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Sea Level Rise Adaptation Alternatives Seacliff & New Brighton State Beaches









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Context Map









Project Goals



- Adapt park assets to sea level rise
- Preserve and enhance natural resources in the Parks
- Maintain access to recreational opportunities

Adaptation Approach



- Understand coastal hazards and change over time with sea level rise
- Identify vulnerabilities of State Parks assets and natural resources
- Develop conceptual adaptation alternatives recommended by specialists
- Evaluate feedback from Parks staff, regulatory agencies, and the public and select a preferred adaptation pathway

Adaptation Measures

Measures are suited to specific coastal zones





A Future with No Action

Seacliff RV Campground after January 2023 storms





Actionable Alternatives

W & B

Adaptation will require re-envisioning assets currently concentrated on back beach



Spectrum of Adaptation Strategies

Conceptual basis for developing site-specific alternatives





GREY INFRASTRUCTURE HYBRID SOLUTIONS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Fortify & Protect Strategy



- Prioritizes securing existing infrastructure and assets in place
- Relies on grey infrastructure
- Example adaptation measures: concrete seawalls, seatblocks, DSM columns, elevated assets

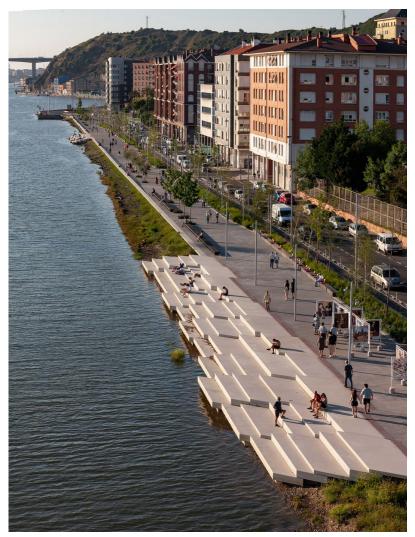


Seat blocks Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA





Concrete promenade and rock revetment Puerto Vallarta



Fortified shoreline designed for public access

Cliff stabilization



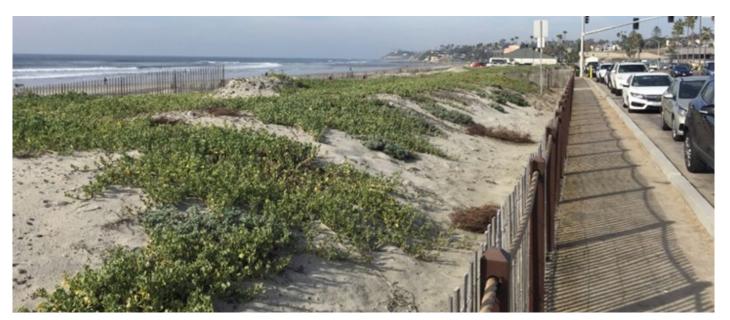


Rock groins

Restore & Relocate Strategy

- Prioritizes natural resource restoration
- Relocates assets to make room for coastal processes
- Example adaptation measures: assets relocated inland, native planting, increased sandy beach habitat

Fenced dunes (promote sand retention and deter foot traffic)



Sandy beach habitat









Cobble berm

Hybrid Strategies



- Harmonizes maintaining assets and making room for coastal processes
- Utilizes both green and grey infrastructure
- Example adaptation measures: native planting, cobble berms, consolidated assets, dunes









Dunes & boardwalks (integrate NBS and visitor assets)

Dune Typologies



Dunes provide habitat benefits and can provide an additional buffer for assets from wave action; however, they can fluctuate as beach levels change and are erodable. Dunes will require maintenance and replanting to be sustained. For this reason, dunes are only proposed in the hybrid strategy of each conceptual adaptation alternatives--a middle ground between fortifying infrastructure in place and removing and relocating it.

Across the five project sub-areas, beach width and thus vulnerability to wave action varies. To test options and construction methods of dunes, a different typology is suggested at each project sub-area.

- New Brighton State Beach is the most narrow site. No dunes are proposed in the conceptual adaptation strategy for this site.
- At the Seacliff RV Campground & Day Use Area, dunes with a stabilized core or leading edge are proposed. The materiality of this stabilized material will be determined in geotechnical and design phases of work.
- At Rio Del Mar, the ongoing Living Shoreline Planting Project includes angled timber buried under native planting. This is the proposed typology in the adaptation alternative, as well as the addition of cobble berms on the waterside of the planting, to protect from waves and the forces of water at the Aptos Creek outfall.
- At Platforms, the wide beach allows testing of a dune field, a larger, layered area of dune planting.

Seacliff RV Campground & Day Use Area
Stabilized Core or Leading Edge



Rio Del Mar at Aptos Creek
Buried Timber & Cobble Berm





Rio Del Mar at Platforms

Dune Field



Adaptation Pathways



Relocate

Fortify & **Protect**



GREY INFRASTRUCTURE HYBRID SOLUTIONS **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

Site specific adaptation alternatives can be categorized into conceptual strategies across the adaptation spectrum. The spectrum can be used to compare adaptation options and evaluate alignment with Parks values and operational needs.

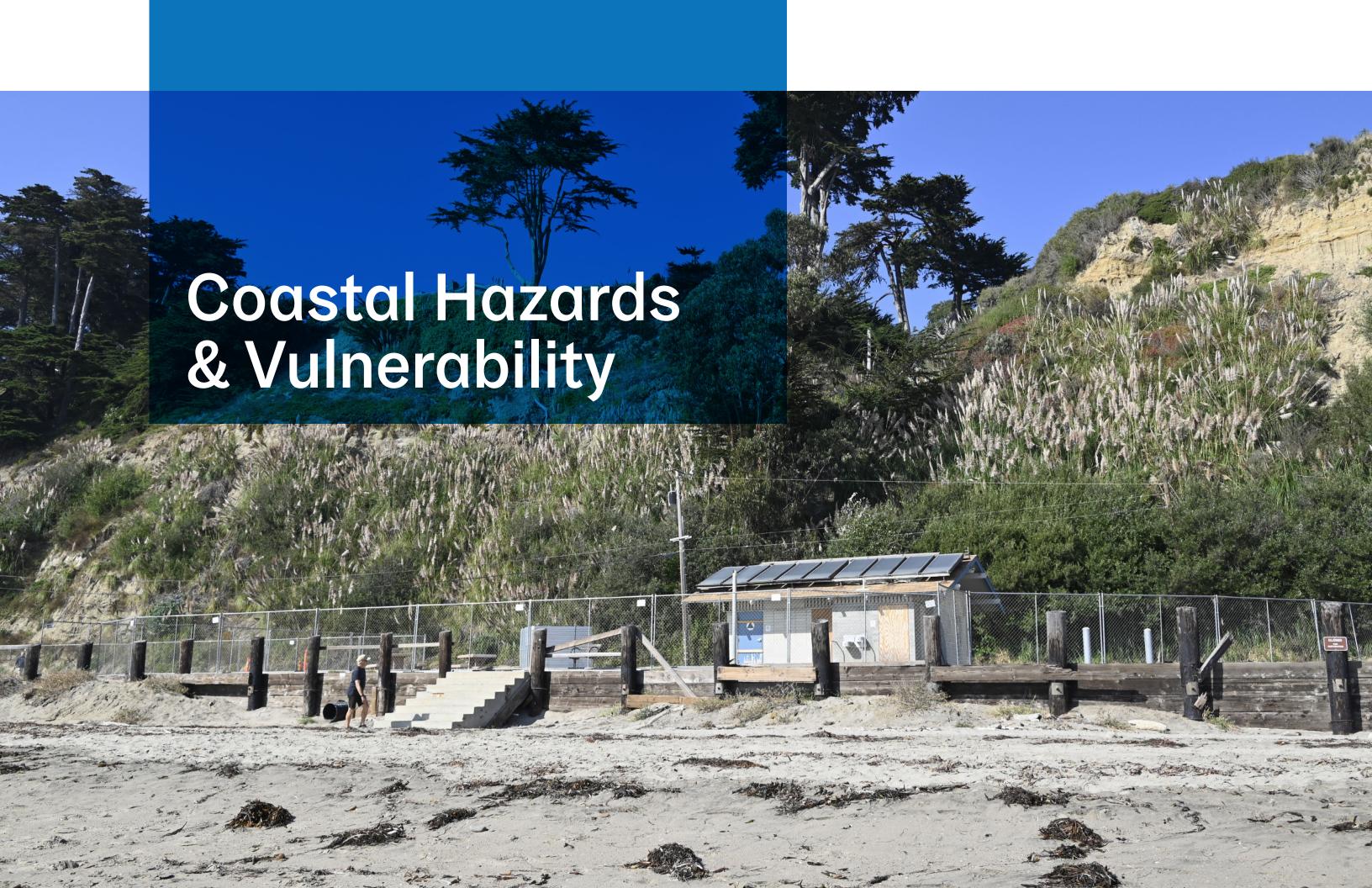
The adaptation approaches evaluated in this study focus on actions that can be taken now and over the next 25 years. Over time, a different strategy can become suitable for the same site, illustrated in the diagram at right. It may make sense to plan and implement a Fortify & Protect strategy in the near-term, and pursue a Hybrid strategy as the end of the design life of the initial adaptation infrastructure approaches.

Identifying, selecting and changing strategies over time is known as developing a site or a project's "Adaptation Pathway."

The goal is to create an understanding of the possible pathways forward, identify trigger points for change and to calculate the level of effort that will be required to realize a given strategy.

In the future, as data improves and operations and management evolve, Parks can continue to adapt toward established goals with flexibility.

Planning Horizon	CURRENT	NEAR-TERM	MID-TERM	LONG-TERM
Time Frame	Now	By 2050	~2070	2100+
Sea Level Rise (ft)	0'	1'	2'	4-6'
Fortify & Protect	PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION	EFFECTIVE LIFESPAN OF INFRASTRUCTURE	INFRASTRUCTURE LESS EFFECTIVE	
Restore & Relocate				
Hybrid		• • • • • • • •		

