



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH WATER QUALITY/COASTAL TIDELANDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Crystal Cove room (Bay 2D)

Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 3:00 PM

## ***Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Members:***

**Councilmember Michelle Barto, Chair**  
**Mayor Joe Stapleton, Vice Chair**  
**Curtis Black, Member**  
**Charles Fancher, Member**  
**Craig Hudson, Member**  
**Sharon Ray, Member**  
**John Wadsworth, Member**  
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## **Staff Members:**

**Jim Houlihan, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer**  
**Chris Miller, Administrative Manager**  
**Karen Gallagher, Administrative Assistant**

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The Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Committee and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact John Kappeler, Water Quality Enforcement Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 644-3218 or [jkappeler@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jkappeler@newportbeachca.gov).

## **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 Public Works Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2) **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (10 min)**  
*Public comments are invited on agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to five minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in silent mode.*
- 4) **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 min)**  
  
[WQCT Draft Minutes 11/06/2025](#)
- 5) **CURRENT BUSINESS (60 min)**

(a) Coastal Quest (Tegan Hoffman) (10 min) Proposition 4 grant application opportunities.

Recommendation: Committee Discussion

(b) Restoration Planning (Heather Clayton) (25 min) Presentation on detailed concepts for proposed restoration projects for North Star Beach and Irvine Avenue (Upper Flathead).

Recommendation: Committee discussion on moving forward with grant applications.

(c) Beyond Plastics (Susan Keefe) (25 min) Presentation on a proposed trash awareness campaign strategy.

Recommendation: Committee Discussion

6) **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM) (10 min)**

(a) Prado Dam sand mining (February 2026 - Lisa Haney)

(b) Lower Harbor Dredging status report (February 2026 - Chris Miller)

(c) Lower Harbor Eelgrass Plan (March 2026 - Chris Miller)

(d) Vector problem areas in Newport Beach (Spring 2026 - Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District)

(e) Status of trash source identification in Santa Ana River (Spring 2026 - John Wadsworth)

(f) Big Canyon Phase 3 Restoration Site Tour (June 2026 - Andy Tran)

(g) Ocean Beach Sand Renourishment plans, efforts, status - (May 2026, Chris Miller)

(h) Santa Isabella Restoration Grant Application (Summer 2026 - Heather Cieslak)

(i) Pumpout maintenance update (Summer 2026 - Chris Miller)

(j) Santa Ana River trash mitigation (Winter 2026 - TBD)

(k) Draft copper Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) (Winter 2026 - TBD)

(l) Newport Bay Trash Interceptor - Trash Characterization (Spring 2026 - Ellis Peterson)

7) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 min)**

*Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers must limit comments to three minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in silent mode.*

8) **SET NEXT MEETING DATE (5 min)**

*Recommendation: February 5, 2026*