for private property	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-18: Viewsheds and corridors that are preserved	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-19: Minimized visual impacts of signs and utilities	N/A	N/A
Natural Resources	NR-20: Protection of archaeological and paleontological resources	N/A	N/A



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Recreation	R-2: Programs for older adults that benefit and are used by residents	N/A	N/A
Recreation	R-3: New parks and connections that increase resident access to recreation, parks, and open space opportunities	Would it be relevant to include something about assessing the use of parks and how under-utilized areas might be repurposed for public use? (i.e. the back corner of Sunset Ridge Park behind the playground)	See Page R-7. New Policy R-4.8 (Usage and Need-Based Enhancements) added as follows: “Evaluate park and recreational facility usage and needs to identify needed enhancements.”
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Recreation	R-8: Adequate support facilities at parks and recreation areas	We like the recognition of the need for providing and maintaining support facilities in parks and recreational spaces in Policy R-8. <b>We suggest specifically calling out the need for additional restrooms or porta potties and drinking fountains near the Upper Newport Bay where increasing numbers of people are traversing the streets and pathways on foot, bicycles, and other non-foot vehicles.</b>	See Page R-9. New Policy R-8.3 (Upper Newport Bay Facility Needs) has been added as follows: “Assess support facility needs in Upper Newport Bay to accommodate the needs of pedestrians and those using active forms of transportation. The assessment should specifically consider the need for restrooms and drinking fountains.”



# FINAL DRAFT HARBOR, BAY, AND BEACHES ELEMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT, AND RECREATION ELEMENT

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Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Meeting

March 3, 2026

Ben Zdeba, AICP, Acting Deputy Community Development Director



# OUR GENERAL PLAN



- Last comprehensive update was 2006
- 10 Elements
- 7 required by law
- Comprehensive update initiated 2019
- Focused on Housing and Circulation to address RHNA in 2020

# UPDATE PROCESS

**Table 1, General Plan Update Process**

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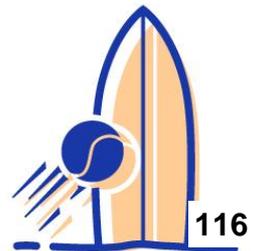
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**September 2025.** Ad Hoc Committee met twice

**October 7, 2025.** Ad Hoc Committee recommendations shared with full Commission and forwarded onto GPAC/GPUSC for review and consideration



# GPUSC/GPAC REVIEW

**December 3, 2025.** GPUSC/GPAC met to review comments from City Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and community members

- ✓ Went over 56 comments from City BCCs; 69 comments from community members
- ✓ Provided direction to City staff and Dudek on how to revise

**January 21, 2026.** GPUSC/GPAC met to review revised Elements and supported them moving forward as part of the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft General Plan Update



# PB&R COMMENTS AND REVISIONS

See Tables provided as Attachment D

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# TODAY'S RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

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## Recommendation:

Review the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Elements, revised to incorporate PB&R's input from October 2025. PB&R may provide additional input and should conduct a vote recommending the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update anticipated in May or June 2026.

## Next Steps:

- Harbor Commission (Harbor, Bay, and Beaches) – March 11
- Planning Commission Study Session – March 19
- Airport Land Use Commission – March 19
- WQ/CT Committee (Harbor, Bay, and Beaches; Natural Resources; Safety) – April 2
- City Council Study Session – April 14 (Tentative)
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- City Council Hearing – May or June**

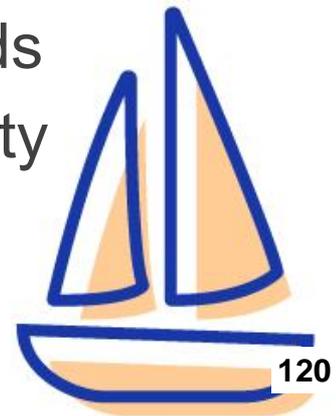
# HARBOR, BAY, AND BEACHES ELEMENT

## State Requirements:

- Element not required and is unique to Newport Beach
- General Plan and Local Coastal Program must be consistent
  - HBB addresses coastal access

## What's New:

- Beaches added by name, Upper Newport Bay enhanced
- Multifaceted and integrated coastal access
- Minimized risk of displacement from coastal hazards
- Emphasizing Harbor's economic strength and vitality



# NATURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

## State Requirements:

- SB 272 (2023) requires a Sea Level Rise Plan by 2034
- AB 1889 (2024) Wildlife and Habitat Connectivity

## What's New:

- Clean energy charging infrastructure to serve clean vehicles
- Transition of oil and gas resources as deemed appropriate
- Awareness of clean energy incentives for existing buildings to reduce natural gas emissions
- Native/naturalized species habitats in parks and open space



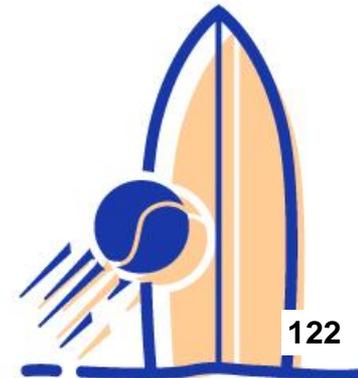
# RECREATION ELEMENT

## State Requirements:

- SB 1425 (2022) - must address open space access for all communities and demographics; co-benefits of open space (i.e., buffers from source pollutants and wildlife connectivity)

## What's New:

- Encourage new parks where needed and connections that increase resident access to recreational opportunities
- Parks and recreational facilities that are adapted to meet a variety of needs for existing and future residents
- A city that protects public beach access





# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item **VII-C**  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
John Salazar, Acting Municipal Operations Deputy Director  
949 644-3055, [jsalazar@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jsalazar@newportbeachca.gov)

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent  
949-644-3069, [kpekar@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:kpekar@newportbeachca.gov)

**TITLE:** Continuation of Reforestation Request – 1441 Sandcastle Drive – Front 4(a), 4(b), and 5

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approving the reforestation request of two Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Drive due to a lack of structural roots present in a review of documentation. Also, Staff recommends PB&R Commission consider the reforestation request of a third Eucalyptus (with ID 8656649) due to various private property damage issues.

The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr.), has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree for each tree removed with Magnolia “Little Gem” (*Magnolia grandiflora* “Little Gem”) 36-inch box trees installed at the applicant’s cost.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr), contacted the City to request the removal of three Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Drive (Front 4(a), Front 4(b) and Front 5) due to: limb damage to a car, limb damage to the stonework of a new outdoor fireplace, staining to the new driveway, and leaf litter damaging the pool filtration system.

Staff inspected the trees and determined that the trees were in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the City Council Policy G-1 – *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees*. The applicant was advised of the reforestation process as an option.