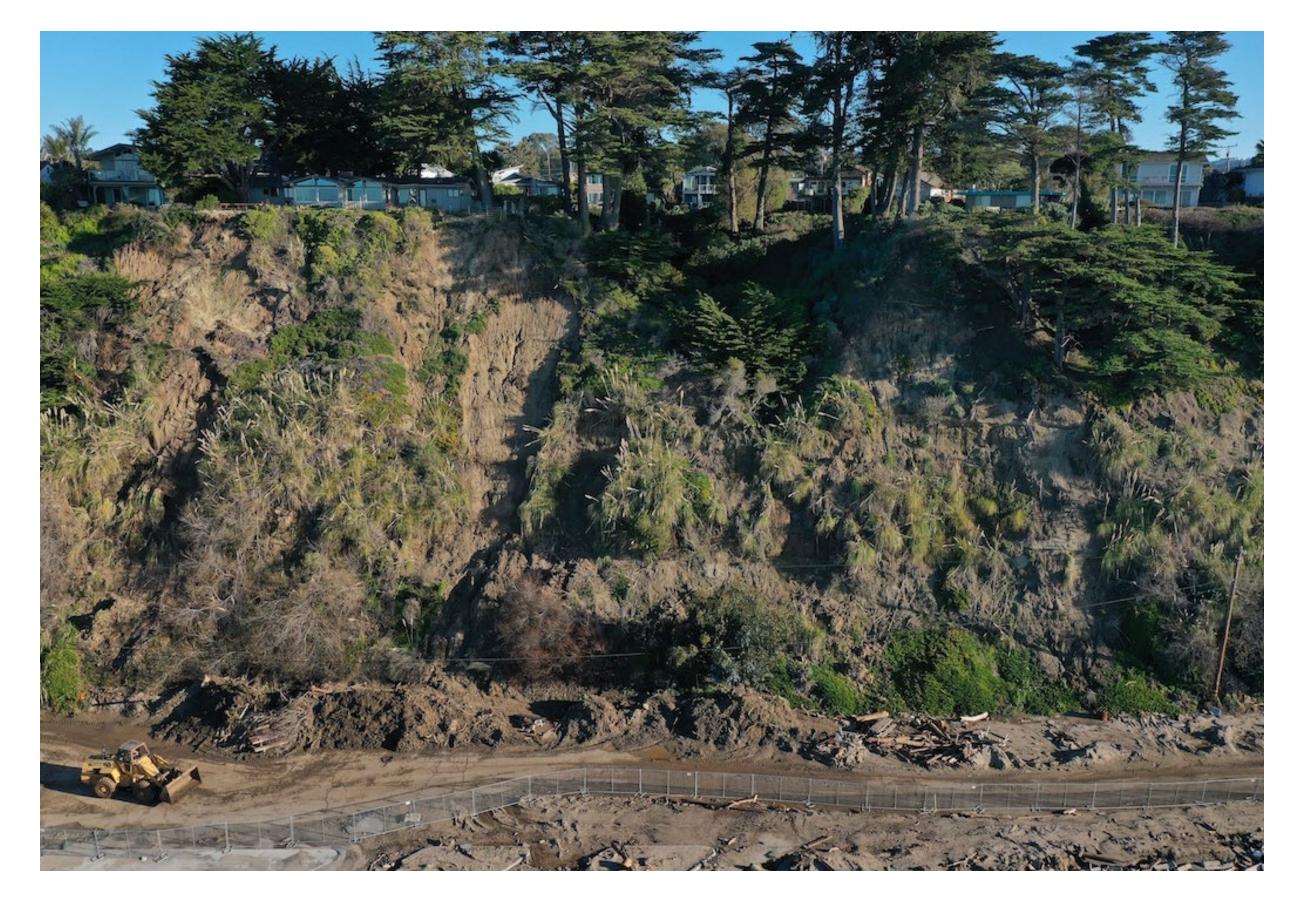


Coastal Hazards

Permanent Exposure

- Tidal inundation
- Sea level rise
- Shoreline retreat
- Cliff retreat





Coastal Hazards

Temporary Exposure

- Coastal storm flooding
- Wave run-up
- Beach erosion
- Stormwater runoff





Repetitive Loss

January 2023 Storm Damage, Image by Nick Zimnicki

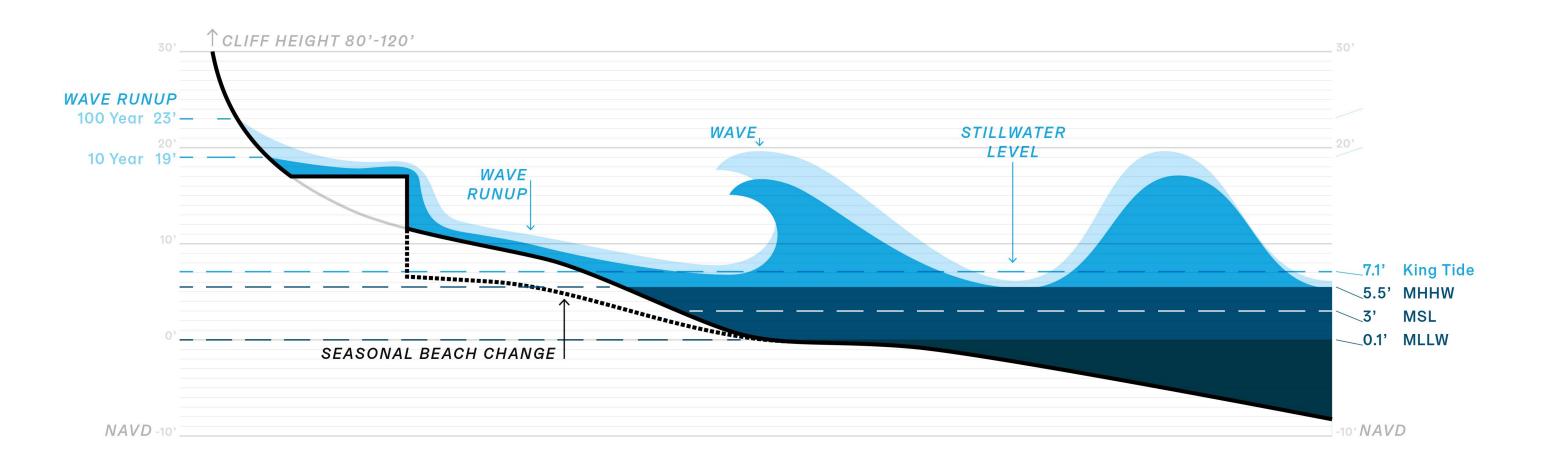




Current Water Levels

Seacliff & New Brighton State Beaches





Sea Level Rise Projections & Planning Targets

No Regrets Planning

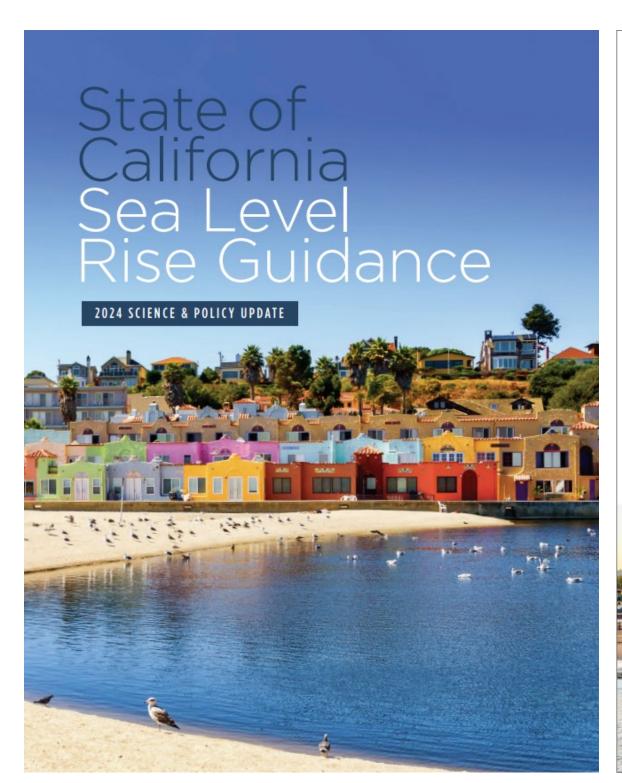
In June 2024, the Ocean Protection Council of California released updated Sea Level Rise Guidance. Based on observed sea level rise between 2000 and 2024, projections for future sea level rise are updated and precision has increased.

In the near future, the intermediate sea level rise projection can be used to set planning targets for adaptation infrastructure--safe elevations for construction and timeframes for implementation.

Further into the future, the range of projections widens because variables and unknowns increase. To account for this variability, the intermediate-high projection is used in later planning targets.

The conceptual adaptation approaches proposed in this project focus on actions that can be taken now and over the next 25 years, in the "near-term," a planning target for which the appropriate amount of data and resources are available. As sea levels rise, hazards change the landscape, and the community develops, future adaptations can be conceptualized as needed. These alternatives feature actions that should be completed by a target date of 2050, and briefly evaluate next steps for the target dates of 2070 and end of century, 2100.

To ensure that planning and action progress in a way that does not limit future adaptations, the alternatives proposed here consider what those future adaptations may be. The goal is to create an understanding of the pathway forward and allow near-term planning to proceed.



2024 California State Guidance Published by the Ocean Protection Council

Statewide Averages for Five California Sea Level Scenarios

Median values for California Sea Level Scenarios, in feet, relative to a 2000 baseline. These statewide values all incorporate an average value of vertical land motion corresponding to a negligible rate of 0.1 mm (0.0003 ft) per year uplift. The California Sea Level Scenarios track closely with global mean sea level (GMSL), with differences of only 2 to 3 inches between GMSL and the California Sea Level Scenarios in 2100. Evaluation of the Intermediate, Intermediate-High, and High scenarios (outlined in red below) is recommended to inform appropriate sea level rise planning and project decisions.

NOW

Near-Term

Mid-Term

Long-Term

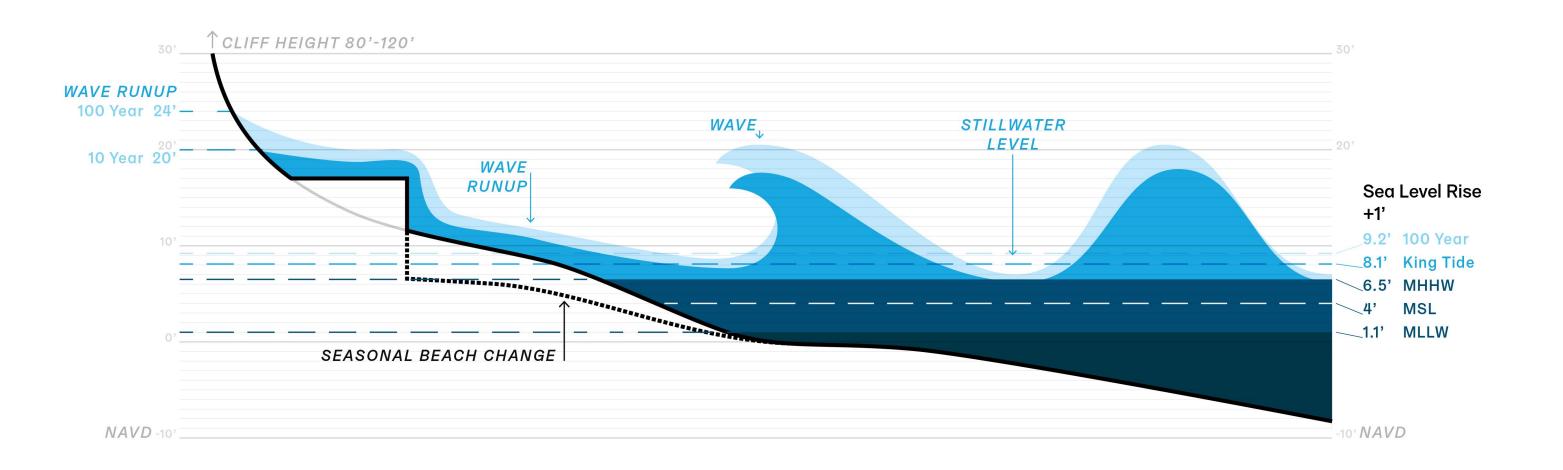
YEAR	LOW	INT-LOW	INTERMEDIATE	INT-HIGH	HIGH
2020	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
2030	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
2040	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
2050	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2
2060	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.0
2070	0.7	1.0	1.4	2.2	3.0
2080	0.8	1.2	1.8	3.0	4.1
2090	0.9	1.4	2.4	3.9	5.4
2100	1.0	1.6	3.1	4.9	6.6
2110	1.1	1.8	3.8	5.7	8.0
2120	1.1	2.0	4.5	6.4	9.1
2130	1.2	2.2	5.0	7.1	10.0
2140	1.3	2.4	5.6	7.7	11.0
2150	1.3	2.6	6.1	8.3	11.9



Coastal Storm Flooding & Wave Runup with 1 foot of Sea Level Rise

Near-Term Planning Horizon, by 2050

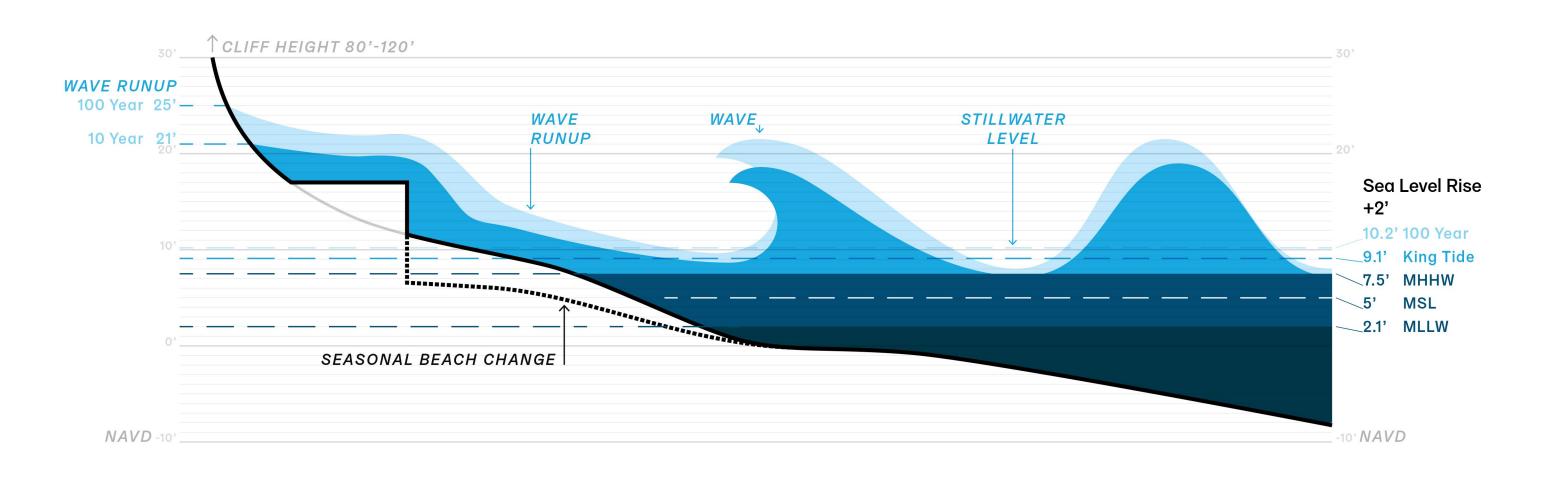




Coastal Storm Flooding & Wave Runup with 2 feet of Sea Level Rise



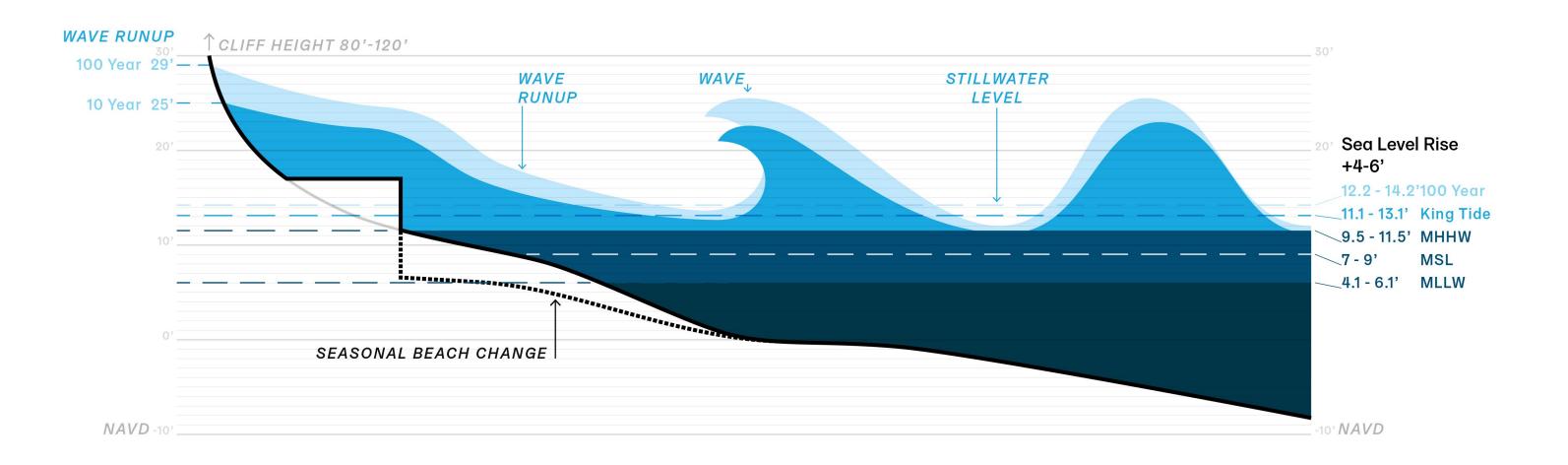
Mid-Term Planning Horizon, Approximately 2070



Coastal Storm Flooding & Wave Runup with 4-6 feet of Sea Level Rise



Long-Term Planning Horizon, 2100+



Coastal Storm Flooding at New Brighton

Now & Near-Term





Legend

Current Daily Conditions

Current 10-Year Storm Impact

10-Year Storm + 1' SLR

Park Boundary

Park Facility

Recreation Amenity

Public Access

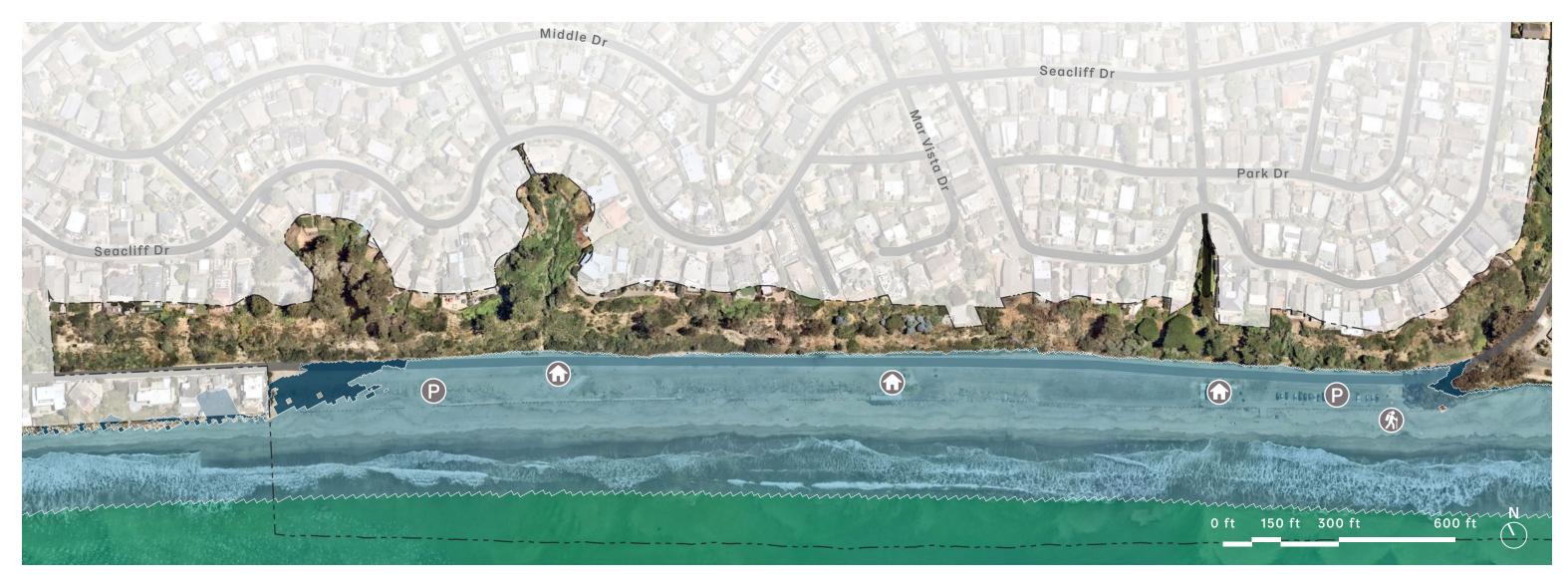
Natural Resource Area



Coastal Storm Flooding at Seacliff State Beach RV Campground

W &B

Now & Near-Term



Legend

Current Daily Conditions

Current 10-Year Storm Impact

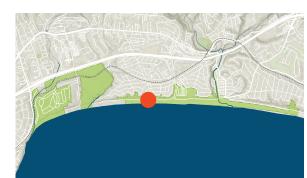
10-Year Storm + 1' SLR

Park Boundary

Park Facility

Public Access

Parking



Coastal Storm Flooding at Seacliff State Beach Day Use Area

Now & Near-Term





Legend

Current Daily Conditions

Current 10-Year Storm Impact

10-Year Storm + 1' SLR

Park Boundary

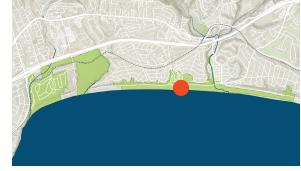
Park Facility

Recreation Amenity

Public Access

Natural Resource Area

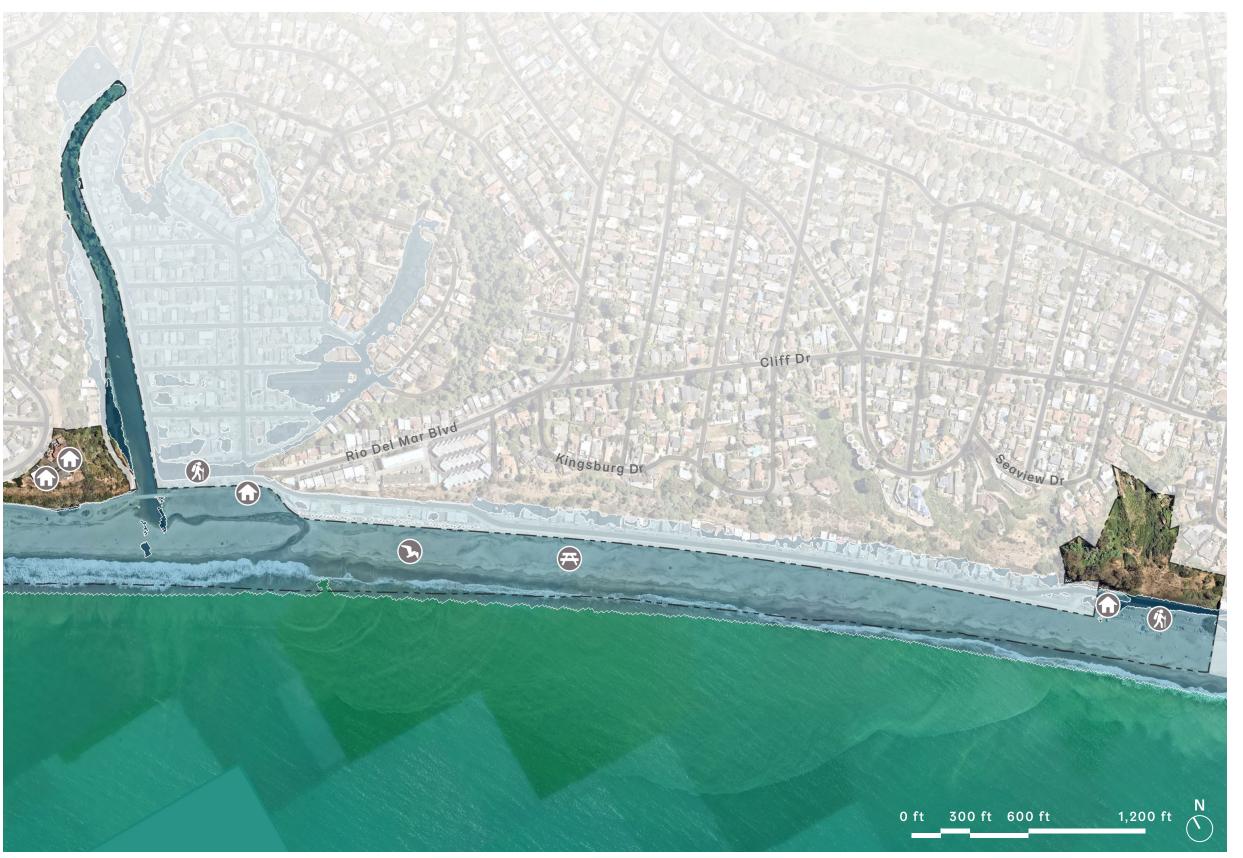
Parking



Coastal Storm Flooding at Rio Del Mar State Beach

Now & Near-Term





Legend

Current Daily Conditions

Current 10-Year Storm Impact

10-Year Storm + 1' SLR

Park Boundary

Park Facility

Recreation Amenity

Public Access



Shoreline & Cliff Retreat

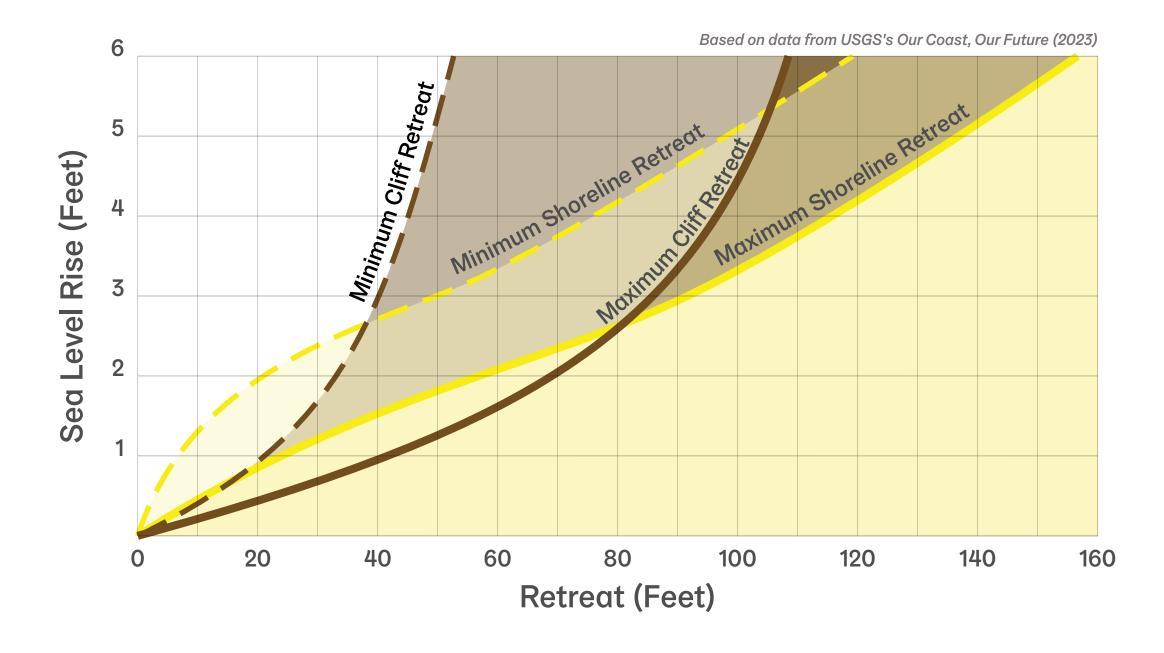
Projected Rates Across all Sites

Shoreline Retreat is the gradual process of a beach narrowing due to water levels rising and temporary hazards like wave action and beach erosion occuring futher inland. As the shoreline retreats at New Brighton, Seacliff, and Rio Del Mar State Beaches, assets concentrated on the back beach will become more vulnerable.

Cliff Retreat is the process of a cliff face moving inland due to these same coastal hazards as well as erosion from upland stormwater runoff. This happens gradually, but cliffs can reach a point of structural instability that results in a failure and collapse, damaging assets atop and at the base of the cliff.

Storm hazards and natural erosion processes compounded by sea level rise cause increased rates of shoreline and cliff retreat.

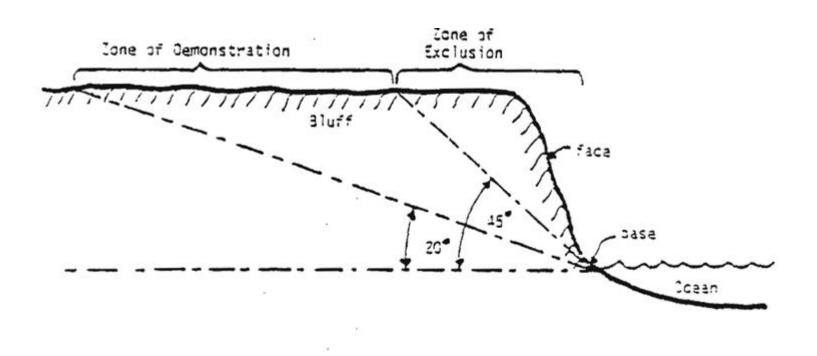
Shoreline change data for Monterey
Bay developed by USGS and analyzed in
the Seacliff & New Brighton State Beach
Vulnerability Assessment by Moffatt &
Nichol indicates that shoreline retreat is
projected to happen slowly at first, and then
steadily. Cliff retreat is projected to happen
quickly at first, and then slowly.



Seacliff State Beach General Plan Cliff Retreat Guidance



The 1990 General Plan includes a geotechnical recommendation that there shall be "zone of exclusion" atop cliffs where assets should not be constructed. If cliffs retreat as they are projected to with no action to fortify or buffer the cliff from hazards, the recommended clifftop setback will also move inland.



Storm Intensity & Frequency: Tipping Points



Rare, big storms of today will be more common storms of the future as sea levels rise

The January 2023 storm was approximately a 20-25-year storm event.

Today, a 25-year storm happens approximately once every 25 years or has a 4% chance of occurring in any given year.

With one foot of sea level rise, the relative amount of damage caused by a given storm event of the same intensity will happen nearly twice as often, every 13 years or at a 7% chance in any given year.

Additional factors like El Niño and other climate change impacts will increase this frequency.

Wave Runup (ft, NAVD88)	Current Storm Recurrence Interval (yrs)	Equivalent Storm Damage Recurrence Interval (yrs) with Sea Level Rise (ft)				
		0'	1'	2'	4'	6'
+11.2	1-yr	1	1	1	1	1
+16.5	5-yr	5	4	3	1	1
+19.4	10-yr	10	8	6	4	2
+20.8	25-yr	25	13	9	5	3
+22.0	50-yr	50	28	15	7	4
+23.3	100-yr	100	56	31	10	6

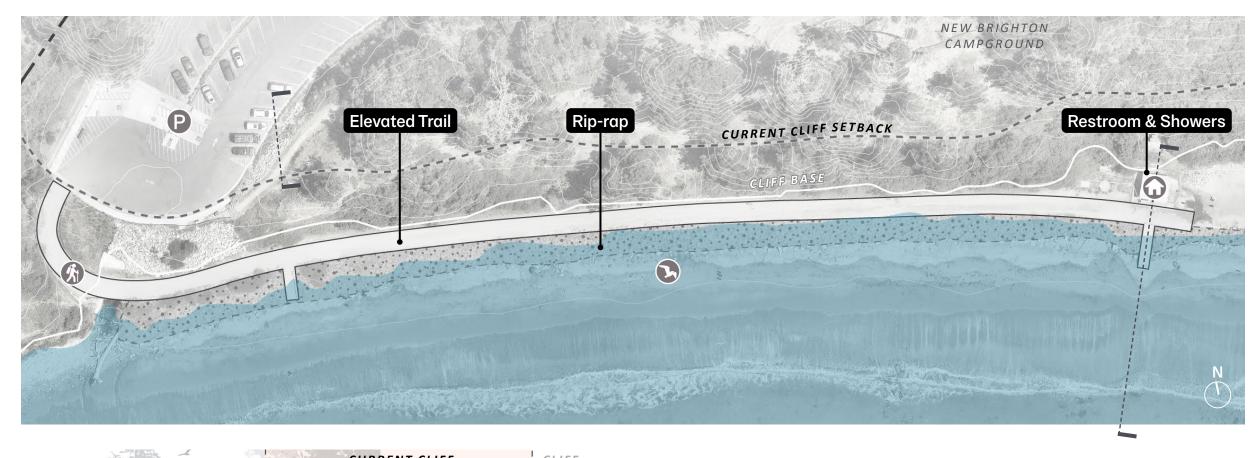




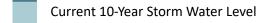
Existing Conditions

New Brighton State Beach



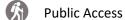


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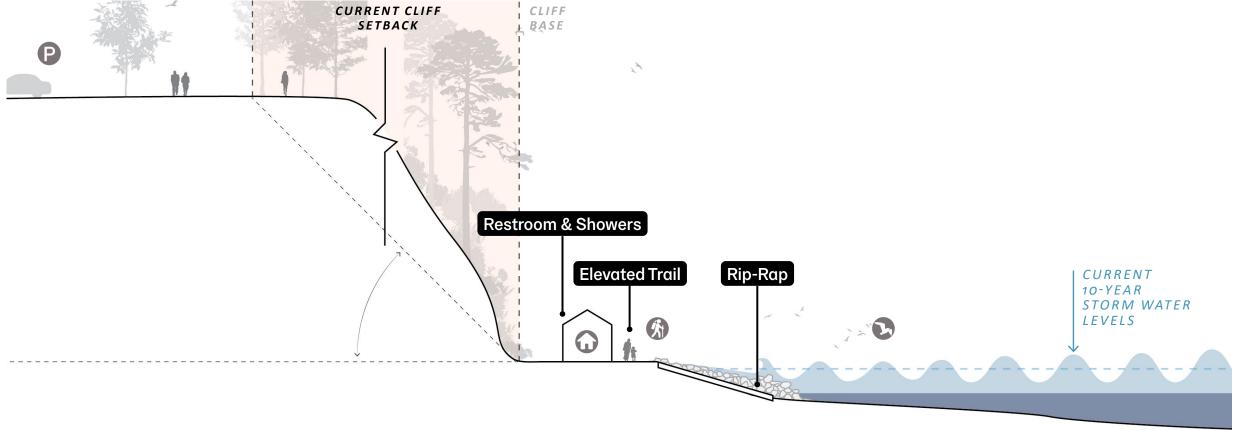
Park Assets