Mr. Alselham has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. Additionally, Mr. Alselham has agreed to pay for the removals and replacement of the trees with Magnolia “Little Gem” (*Magnolia grandiflora* “Little Gem”) 36-inch box trees.

This item was presented to PB&R Commission at the February 3, 2026, meeting. Commission voted to continue the item to allow the City and/or the applicant to gather more evidence of City

tree roots that were pruned, shaved or otherwise damaged in order to replace the sidewalk, curb and gutter, and driveway approach that was a requirement of the City during private property development in 2024. The developer, with Bellagio Homes, provided pictures of the curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway apron work. After review, due to a lack of structural roots present in the photos, staff recommends PB&R Commission consider approving the reforestation of the two trees located on either side of the driveway. The third Eucalyptus tree, located further south in the parkway, is also for PBR Commission's consideration, based on previously described resident concerns over private property damage.

**NOTICING:**

Mr. Alselham, Mayor Laura Kleiman, and Harbor View Hills South Community Association have received a copy of this report. The tree was posted with information regarding the reforestation request, and postcard notifications were sent by the City to property owners within 500 feet of the subject tree's location. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which PB&R Commission considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Reforestation Application
- B. Harbor View Hills South Community Association Meeting Minutes/Approval
- C. Tree Removal Report/Review
- D. Info Sheet – Magnolia “Little Gem”
- E. Postcard Notification Map



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## Public Works Department

Municipal Operations Division

### Tree Removal or Reforestation Application

Per City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees), I am **requesting** a tree removal(s) to be reviewed by staff and submitted to either the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future meeting or the appropriate City approving authority. I am aware that Commission meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for holidays) at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Three Eucalyptus trees

*Quantity and species, if known, of tree(s).*

Infront of our house next to the side walk

*Location of tree(s)*

*Please be as specific as possible*

#### Requestor

- Property Owner
- Community Association
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

1441 Sandcastle Dr, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

714-316-9446

ammer.selham@selholding.com

bellagiohomeimprovement@gmail.com

Signature: Ammer Selham

Date: 10/28/2025

Print Name: Ammer Alselham

### REFORESTATION REQUESTS: Please proceed to Section B.

#### Section A. For Tree Removal Requests Only

#### Removal Criteria (Check one or more)

Please provide copies of photos, bills, documents or any other related material that will verify the checked items.

- Proven and repeated history of **damaging** public or \*private, sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities or foundations. (\*Greater than \$500)
- Repeated history** of **significant interference** with street or sidewalk drainage.
- Dying** Has no prospect of recovery.
- Diseased** Cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods. In advanced state of decline with no prospect of recovery.
- Hazardous** Defective, potential to fail, could cause damage to persons/property upon failure. Assessment by City Arborist will identify structural defects, parts likely to fail, targets-if fails, procedures and actions to abate.
- Beautification Project** In conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or community association beautification program.

**Section B. For Reforestation Requests Only**

Reforestation is the concept of systematically replacing Problem or All Other Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create, or those which have reached their full life, and are declining in health, or are simply the wrong species of tree(s) for the planted location.

**As initiated by:**

- Property Owner
- Community Association
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all items applicable:**

- Tree(s) causing curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities damage.
- Wrong tree species for location
- View encroachment
- Area has clearly defined contiguous boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed.
- Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined.
- Areas represented by a legally established community association, may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation.
- Individual property owners must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners' association, if applicable.

\*A request for reforestation requires a written agreement submitted to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (Individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division using the City tree maintenance contractor.

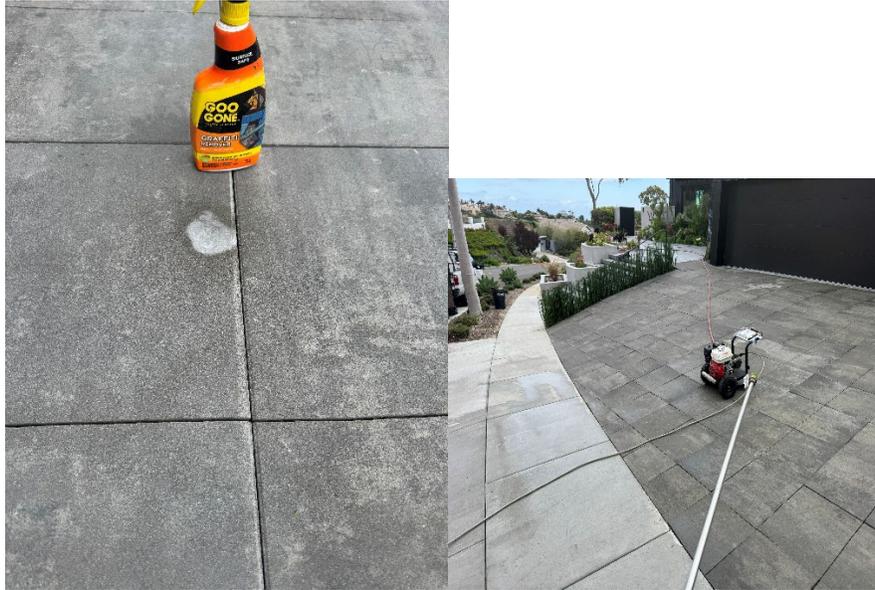
\*There shall be a minimum of a one-for-one replacement of all tree(s) removed in reforestation projects. Replacement tree(s) shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed tree and cost ranges from \$706 to \$910, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6.

**This form does not replace the requirements of any of the City tree policies. Its use is intended to expedite the tree removal or reforestation requests and to ensure compliance with all City requirements. Please refer to individual City Council Policy G-1 for additional information.**

**REQUESTOR COMMENTS:** I am willing to pay for the removal of Eucalyptus trees, and the planting of Newport Plum trees  
These three trees cause us alot of problems and damages to our new house, we finish our major remodel last year, and these trees caused  
alot of atain damage to out driveway and sidewalk that can't be washed our removed, and damages our cars body paint that require us to take  
it to the body shop and pay alot of many for body repair, and caused alot of damage to our backyard outdoor new furniture, and on top of that,  
it fills out water features and pool with alot of leaves that cause problems to out filtration system, it's really need to go!!!!  
See below some photos of the damages caused by Eucalyptus trees, including a branch that fall and broke our outdoor fireplace stone

***Removals, except emergency, will be subject to the notification processes, time frames and authority as specified in the City Council G-1 Policy.***