Parking

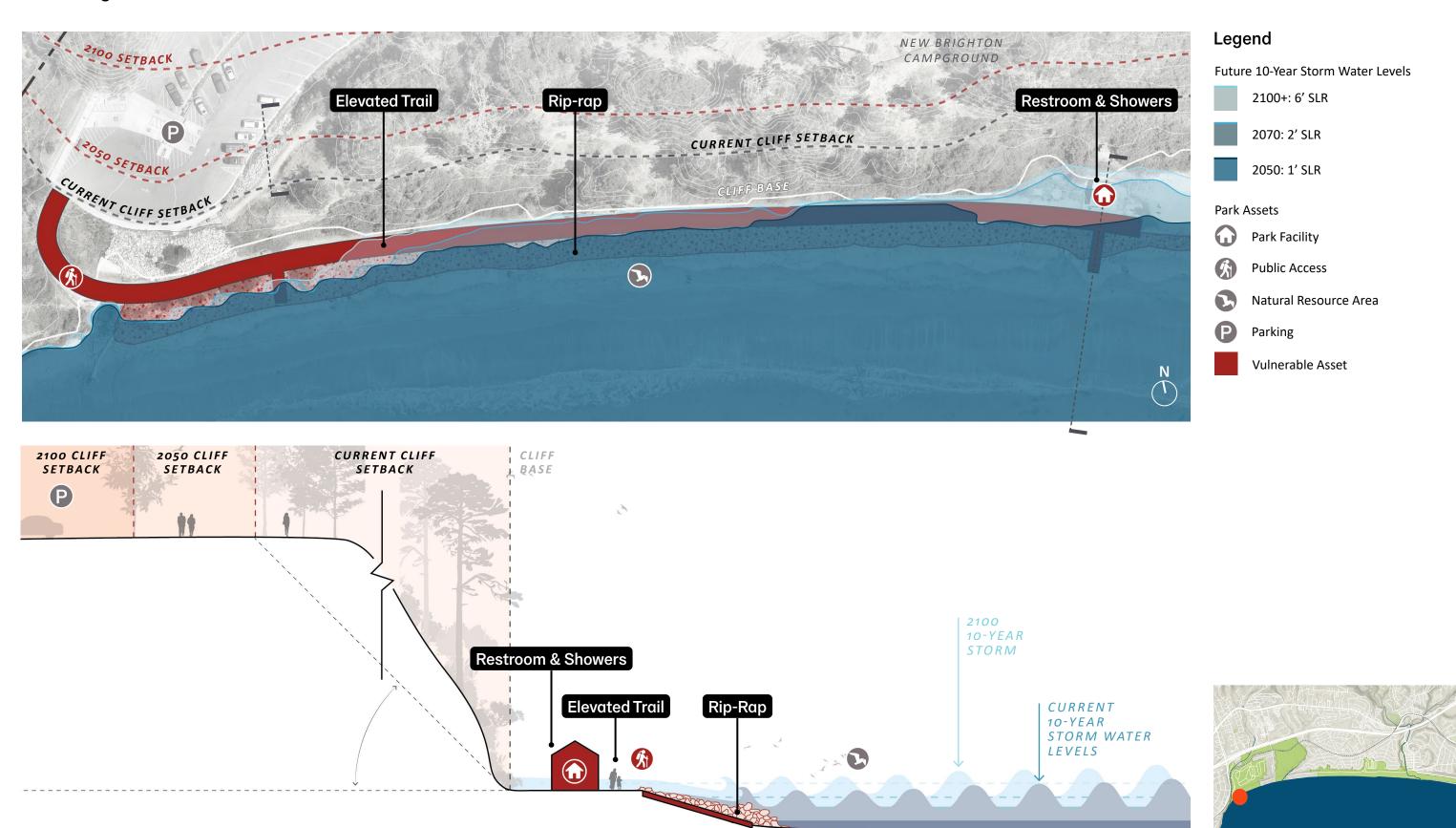




Projected Sea Level Rise Vulnerability with No Action

New Brighton State Beach





Adaptation Alternatives & Timeline



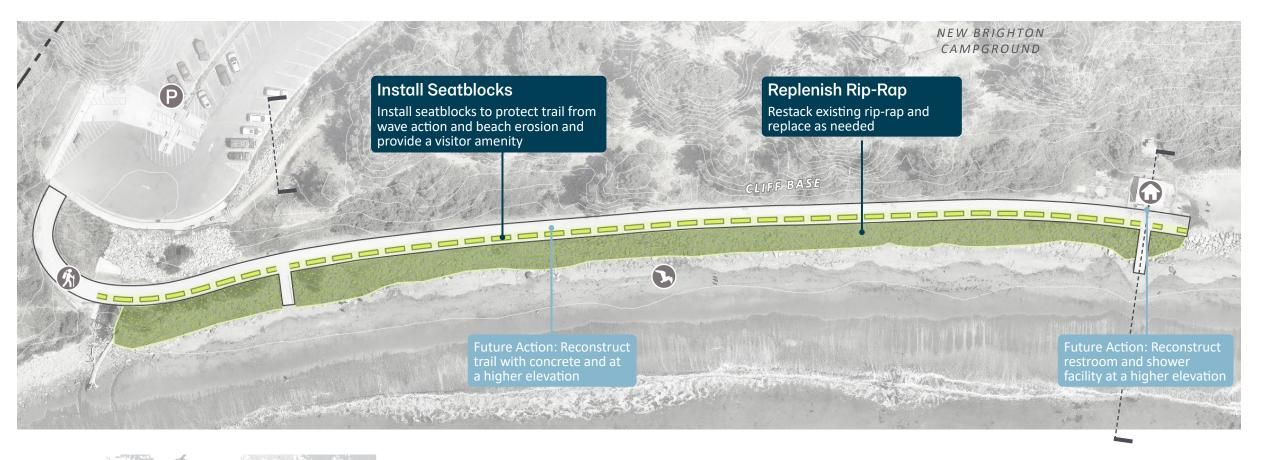


Planning Horizon	CURRENT	NEAR-TERM	MID-TERM	LONG-TERM	
Time Frame	Now	By 2050	~2070	2100+	
Coastal Hazard Vulnerabilities without Action					
Sea Level Rise (ft)	0'	1'	2'	4-6'	
10-yr Storm Annual Chance	10%	12%	16%	33-100%	
Probability Return Interval (yr)	10	8	6	1-3	
Waves	Beach inaccessible in storms, cleanup and repairs required				
Beach Erosion	Trail requires cleanup and repair	Trail requires significant repair	Rip-rap and stormwater outlet require significant repair; restroom and sewer lines require reconstruction	Restroom, rip-rap, stormwater outfall lost	
Shoreline Retreat		Access ramps require significant repair	Trail, access ramps require reconstruction		
Cliff Retreat	Bluff collapses due to southern swells	Pumpout requires significant repair			
Adaptation Strategies		Adaptatio	on Actions		
Fortify & Protect	 Restack existing rip-rap after storms Plan for maintenance capacity Advance funding & design of adaptations 	 Install seat blocks along the edge of the trail Restack existing rip-rap and replace asneeded 	 Raise trail grade, construct with concrete Rebuild elevated restroom and shower facility Replenish rip-rap 	Install seatwall to raise edge of trail	
Restore & Relocate	 Plan for less frequent beach access Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	 Remove trail and rip-rap, install staircase for visitor access to beach from upper lot, gain sandy beach habitat Reconstruct restroom and shower facility in upper parking lot, remove existing Update building setbacks on clifftop for new construction 			
Hybrid	 Plan for maintenance capacity and less frequent beach access Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	 Remove road and replace with consolidated, fortified access ramp; gain sandy beach habitat Install native planting to promote erosion control on cliff face Reconstruct restroom and shower facility in upper parking lot, remove existing Update building setbacks on clifftop for new construction 			

Adaptation Alternative: Fortify & Protect

Near-Term Adaptations for New Brighton State Beach

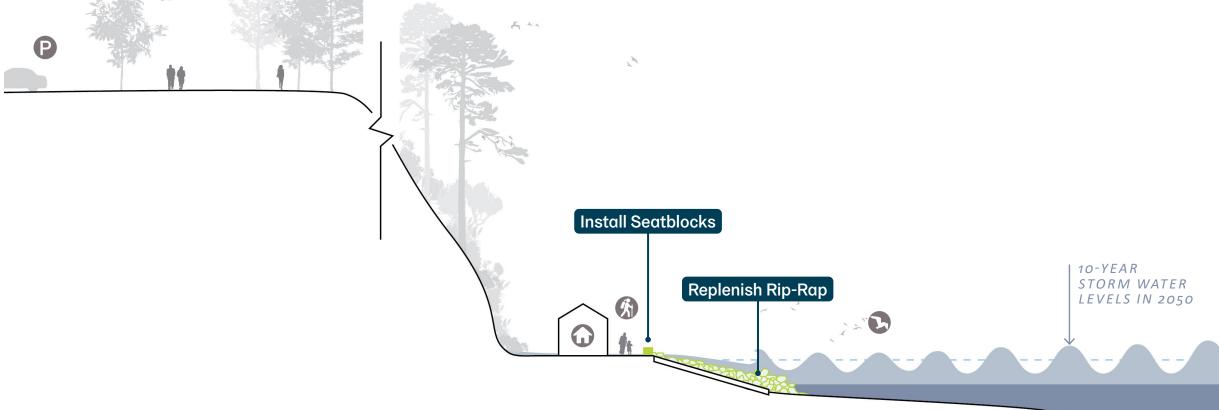




The Fortify & Protect alternative utilizes grey infrastructure to secure existing assets, such as the trail from the upper lot to the beach and the restroom facility. Presently, proactive planning can continue to help to build maintenance capacity and prioritize funding for adaptation to coastal hazards projected to occur in the nearterm (by 2050).

In the near-term, rip-rap will have to be restacked and supplemented after storms to protect assets from wave action. Install seatblocks along the trail edge to protect it and the cliff base from wave action and erosion.

Future Actions: Reconstruct road with concrete at a higher elevation. Replace restroom & shower facility with an elevated structure. Replace seatblocks with contiguous concrete seatwall.





Seatblocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA

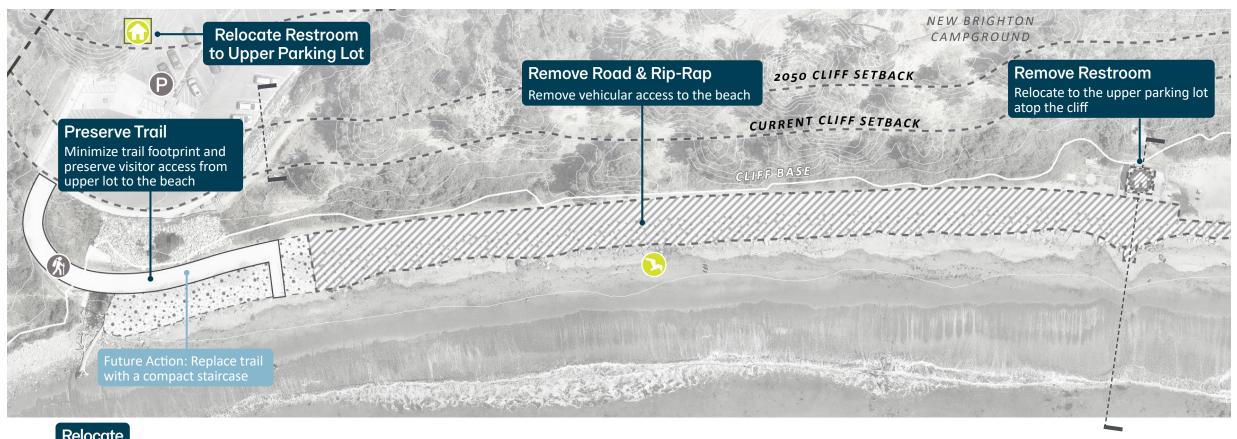


Seatwall & Rock Revetment; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Adaptation Alternative: Restore & Relocate

Near-Term Adaptations for New Brighton State Beach

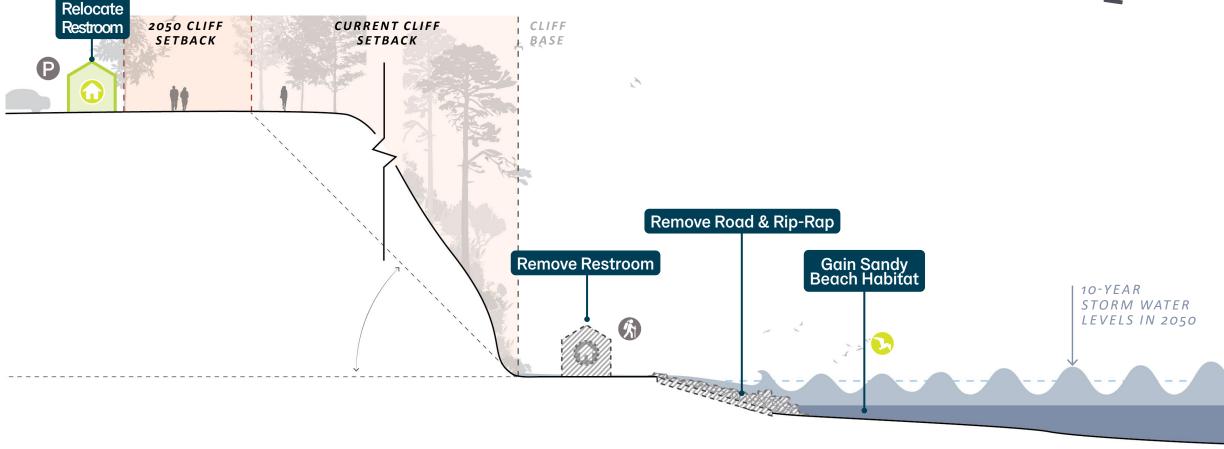




The Restore & Relocate alternative prioritizes natural resource restoration. Assets and infrastructure are relocated to make room for coastal processes. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and advance funding and design of new facilities.

In the near-term, reduce the trail and riprap, removing maintenance vehicle access. Pedestrian access can be preserved. Remove the current restroom and shower facility and relocate a new restroom in the upper parking lot.

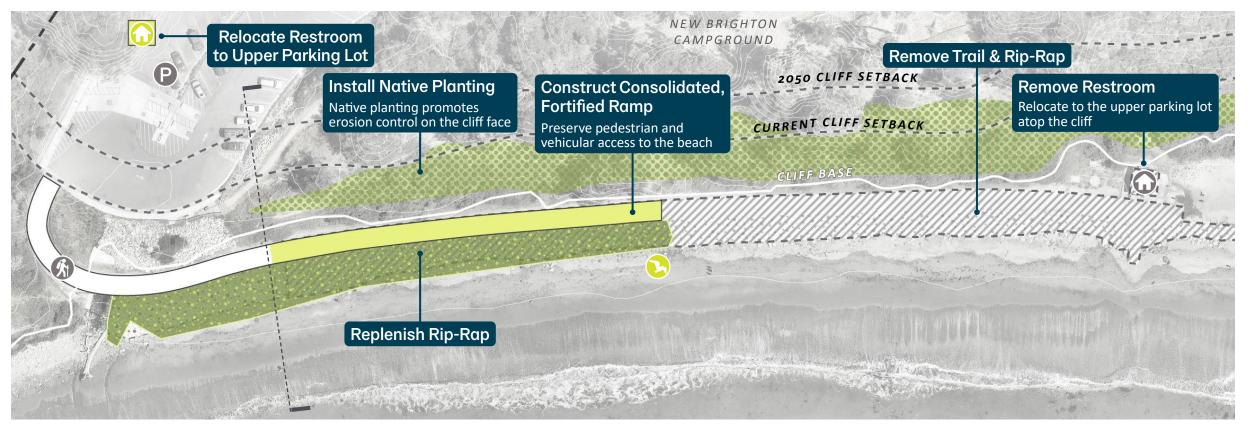
Future Action: Remove trail and replace with a more compact staircase.



Adaptation Alternative: Hybrid

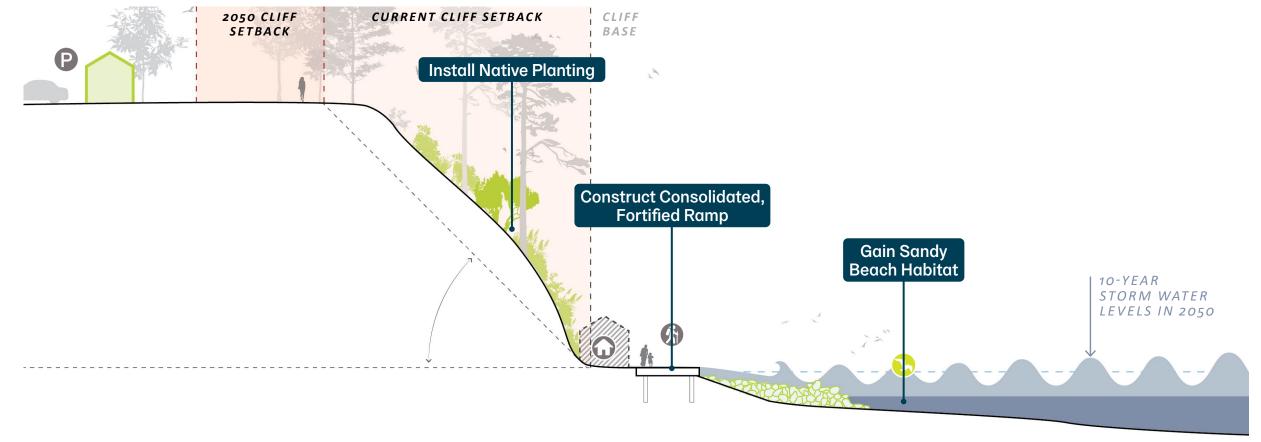
Near-Term Adaptations for New Brighton State Beach





The Hybrid alternative combines strategies to maintain consolidated infrastructure while making room for coastal processes. They utilize both green and grey infrastructure. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and advance funding and design of facilities being relocated or fortified in place.

In the near-term, reduce the trail and construct a consolidated, fortified ramp to preserve pedestrian and maintenance vehicle access from the upper lot to the beach. Remove the current restroom and shower facility and relocate a new restroom in the upper parking lot. Install native planting on the cliff face to provide erosion control.





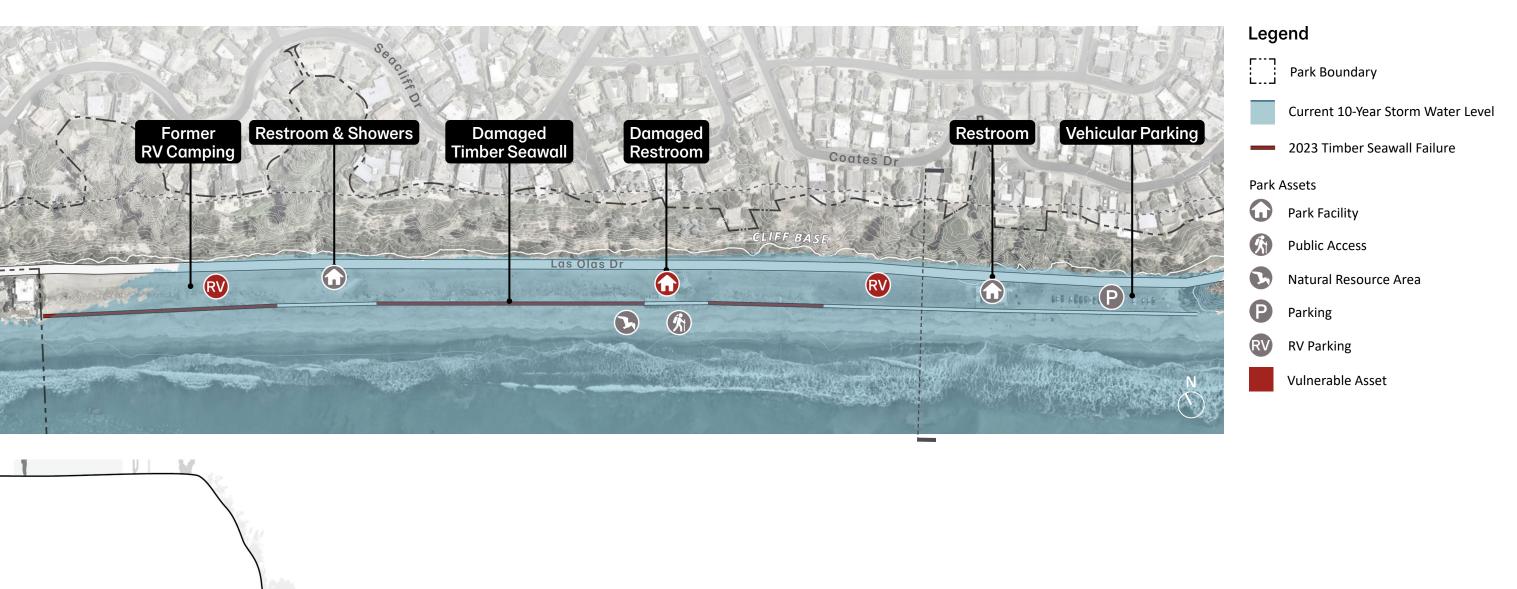
Native Planting

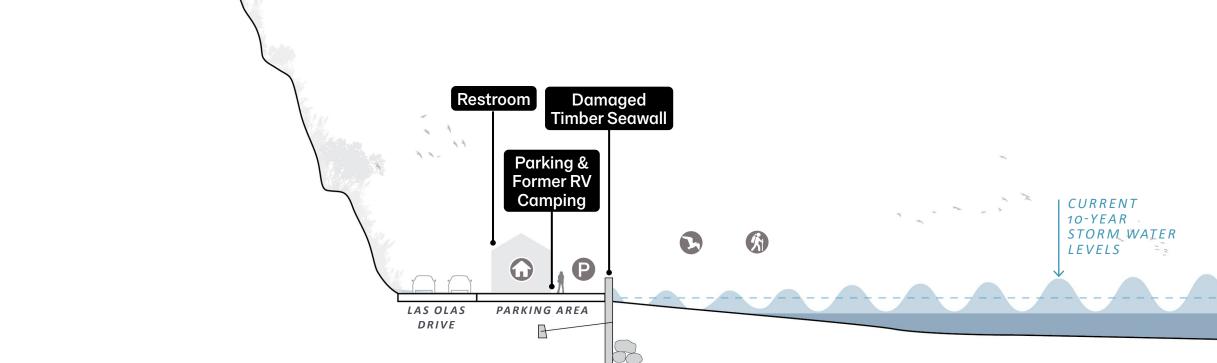


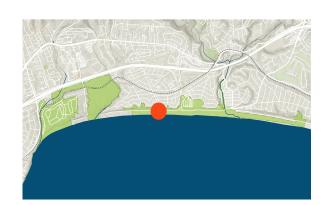
Existing Conditions

Seacliff State Beach RV Campground





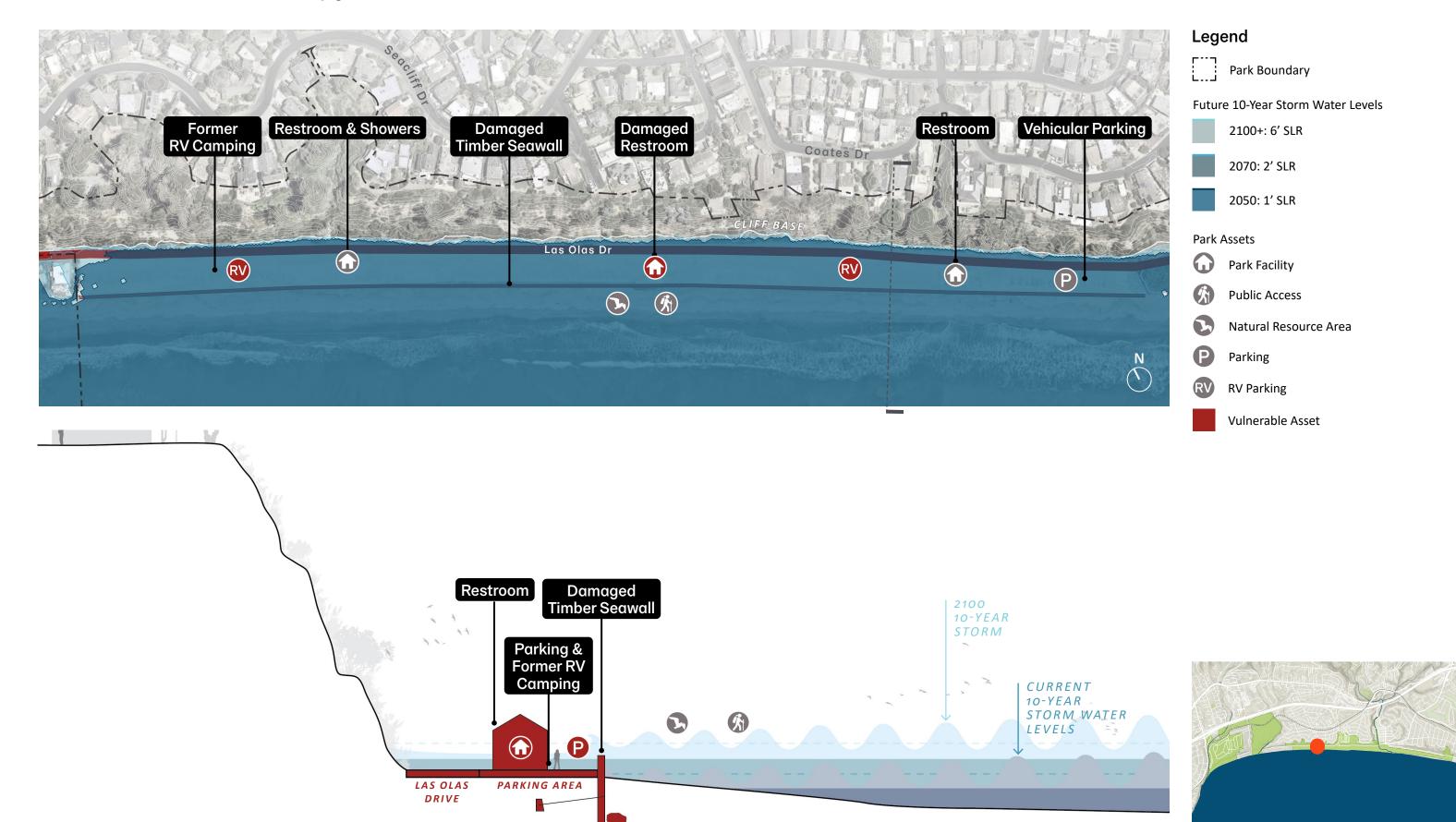




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Adaptation Alternatives & Timeline



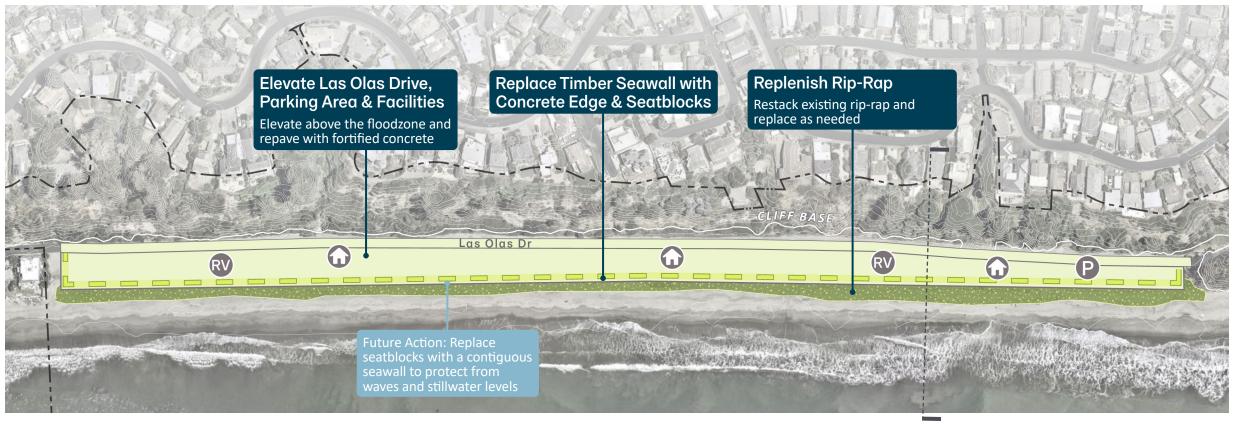


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Probability Return Interval (yr)	10	8	6	2-4	
Waves	Beach inaccessible in storms, restrooms require significant repair, some RV parking requires reconstruction	Restrooms, pump station, beach access stairs require significant repair ; rip-rap must be replaced; Las Olas Drive and all parking areas require reconstruction	All park assets require reconstruction; riprap lost		
Beach Erosion	Cleanup required of entire area; restrooms & rip-rap require repair, riprap requires restacking and some replacement	Stormwater outlets require significant repair	Beach access stairs & stormwater outfalls lost	Groundwater monitoring wells lost	
Shoreline Retreat		Access ramps will require significant repair			
Cliff Retreat		Stormwater conduits will require significant repair	Las Olas Drive & Beachgate Trail require significant repairs, stormwater conduits require reconstruction	Beachgate Trail requires reconstruction	
Adaptation Strategies		Adaptatio	on Actions		
Fortify & Protect	 Replenish rip-rap Plan for maintenance capacity Advance funding and design of repairs and adaptations 	 Elevate Las Olas Drive and parking area, include concrete retaining wall and rip-rap, new access ramps and seatblocks Rebuild and elevate restroom facilities 	 Replace seatblocks with contiguous concrete seatwall around edge of parking area Replenish rip-rap 	Raise seawallReplenish rip-rap	
Restore & Relocate	 Remove existing damaged facilities Plan for change in use and access patterns Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	 Remove parking, gain sandy beach habitat Relocate restroom facilities to Seacliff Day Use Area or upper lot 			
Hybrid	 Remove existing damaged facilities Plan for maintenance capacity and reduced access Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	 Remove RV campground area, consolidate vehicular access to parking lot Rebuild one consolidated, elevated restroom facilities Install vegetated dunes with stabilized core or leading edge and boardwalk trail in reclaimed space 	 Replace seatblocks with contiguous concrete seatwall around edge of parking area Replenish dunes 	 Raise seawall and adjacent path Replenish dunes 	

Adaptation Alternative: Fortify & Protect

Near-Term Adaptations for Seacliff State Beach RV Campground

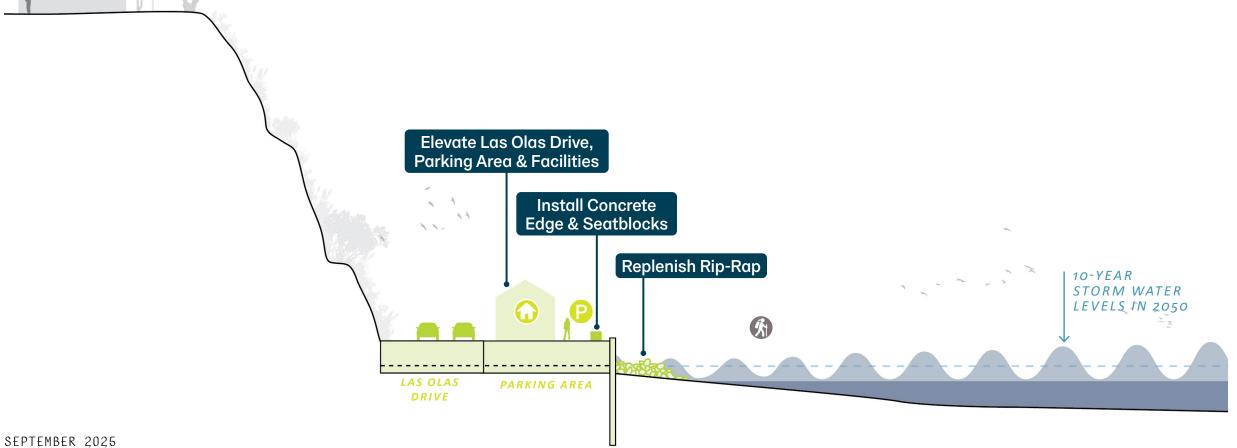




The Fortify & Protect alternative utilizes grey infrastructure to secure existing assets, such as the parking area and restroom facilities. Presently, a preferred near-term adaptation alternative should be selected for this site as it sustained significant damage in recent storms.