Tree Damage Photos



Driveway and sidewalk stains



Car Damage



Car Damage



Outdoor Furniture damage

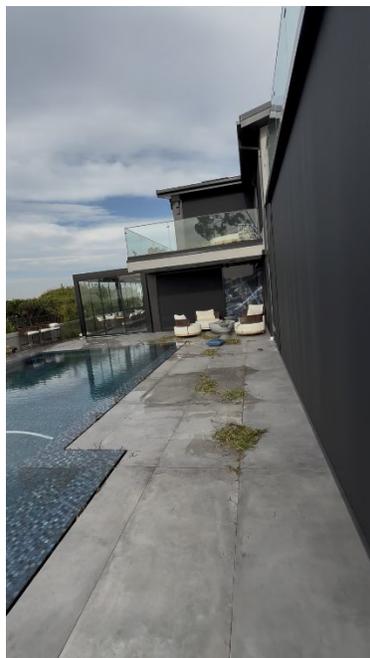


Outdoor Furniture damage





Broken Fireplace stone



Leaves filling the water features and the pool damaging the filtration systems

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL SESSION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**HARBOR VIEW HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (SOUTH)**  
*A California Nonprofit Corporation*  
November 5, 2025

**Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with Civil Code §4920, notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted at the community kiosk at Park Green Drive at least four (4) days prior to the General Session. The Board of Directors of Harbor View Hills Homeowners Association (South) was held at the Oasis Center.

**Roll Call**

A quorum of the Board was established with the following directors in attendance:

Directors Present:     John French, President  
                              Stephen Bright, Treasurer  
                              Sandra Price, Secretary  
                              Peter Grande, Member at Large

Directors Absent:     David Madison, Vice President

Others Present:       Christina Ben-Amor | RealManage  
                              Kaleigh Hicks | RealManage  
                              Various Homeowners

**Call to Order General Session**

John French called the General Session of the Board of Directors to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Executive Session Disclosure**

In accordance with Civil Code §4935(e), notification was hereby provided of an Executive Session of the Board of Directors that was held directly prior to General Session. Delinquencies, governing document violations and legal matters were discussed.

**Secretary's Report / Minutes**

A motion was made by John French, seconded by Peter Grande to approve the General Session Minutes dated October 1, 2025, with corrections. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Landscape Committee**

Harvest Landscape was not present to address and answer any questions from homeowners and the Board.

A motion was made by John French to ratify the approval of Harvest proposal #150879 in the amount of \$5,988.00. The motion was seconded by Peter Grande and unanimously carried.

Harvest Proposal #151657 in the amount of \$5,231.40 was tabled.

### Architectural Committee

The Committee Chair reported the following application approvals and denials.

1523 Sandcastle	Major Structural	Denied/Incomplete
1543 Sandcastle	Solar Panels	Approved
3601 Seabreeze	Major Structural	Preliminary Approval
870 Sandcastle	Mechanical Equipment	Approved
3721 Inlet Isle	Major Structural	Denied/ Incomplete
3801 Park Green	Minor Remodel	Denied/Incomplete
1232 Keel	Major Structural	Denied/Incomplete
1232 Keel	Major Hardscape	Denied/Incomplete
1217 Keel	Solar Panels	Approved
1205 Keel	Major Landscape	Preliminary Approval

It was noted that Homeowners have 10 days following announced approvals or denials to file an objection otherwise all decisions by the architectural committee are considered final.

### Committee Organization

A motion was made by John French to remove Peter Grande as the architectural committee liaison, to remove Christine Cohen and Cheryl Livingston from the architectural committee and to appoint Michael Favreau to the architectural committee. The motion was seconded by Stephen Bright and carried. Peter Grande abstained.

### Tree View Committee

George Livingston reported that there are three open tree view issues.

The Board discussed City tree trimming and reforestation requests as submitted by the Owners of 1456 Key View, 3721 Inlet and 1441 Sandcastle. A motion was made by John French and seconded by Peter Grande to approve the tree trimming request and to authorize the reforestation of the trees, provided that the replacements are Little Gem or Dwarf Magnolia varieties. This motion was unanimously carried.

### Communications Committee

The Board discussed the Roving Patrol Security Survey that was sent out to the Membership. No action was taken. The Board will revisit the Survey following the Flock Camera installation.

### Monument Committee

The Board reviewed a revised proposal (10447) from Bright N' Shiny Services for the 2025 Monument Holiday Lighting. A motion was made by Sandra Price to approve the proposal for a cost of \$3,795.00. The motion was seconded by John French and unanimously carried.

### Homeowner Forum

In accordance with Civil Code, the homeowners present were given an opportunity to address the Board. Homeowners discussed the cameras, patrol service, Harvest Landscape, and the kiosk.

### Financial

The Board reviewed the financial reports for September 2025. A motion was made by Stephen Bright to accept the financials for September 2025. The motion was seconded by John French and unanimously carried.

**New/Pending Business**

**Flock Camera Update**

A motion for a Resolution, which authorizes the President to contact, negotiate and seek authorization, along with the authority to execute agreements or other documents, allowing for the installation of the Flock cameras in the public right of way within the overall boundaries of the Association, was made by Stephen Bright and seconded by Peter Grande. The motion carried unanimously.

**Kiosk Shelter**

The Board reviewed several proposals for the Kiosk Shelter. A motion was made by John French and seconded by Stephen Bright to approve Alumascap Kiosk Shelter proposal #A598 in the amount of \$25,900.00. The motion passed with three votes in favor, John French, Stephen Bright and Peter Grande and Sandra Price opposed.

**Park Green Staircase**

M.Y. Pacific Building Inc., submitted two proposals for the Park Green Staircase repairs. Both proposals were tabled as the Board would like to obtain additional proposals.

**Next Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oasis Center.

**Adjourn General Session**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors in General Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, duly Appointed and Acting Secretary of Harbor View Hills Homeowners Association (South), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the General Session of the Board of Directors held on the above date, as approved by the Board of Directors of Harbor View Hills Homeowners Association (South).

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Appointed Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

*Treasurer Signature*

*Stephen Bright*

*Treasurer*

*Harbor View Hills South HOA*

*11/19/25*





# Municipal Operations Department

## TREE INSPECTION REPORT

**Name:** Ammer Alselham

**Location(s) of tree(s):** 1441 Sandcastle Dr / Front 4a, 4b and 5

**Request:** The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr) contacted the City to request the removal of three (3) Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Dr (Front 4a, Front 4b and Front 5) due to various property damage.

**Botanical/Common Names:** *Corymbia citriodora* / Eucalyptus - Lemon-Scented Gum

**Estimated Tree Value:** \$12,436.00 (total)

**Replacement Street Tree:** Magnolia "Little Gem" (*Magnolia grandiflora* "Little Gem")

**Damage:** N/A

**Parkway:** Concrete    Brick    Turf    Other (X)

**Comments:** The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr) contacted the City to request the removal of three (3) Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Dr (Front 4a, Front 4b and Front 5) due to: limb damage to a car, limb damage to a new outdoor fireplace stone, staining to the new driveway and leaf litter damaging the pool filtration system.

A field inspection determined the three (3) Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus trees are in good condition and do not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy.

Mr. Alselham is willing to pay for the tree removals and the planting of three Magnolia "Little Gem" (*Magnolia grandiflora* "Little Gem") 36-inch box replacement trees.

**Inspected by:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

**Date:** January 12, 2026

**John J. Nelson, City Arborist**

**Recommendation:** Staff is denying the removal request of the three (3) Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus and has advised Mr. Alselham of the appeal process.

Reviewed by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 12, 2026

Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager

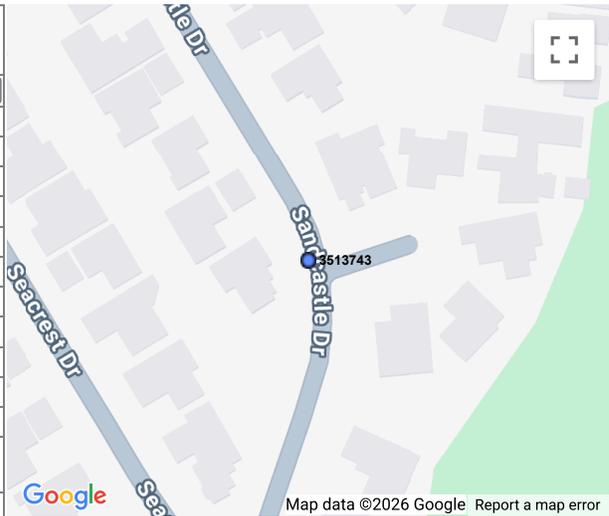




Detail Notes Images Documents Observations

# Inventory Detail

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Area	8			
Address	1441 SANDCASTLE DR			
Side/Site	Front - 4			
Alt Address				
Tree Species	<u>Corymbia citriodora</u> / Eucalyptus - Citriodora			
Common Name	Lemon-Scented Gum			
Size	07-12			
Height	15-30			
DBH				
Condition	FAIR			
Pruning Frequency				
Grow Space				
Space Size				
Overhead Utility				
Sidewalk Damage				
Note:				
Irrigation Flag	Yes	No		
Monitor Flag	Yes	No		
Service Type	Grid Pruning			
Season	JAN/APR			
Estimated Value	\$3,260.00			
Next Date	09/25			



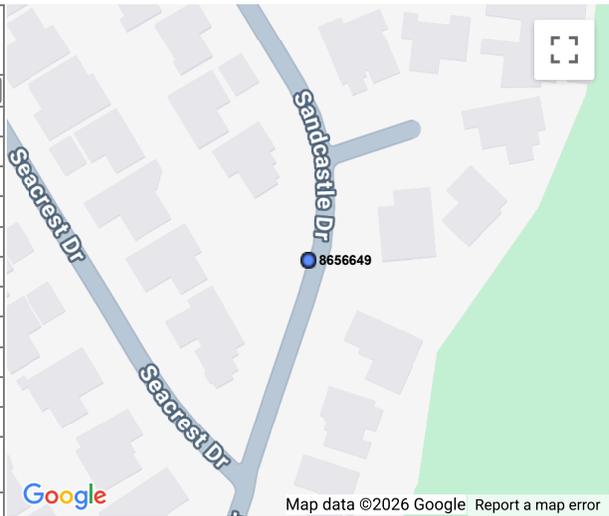
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Service History							New
Scope	WO Ref #	Description	Who	Service Date	Invoice Date	Service	Price
Invoiced	58108	2025 - Eucalyptus Trimming (Grids 1, 8, 12, 16, 18) Oct Progress	GSTS	10/28/25	10/30/25	Grid Pruning	69.07
Invoiced	52985	2024 - GRID 8 (BROADLEAVES) - (Final)	GSTS	5/01/24	5/06/24	Grid Pruning	59.44
Invoiced	45929	2022 - GRID 8 (Harbor View Hills South) - Broadleaves	GSTS	4/22/22	4/22/22	Grid Pruning	56.58
Invoiced	40518	2020 - GRID 8 (Harbor View Hills South) - Broadleaves (May Progress)	GSTS	5/11/20	5/12/20	Grid Pruning	53.85
Invoiced	32856	2018 - Grid 8 (Harbor View Hills South) - Broadleaves	GSTS	4/13/18	4/30/18	Grid Pruning	51.33
Invoiced	24734	2016 - Grid 8 (Harbor View Hills South)	GSTS	4/27/16	4/28/16	Grid Pruning	49.43
Invoiced	19771	2014 - Grid 8 (Harbor View Hills South)	GSTS	11/03/14	12/05/14	Grid Pruning	48.00
Work History			WCA	4/19/13		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	4/08/08		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	7/07/06		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	1/30/04		Other	0.00

Detail Notes Images Documents Observations

# Inventory Detail

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Area	8			
Address	1441 SANDCASTLE DR			
Side/Site	Front - 4			
Alt Address				
Tree Species	<u>Corymbia citriodora</u> / Eucalyptus - Citriodora			
Common Name	Lemon-Scented Gum			
Size	13-18			
Height	60+			
DBH	17.00			
Condition	FAIR			
Pruning Frequency				
Grow Space				
Space Size				
Overhead Utility				
Sidewalk Damage				
Note:				
Irrigation Flag	Yes	No		
Monitor Flag	Yes	No		
Service Type	Grid Pruning			
Season	JAN/APR			
Estimated Value	\$3,096.00			
Next Date	09/25			



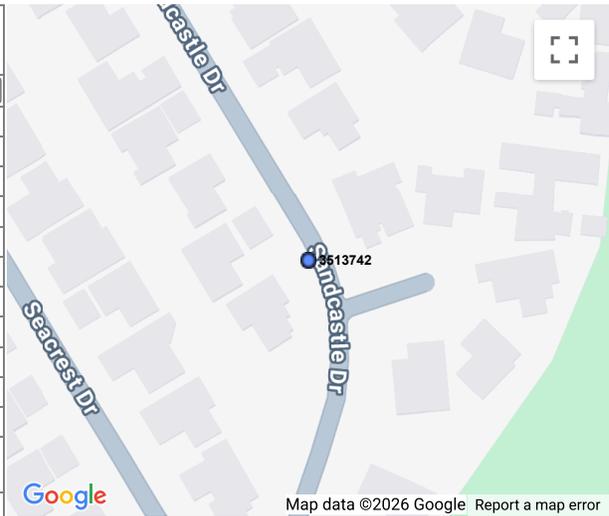
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Tree Species	<u>Corymbia citriodora</u> / Eucalyptus - Citriodora			
Common Name	Lemon-Scented Gum			
Size	13-18			
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DBH				
Condition	FAIR			
Pruning Frequency				
Grow Space				
Space Size				
Overhead Utility				
Sidewalk Damage				
Note:				
Irrigation Flag	Yes	No		
Monitor Flag	Yes	No		
Service Type	Grid Pruning			
Season	JAN/APR			
Estimated Value	\$6,080.00			
Next Date	09/25			