In the near-term, remove the timber seawall and reconstruct Las Olas Drive and the parking areas at a higher elevation. Include a concrete toe wall and seatblocks along the edge of the new elevated parking area. Construct new elevated restroom facilities.

Future Action: Replace seat blocks with a contiguous seatwall to protect from higher water levels.





Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA

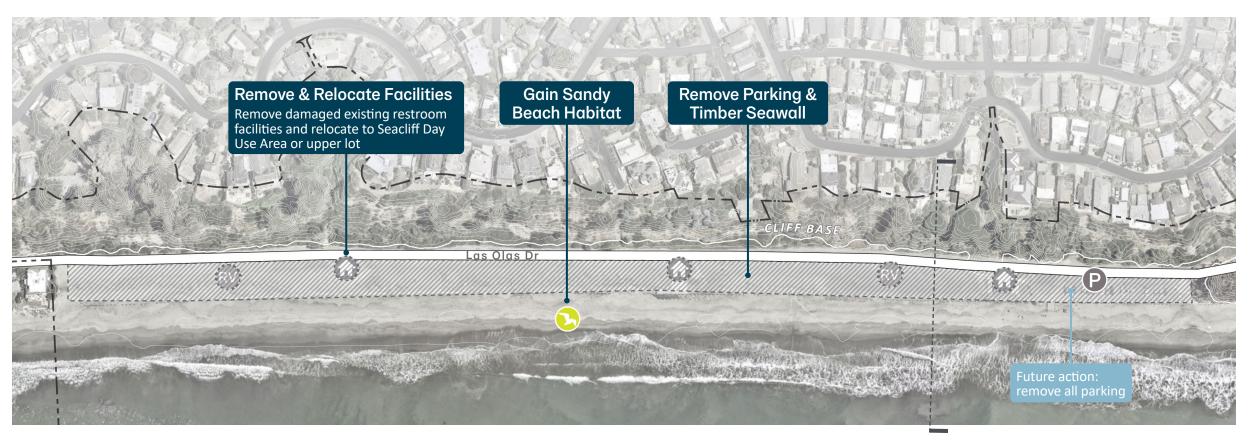


Seatwall & Rock Revetment; Puerto Vallarta

Adaptation Alternative: Restore & Relocate

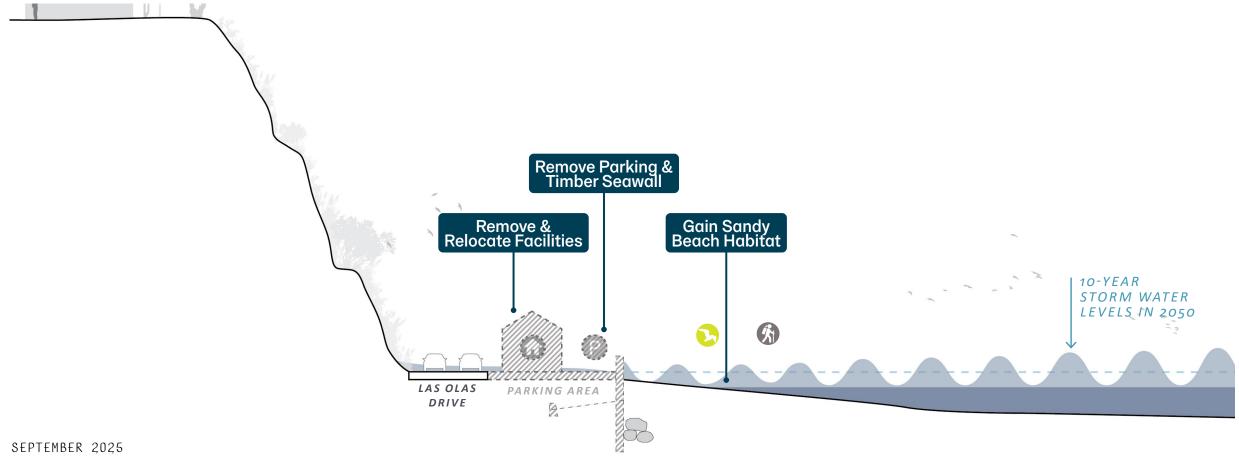
Near-Term Adaptations for Seacliff State Beach RV Campground





The Restore & Relocate alternative prioritizes natural resource restoration. It relocates or consolidates assets to less vulnerable areas to make room for coastal processes. Presently, a preferred near-term adaptation alternative should be selected for this site as it sustained significant damage in recent storms.

In the near-term, remove damaged facilities and relocate them to other areas of the park like the Seacliff Day-Use Area or the upper lot. Remove parking and the timber seawall, and gain sandy beach habitat.

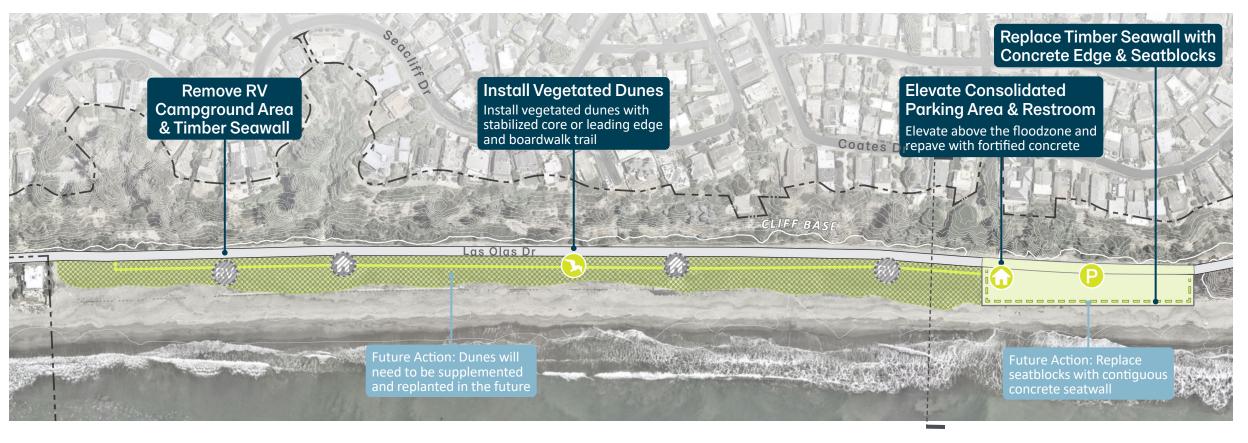


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Adaptation Alternative: Hybrid

Near-Term Adaptations for Seacliff State Beach RV Campground

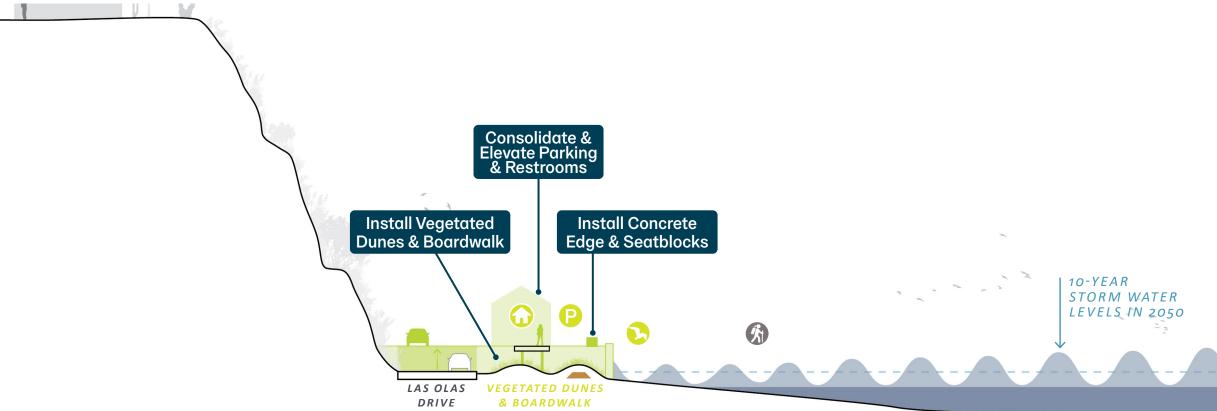


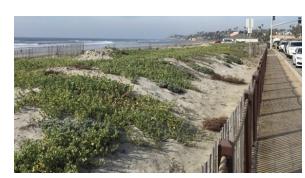


The Hybrid alternative combines strategies to maintain assets while making room for coastal processes. They utilize both green and grey infrastructure. Presently, a preferred near-term adaptation alternative should be selected for this site as it sustained significant damage in recent storms.

In the near-term, remove damaged parking areas, restrooms and timber seawall. Consolidate into one smaller, elevated parking area at the east end of the site with a concrete toe wall and seatblocks along the edge. Install vegetated dunes and a boardwalk trail in reclaimed space.

Future Action: Replace seatblocks with a contiguous concrete seatwall to protect from waves and higher stillwater levels. In the long-term, raise the seawall and adjacent path. Supplement dunes as needed.





Vegetated Dunes



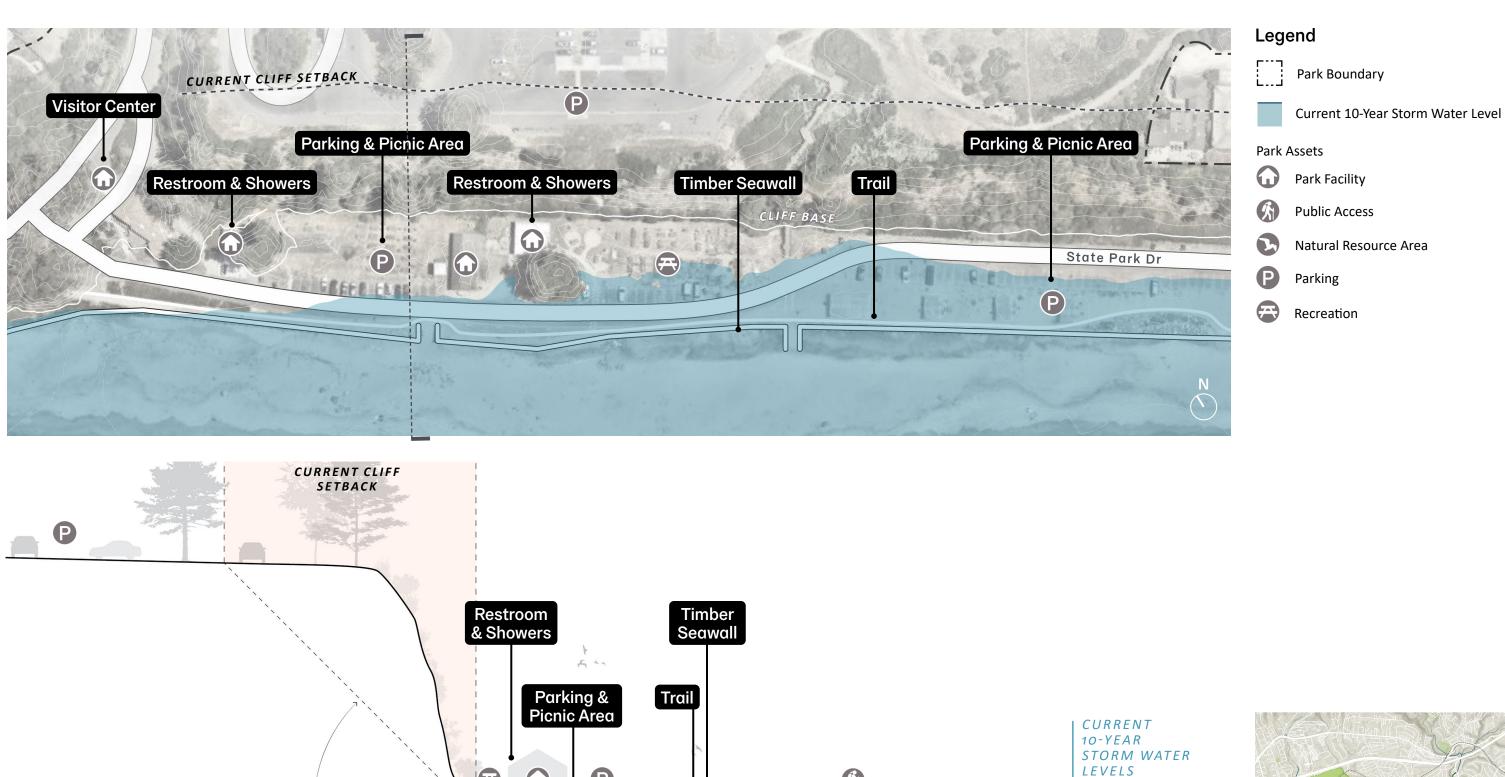
Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA



Existing Conditions

Seacliff State Beach Day-Use Area





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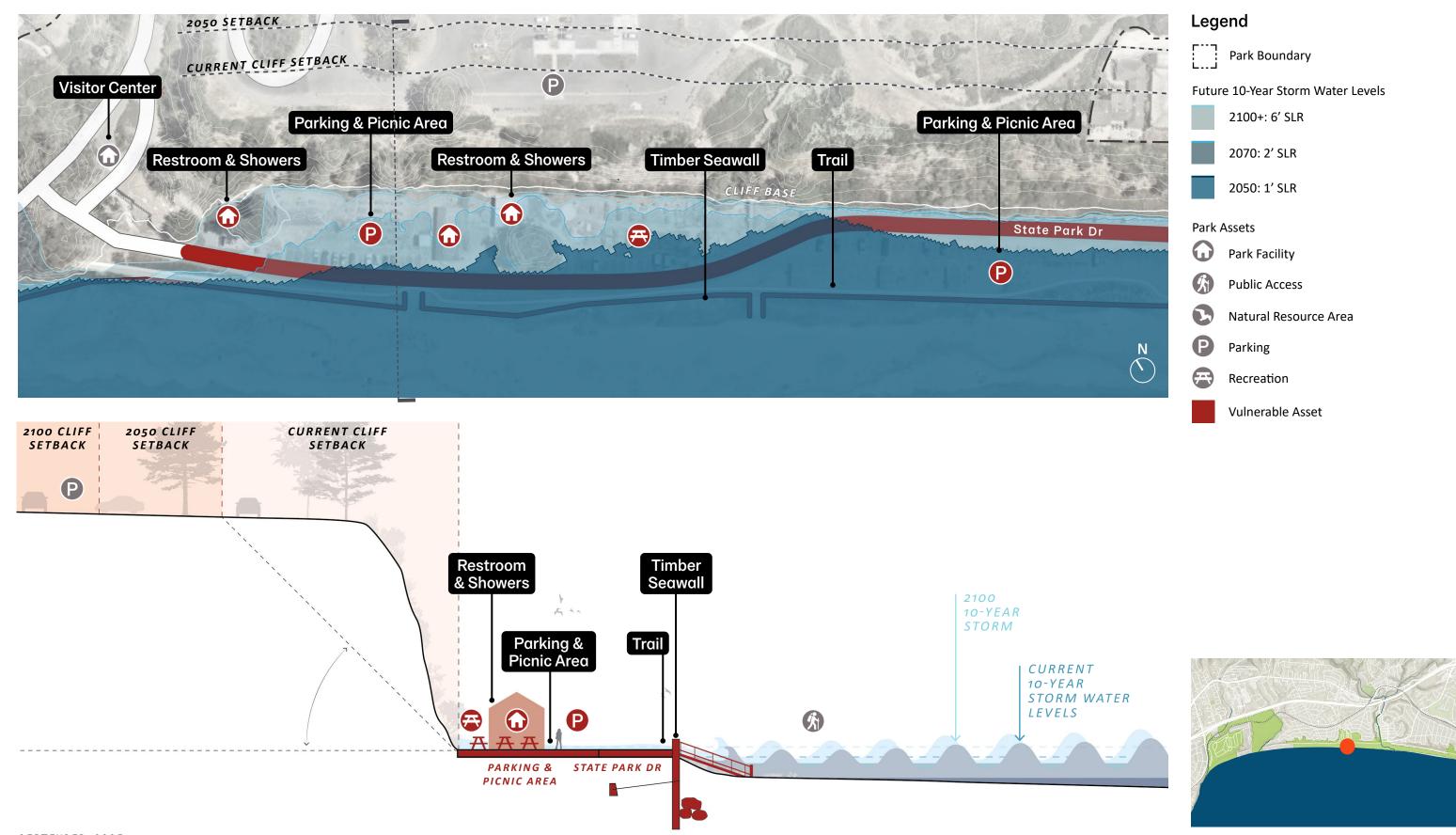
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Projected Sea Level Rise Vulnerability with No Action

Seacliff State Beach Day-Use Area





Adaptation Alternatives & Timeline





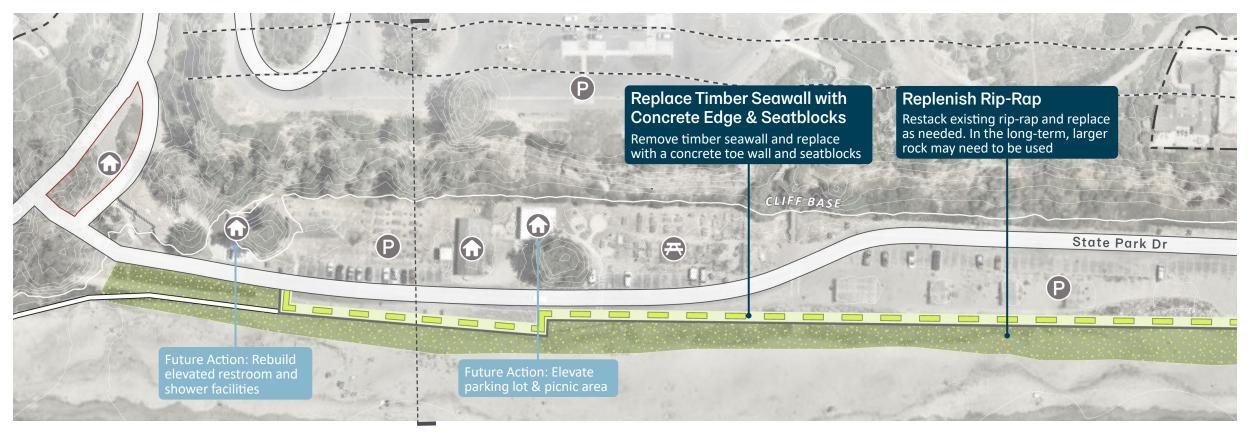
Planning Horizon	CURRENT	NEAR-TERM	MID-TERM	LONG-TERM	
Time Frame	Now	by 2050	~2070	2100+	
Coastal Hazard Vulnerabilities without Action					
Sea Level Rise (ft)	0'	1'	2'	4-6'	
10-yr Storm Annual Chance	10%	12%	16%	25-50%	
Probability Return Interval (yr)	10	8	6	2-4	
Waves	Beach inaccessible in storms, cleanup required; beach access stairs & riprap need repairs	Beach access stairs require reconstruction ; beach furnishings and picnic amenities require repairs	Furnishings and picnic amenities require replacement	Western restroom requires significant repair; concession and middle restroom require reconstruction; restroom by beach, parking lot, access stairs to upper lot lost	
Beach Erosion			Rip-rap requires significant repair	Covered picnic areas lost	
Cliff Retreat	Staff housing atop bluff is vulnerable		State Park Drive & Beachgate Trail require significant repairs; stormwater conduits require reconstruction	Saff housing atop bluff is lost	
Adaptation Strategies		Adaptatio	on Actions		
Fortify & Protect	 Plan for maintenance capacity Advance funding & design of adaptations Replenish rip-rap 	 Install a concrete toe wall & seat blocks along edge of parking area Replenish rip-rap 	 Elevate parking & picnic area, include concrete retaining wall Rebuild elevated restroom and shower facilities Replenish rip-rap 	 Install seatwall to raise edge of facilities Replenish rip-rap 	
Restore & Relocate	 Plan for reduced beach access Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	Set back road along cliff base, consolidate parking & picnic area and include concrete toe wall along new pavement edge; gain sandy beach habitat	Relocate restrooms & picnic spaces to upper parking lot	 Remove road, remaining parking and assets Continue to gain sandy beach habitat 	
Hybrid	 Plan for maintenance capacity and reduced access Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities Replenish rip-rap 	 Set back road along cliff base, consolidate parking & picnic area and include concrete toe wall along new pavement edge Install vegetated dunes with stabilized core or leading edge in reclaimed space; install boardwalk through dunes Install native planting to promote erosion control on cliff face 	 Elevate the consolidated parking lot & picnic area, include concrete retaining wall Consolidate restrooms and rebuild one elevated facility at western-most location Replenish dunes 	 Install seatwall to raise edge of facilities Replenish dunes 	

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Adaptation Alternative: Fortify & Protect

Near-Term Adaptations for Seacliff State Beach Day-Use Area

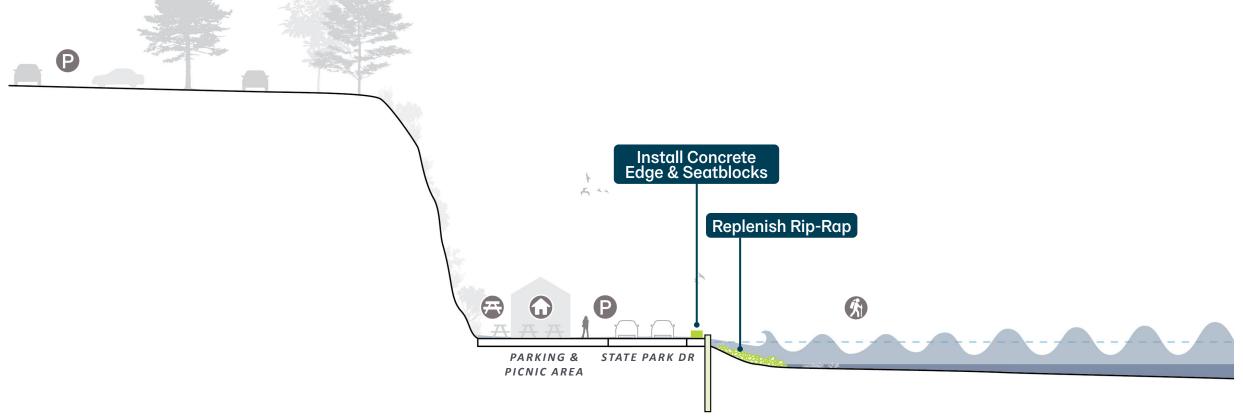




The Fortify & Protect alternative utilizes grey infrastructure to secure existing assets, such as the parking area and restroom facilities. Presently, proactive planning can continue to help to build maintenance capacity and prioritize funding for adaptation to coastal hazards projected to occur in the near-term (by 2050).

In the near-term, restack and supplement riprap after storms to protect assets from wave action. Remove the timber seawall and install a concrete toe wall and seatblocks around the edge of the paved area.

Future Action: Elevate the parking and picnic area and replace with restroom buildings with new, elevated facilities.





Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA

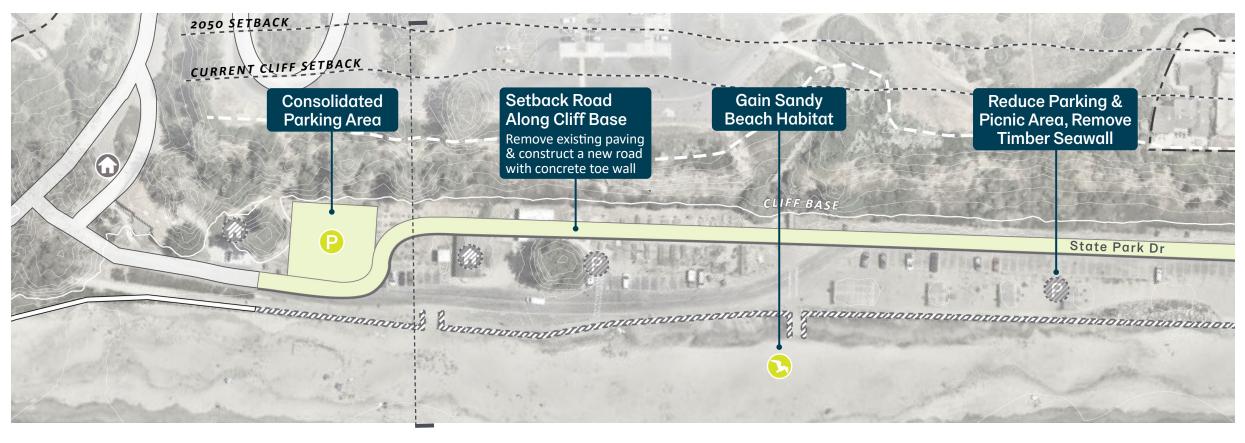


Seatwall & Rock Revetment; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Adaptation Alternative: Restore & Relocate

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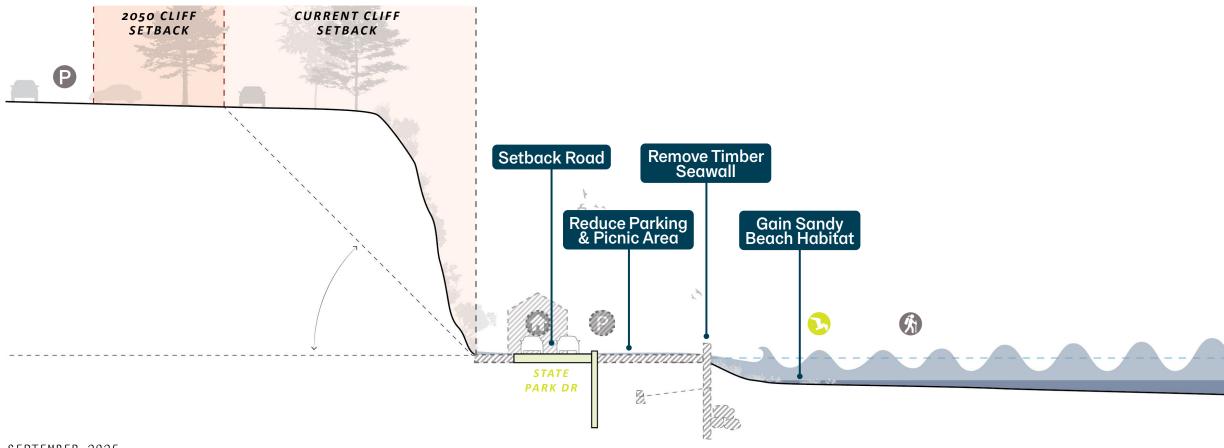




The Restore & Relocate alternative prioritizes natural resource restoration. Assets and infrastructure are relocated to make room for coastal processes. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and advance funding and design of new facilities.

In the near-term, setback the road against the cliff base and reduce the parking and picnic area. Remove the timber seawall and construct a concrete toe wall along the new edge of pavement.

Future Action: Relocate restrooms and picnic spaces to the upper parking lot and remove all assets.

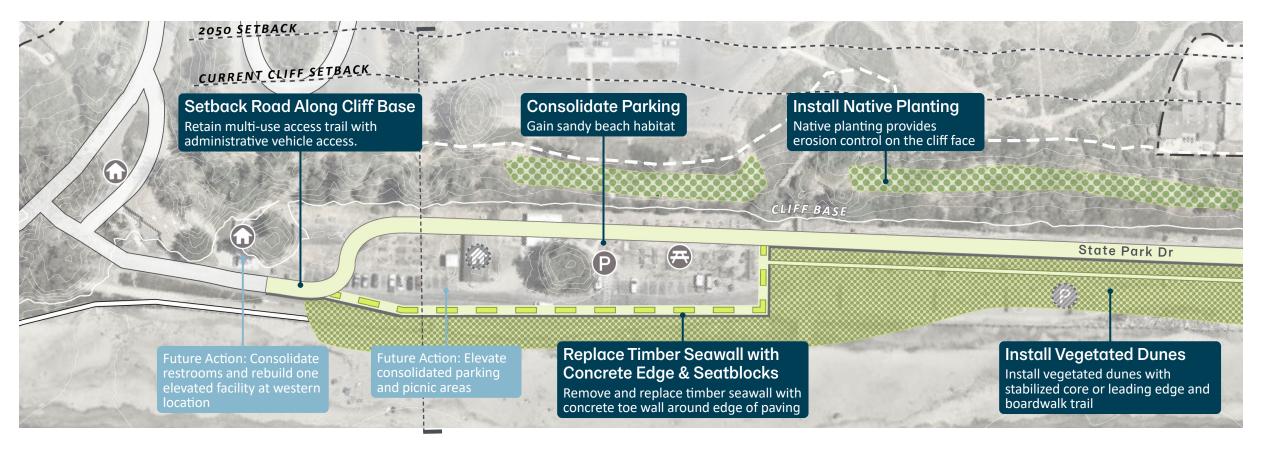


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Adaptation Alternative: Hybrid

Seacliff State Beach Day-Use Area

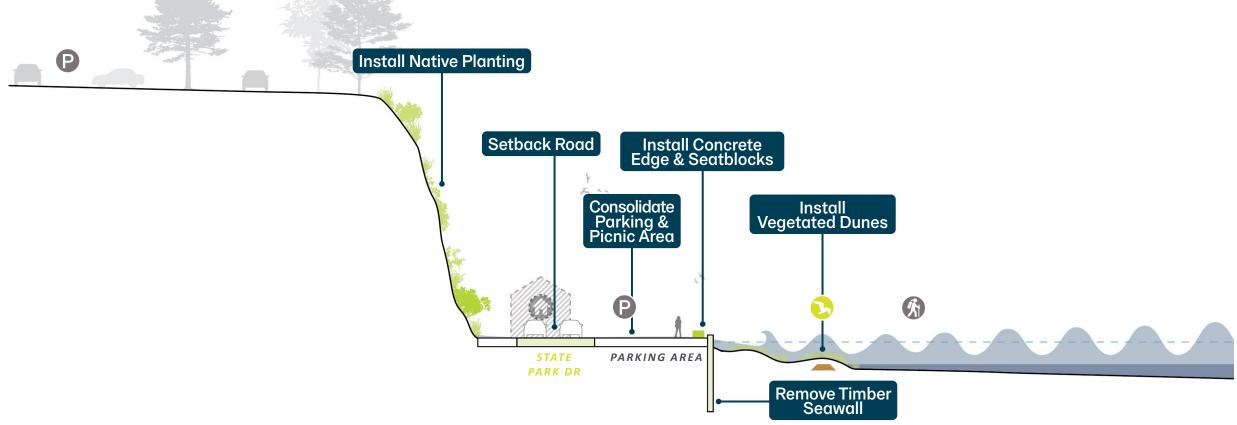




The Hybrid alternative combines strategies to maintain consolidated infrastructure while making room for coastal processes. They utilize both green and grey infrastructure. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and advance funding and design of facilities being relocated or fortified in place.