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# City of Newport Beach: Trees Division – Tree Info Sheet

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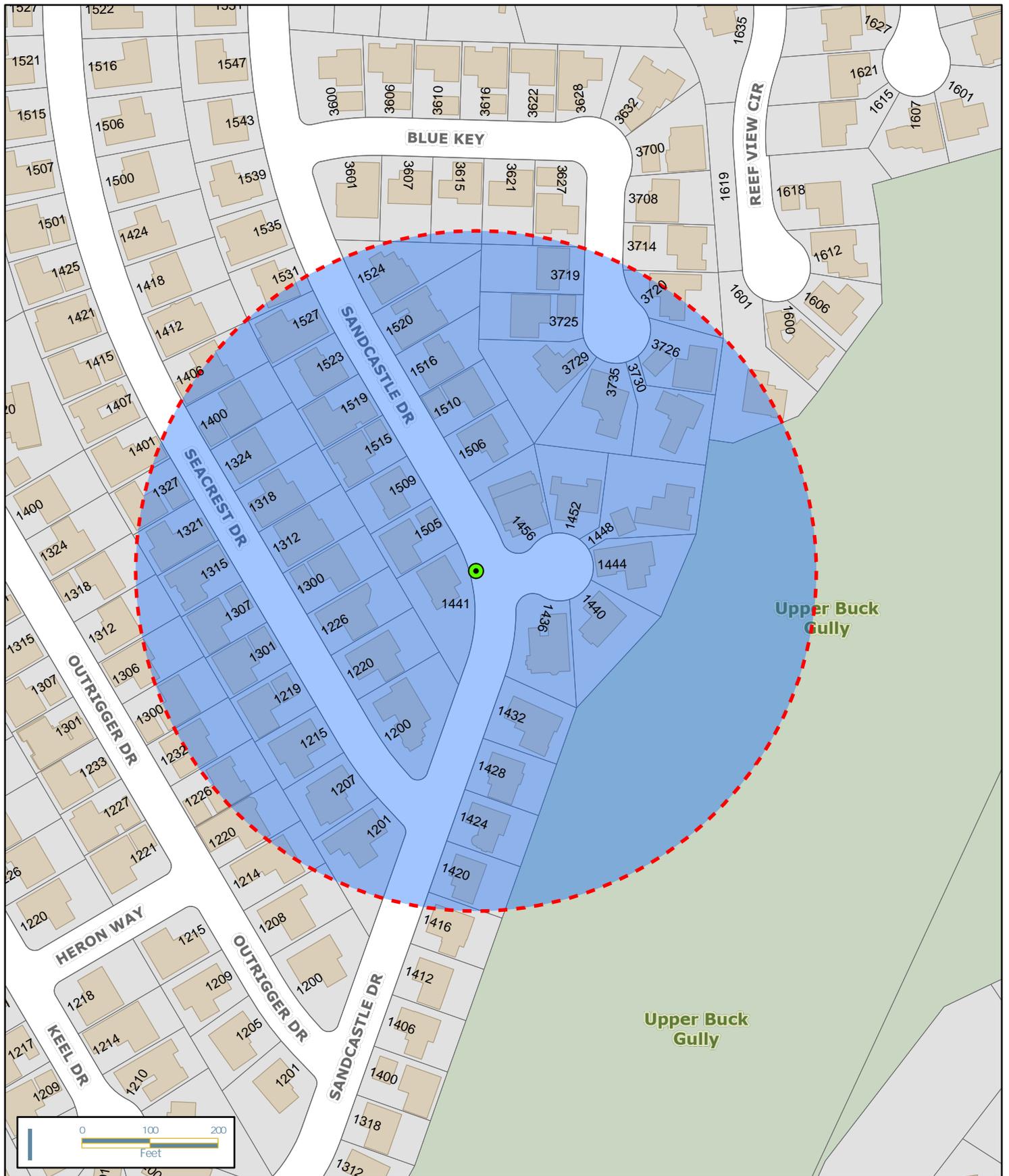
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Texture: coarse





# Tree Reforestation

## 1441 Sandcastle

- Tree Location
- Properties Notified
- 500 Feet



City of Newport Beach  
GIS Division  
January 13, 2026

# REFORESTATION:

## 1441 Sandcastle Dr (Continued)

Parks, Beaches & Recreation  
Commission

March 3, 2026



# BACKGROUND (RECAP)



**Applicant: Mr. Ammer Alselham**



**Tree Location: 1441 Sandcastle Dr (3x trees)**



**Tree Species: Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus**  
*(Corymbia citriodora)*

**\*Home extensively remodeled and newly occupied in 2025**

**1441 Sandcastle Dr  
Applicant's Address\***

# 1441 SANDCASTLE DR



# VIDEO – TAKEN ON 10/22/2025

## **Shows:**

- Leaf Drop
- Concrete staining
- Stains on cars







Branch





# UPDATED INFORMATION



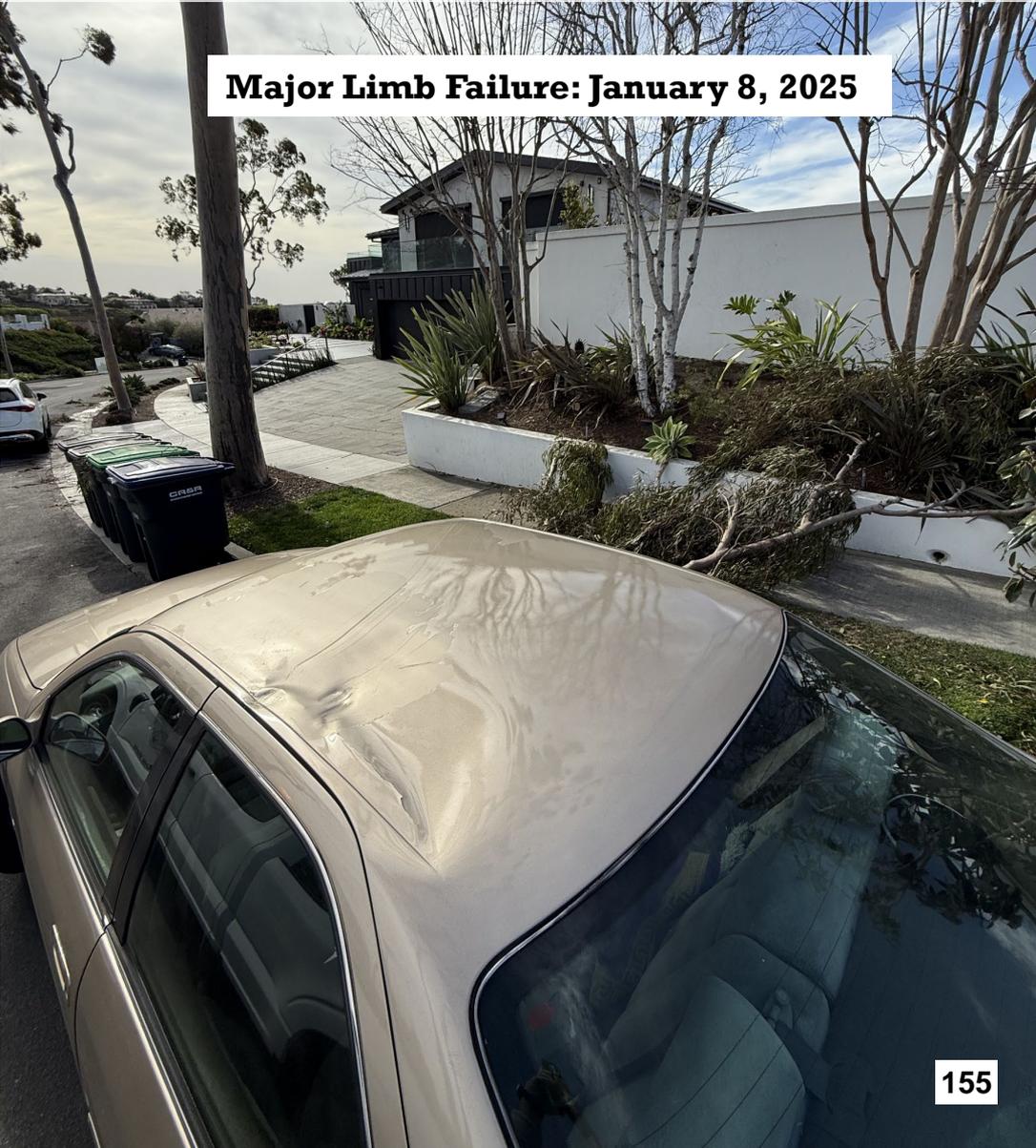
Pictures submitted by contractor:  
Contractor noted that no roots were pruned during demolition and re-installation of new concrete\*

\*No structural roots found under curb & gutter or sidewalk.

# UPDATED INFORMATION



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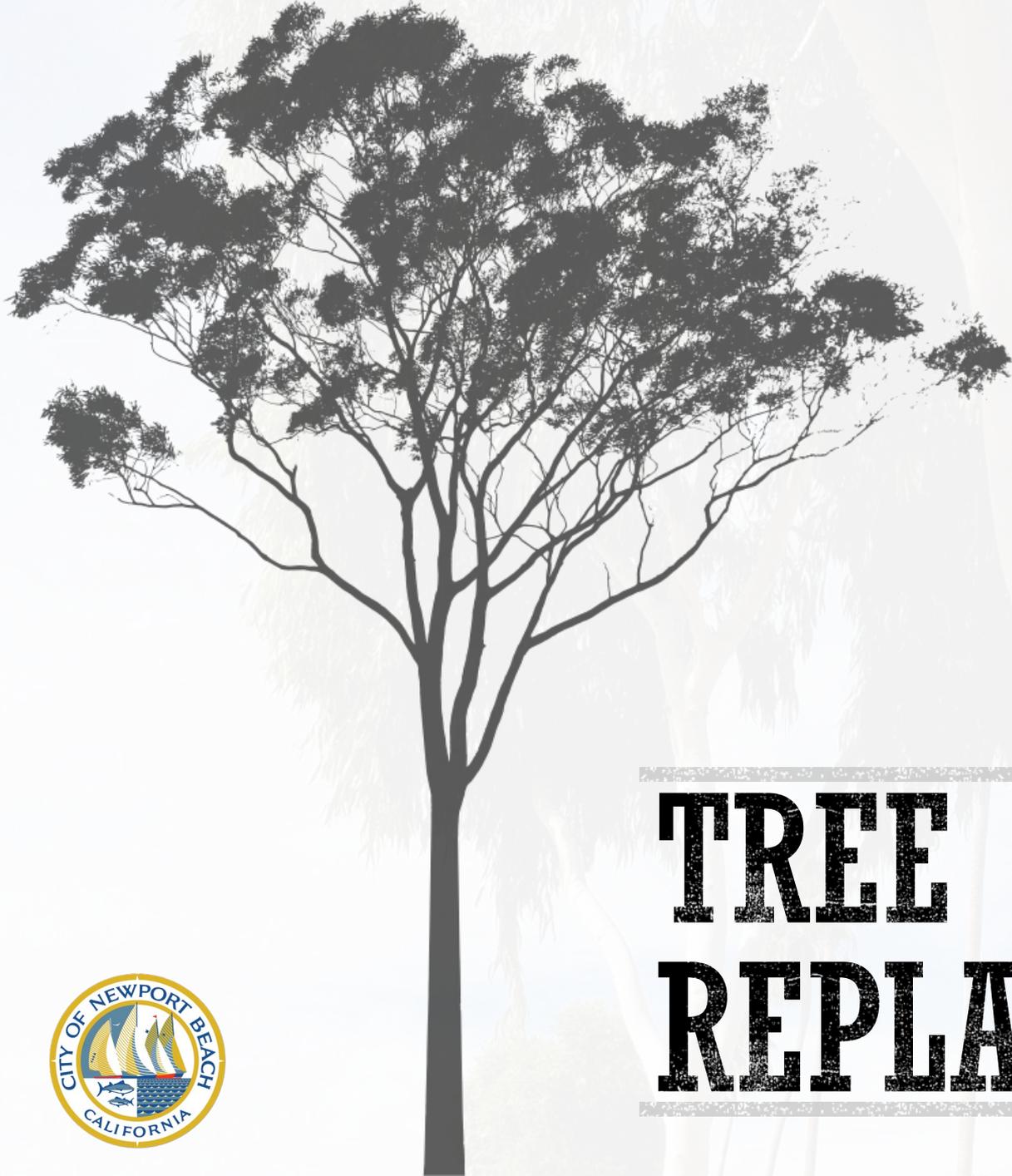
**Major Limb Failure: January 8, 2025**

# UPDATED RECOMMENDATION



***Consider Approving Reforestation for two trees adjacent to driveway:***

- 1.) Lack of structural roots present**
- 2.) Documented major limb failure**
- 3.) Increased likelihood of repeated damage due to location of target 156**



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# TREE REPLACEMENT

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\* Required Tree Species for Harbor View Hills South HOA – per G-1 Policy

# Notifications

- Tree Postings
- Postcard mailers to all property owners within 500 feet
- Applicant has met procedural requirements set forth in G-1 Policy for PB&R Commission's consideration of the request.

## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A REFORESTATION REQUEST DURING THE February 3, 2026 (5:00 p.m.) MEETING HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DIVISION  
(949) 644-3055



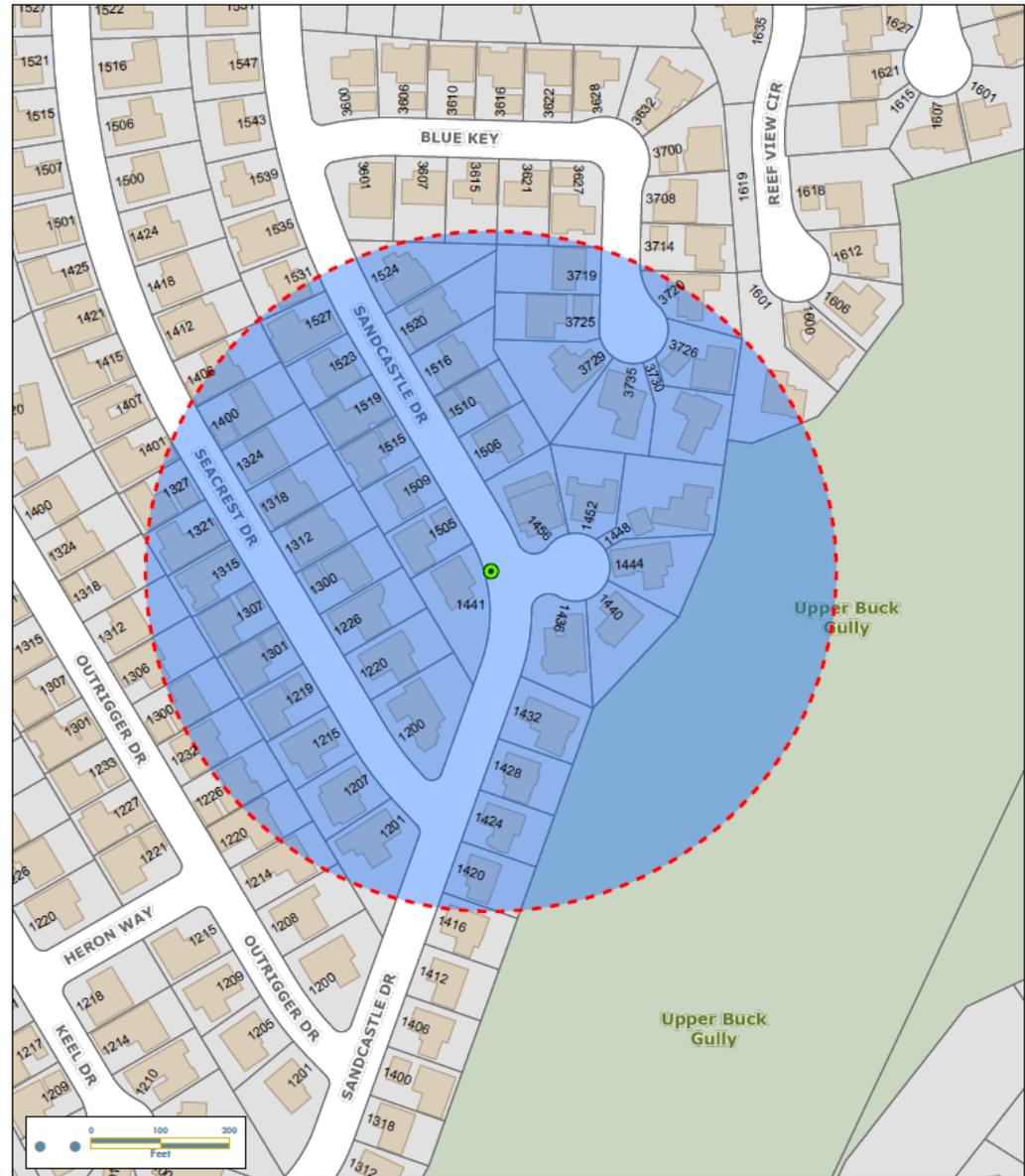
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission  
February 3, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission will meet to consider the Tree Reforestation Request at 1441 Sandcastle Drive. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

For more information, please call the Municipal Operations Department at 949-644-3055.

The Agenda Report will be available on the City's website on January 30, 2026: [www.newportbeachca.gov](http://www.newportbeachca.gov).



## Tree Reforestation 1441 Sandcastle

- Tree Location
- Properties Notified
- ⋯ 500 Feet



City of Newport Beach  
GIS Division  
January 13, 2026

# Questions?

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission**

**March 3, 2026**











# NEWPORT BEACH

## PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item **VII-D**  
March 3, 2026

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Municipal Operations Department  
John Salazar, Acting Municipal Operations Deputy Director  
949-644-3055, [jsalazar@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jsalazar@newportbeachca.gov)

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager  
949 644-3069, [kpekar@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:kpekar@newportbeachca.gov)

**TITLE:** America 250 Plaque Donation – John Wayne Park

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve The Newport Beach Foundation’s request to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park commemorating the United States of America’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and forward to City Council for consideration.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Newport Beach Foundation is requesting to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park (Attachments C and D). The proposed plaque would be created by a City contractor and paid for by the applicant. Once created, Staff would set the plaque in a pedestal. The location at John Wayne Park would be directly adjacent to a plaque that commemorated the United States of America’s Bicentennial. John Wayne Park also includes other patriotic plaques set in the pathway between Cliff Drive and the City’s Landmark Coral Tree.

The approximate value of the plaque and staff time to build the pedestal and install it onsite is \$7,500, including the 50% maintenance cost required by City Council Policy B-17. The Newport Beach Foundation is donating the plaque in honor of the “enduring spirit of liberty, the courageous patriots who founded this nation, and the generations of Americans who have fought, served, and sacrificed to defend and sustain its promise of freedom and opportunity for 250 years”

### **NOTICING:**

The Newport Beach Foundation and City Council Member Michelle Barto have received a copy of this report. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Donation Application
- Attachment B – Donation Request Letter and Design
- Attachment C – Photo of proposed plaque location
- Attachment D – Location map of the proposed plaque donation



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**Donations for Parks, Facilities and Recreation Programs**

**oDONATION REQUEST FORM**

Thank you for your interest in donating to the City of Newport Beach. The City's donation program is governed by Council Policy [B-17 Parks, Facilities and Recreation Program Donations](#), and is included for your reference as an appendix.

This form must be submitted for all donations. A short list of common donation requests and approximate costs are provided. Other donation requests will be considered.

The Public Works and Recreation & Senior Services Department thank you for your interest in improving the City of Newport Beach Parks and Facilities!

**Donation Item: (Please select all that apply)**

Maintenance costs may apply and are not included in the prices listed below. Staff will provide quote prior to payment.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bench (4 styles)<br>\$2,800 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree (48" box)<br>\$1,800 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Bag Dispenser<br>\$500   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Table<br>\$1,300            | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue Grill<br>\$750          | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Fountain<br>\$9,000 |

Other ~ If other, please describe: Plaque celebrating America 250 in John Wayne Park alongside Bicentennial plaque.

**Contact Information:**

<b>Name:</b> Will O'Neill	<b>Phone #:</b> 949-813-6451	<b>Email:</b> MayorWillONeill@gmail.com	
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 2618 San Miguel #173	<b>City:</b> Newport Beach	<b>State:</b> CA	<b>Zip:</b> 92657
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b> February 17, 2026	

**Letter of Acceptance:**

Donation information will be available online. The donor may request a certificate of acknowledgement as outlined in [Council Policy B-17](#). Please contact City staff for more information at 949-644-3055.

Yes, I would like to request a Certificate of Acknowledgement

**Name of Donor for Certificate:**

<b>Name:</b> Newport Beach Foundation	<b>Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> person if applicable</b>
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The City of Newport Beach  
CERTIFICATE OF  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented to

*Logan L. Logan*

For the donation of

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Located at

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On December 18, 2020



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Micah Martin, Deputy Director



**Sean Levin**  
**Recreation & Senior Services Department**  
**City of Newport Beach**  
**100 Civic Center Drive, Bay E**  
**Newport Beach, CA 92660**

**February 17, 2026**

Dear Director Levin,

Our nation will celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4, 2026 this year. Fifty years ago, the Newport Beach chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a plaque that now sits near the right-hand base of the iconic tree at John Wayne Park. That park also includes donated Americana remembrances inlaid into the pathway leading to the tree.

The Newport Beach Foundation would like to donate a plaque in honor of the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday that would complement the Bicentennial plaque. As discussed with our Recreation & Senior Services Department personnel, the proposal would be to re-build the concrete base of the Bicentennial plaque to be raised up and include space for this Semiquincentennial plaque alongside it.

The proposed design is attached to this letter.

The proposed language on the plaque is: "Dedicated by The Newport Beach Foundation to honor the enduring spirit of liberty, the courageous patriots who founded this nation, and the generations of Americans who have fought, served, and sacrificed to defend and sustain its promise of freedom and opportunity for 250 years."

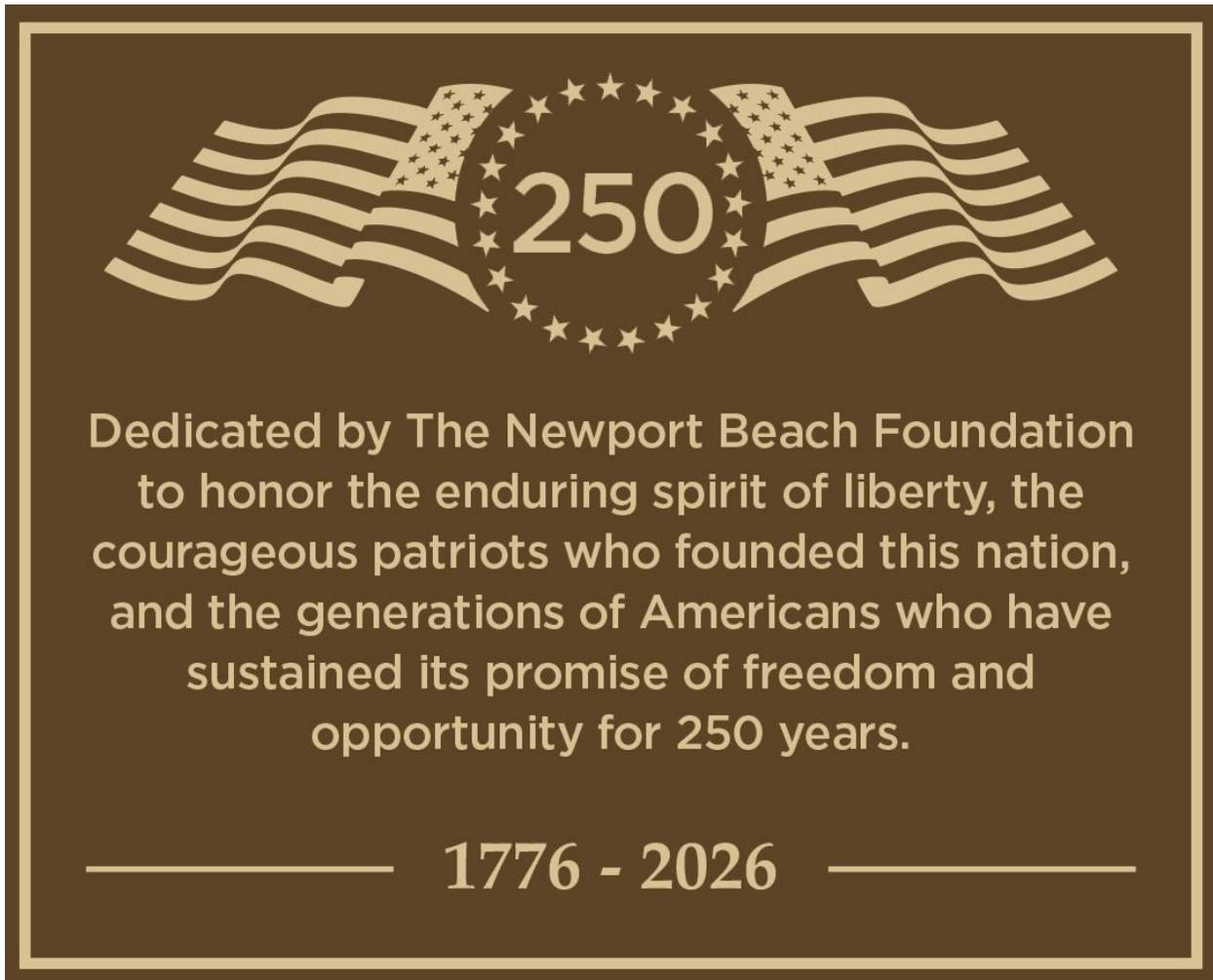
As for cost, The Newport Beach Foundation has committed to funding the project in total, conditioned only on ensuring that the amount is within a reasonable range.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request this item be agendaized on the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Committee for a waiver recommendation of Council Policy B-17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

Will O'Neill



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courageous patriots who founded this nation,  
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————— 1776 - 2026 —————

Height: 12"

Width: 15"



ATTACHMENT D





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Location to be to the left of existing Bicentennial plaque



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