In the near-term, set back State Park Drive against the cliff base and reduce parking and picnic area. Construct a concrete toe wall and seatblocks can be constructed to replace the timber seawall along the beach front edge of the consolidated parking area. Restack and replenish rip-rap as needed. Install vegetated dunes and a boardwalk trail, and native planting on the cliff face to provide erosion protection.

Future Action: Elevate the consolidated parking and picnic area. Consolidate restrooms into one elevated facility at the western-most location. Replenish dune planting as needed.





Vegetated Dunes



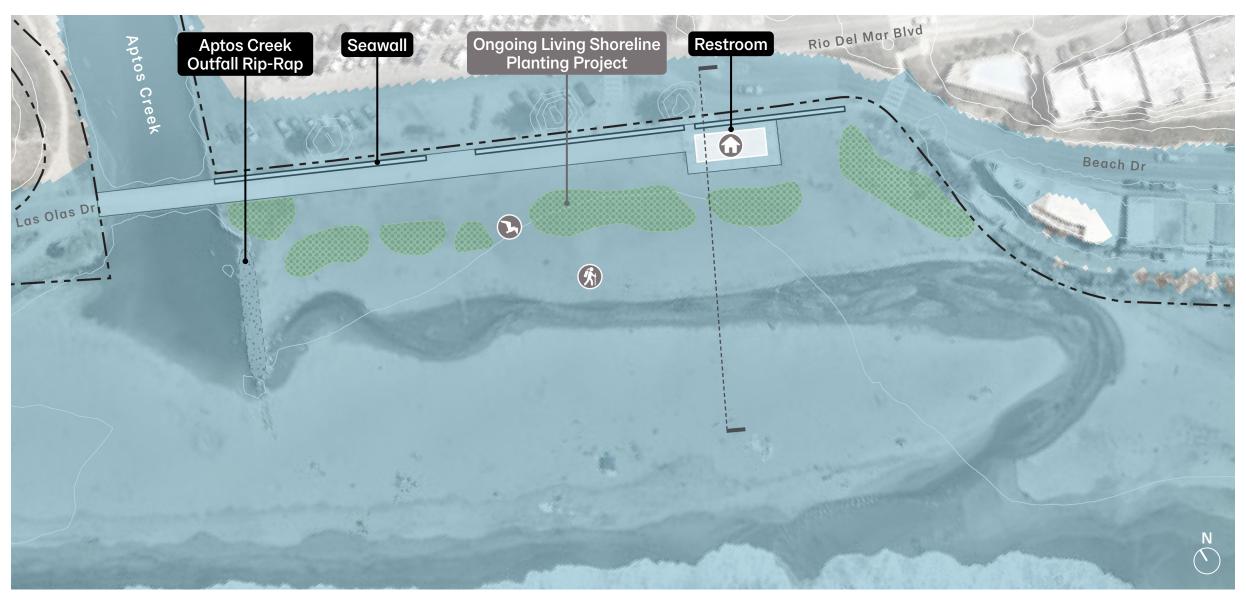
Dune & Boardwalk Trail



Existing Conditions

Rio Del Mar State Beach





Legend

Park Boundary

Current 10-Year Storm Water Level

Park Assets

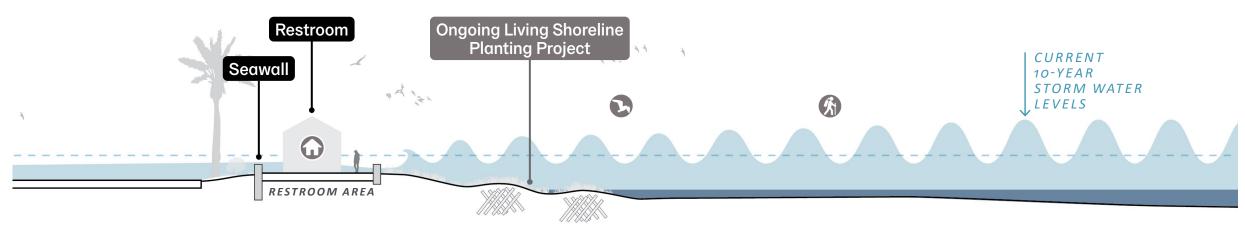
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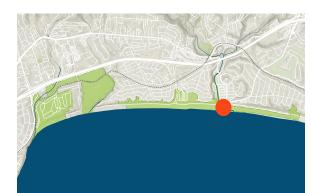


Public Access



Natural Resource Area

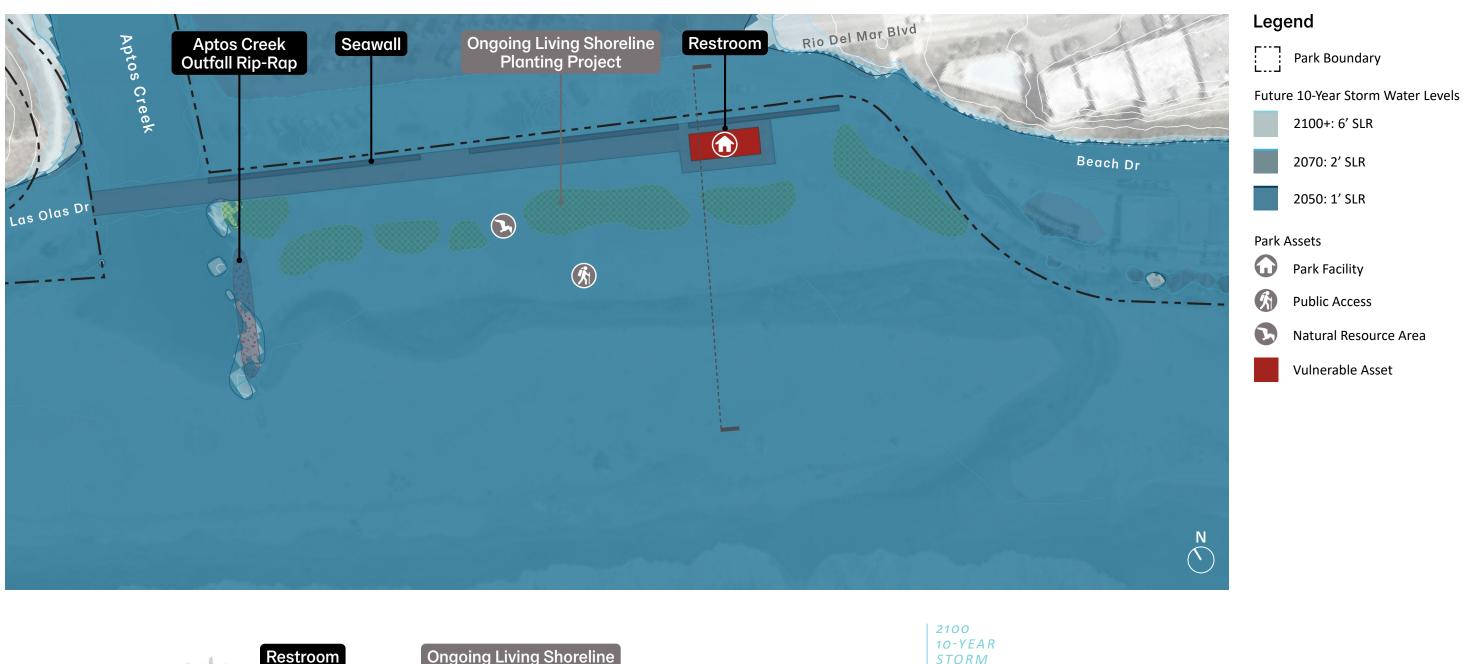


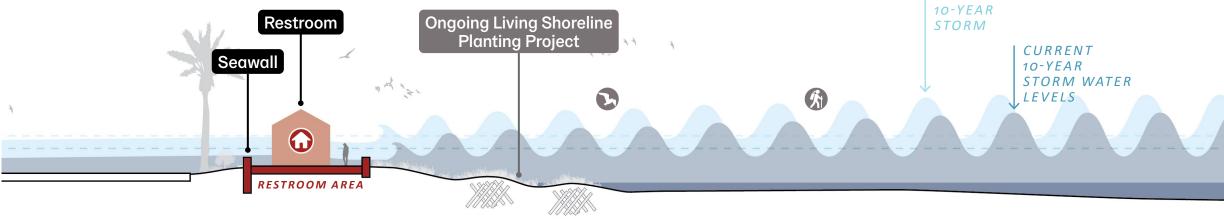


Projected Sea Level Rise Vulnerability with No Action

Rio Del Mar State Beach









Adaptation Alternatives & Timeline





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Time Frame		Now	by 2050	~2070	2100+
Coastal Hazar	·d		Vulnerabilitie	s without Action	
Sea Level Ri	se (ft)	0'	1'	2'	4-6'
10-yr Storm	Annual Chance	10%	12%	16%	25-50%
Probability	Return Interval (yr)	10	8	6	2-4
Waves	1	Beach, rip-rap, and restroom need cleanup and repairs	Rip-rap and restroom require significant repair	Restroom and utilities require reconstruction	
Beach Erosi	on				Aptos Creek bridge requires cleanup

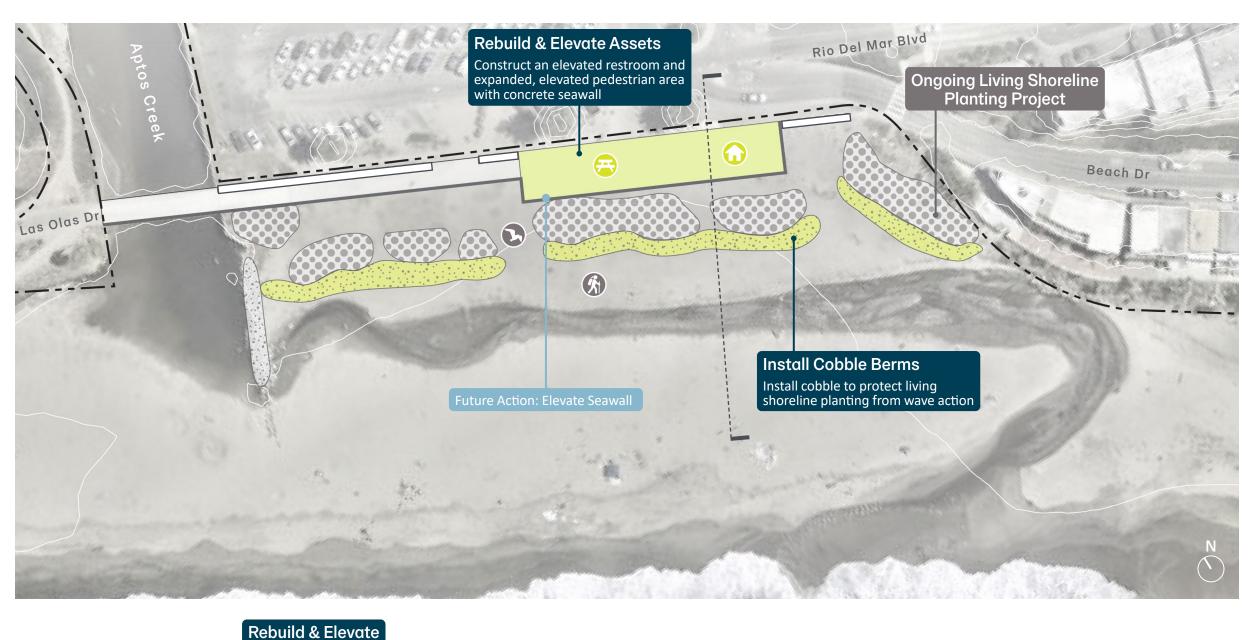
Adaptation Strategies	Adaptation Actions			
Fortify & Protect	 Plan for maintenance capacity Advance funding & design of adaptations 	Rebuild & elevate restroom and pedestrian area	Install seatblocks along edge of raised pedestrian area	Install seatwall along pedestrian area/ parking lot
Restore & Relocate	 Plan for change in use and access patterns Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	Remove restroom		
Hybrid	 Plan for maintenance capacity and reduced access Identify asset consolidation opportunities and relocation areas Advance funding and design of adaptations 	 Rebuild & elevate restroom facility Install cobble berms to protect living shoreline planting; infill vegetated dunes behind cobble 	Replenish cobble and dunes	Replenish cobble and dunes

Adaptation Alternative: Fortify & Protect

Assets

Rio Del Mar State Beach





Install Cobble Berms

Ongoing Living Shoreline

Planting Project

The Fortify & Protect alternative uses grey infrastructure to secure existing infrastructure and assets, such as the parking and road. Presently, proactive planning can continue to help to build maintenance capacity and prioritize funding for adaptation to coastal hazards projected to occur in the near-term (by 2050).

In the near-term, construct an elevated visitor platform with concrete seawalls and new elevated restroom facility. Add cobble in front of the living shoreline planting project to protect the planting from wave action.

Future Action: Raise concrete seawall to protect from higher water levels.



Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA



10-YEAR

STORM WATER LEVELS IN 2050

Seatwall & Rock Revetment; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Adaptation Alternative: Restore & Relocate

Remove Restroom & Seawall

RESTROOM AREA

Rio Del Mar State Beach





Ongoing Living Shoreline

Planting Project

The Restore & Relocate alternative prioritizes natural resource restoration. Assets and infrastructure are relocated to make room for coastal processes. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and change in use and access patterns.

In the near-term, remove the restroom and seawall.



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STORM WATER LEVELS IN 2050

Vegetated Dune with Cobble; Cardiff State Beach, Encinitas, CA



Cobble Berm

Adaptation Alternative: Hybrid

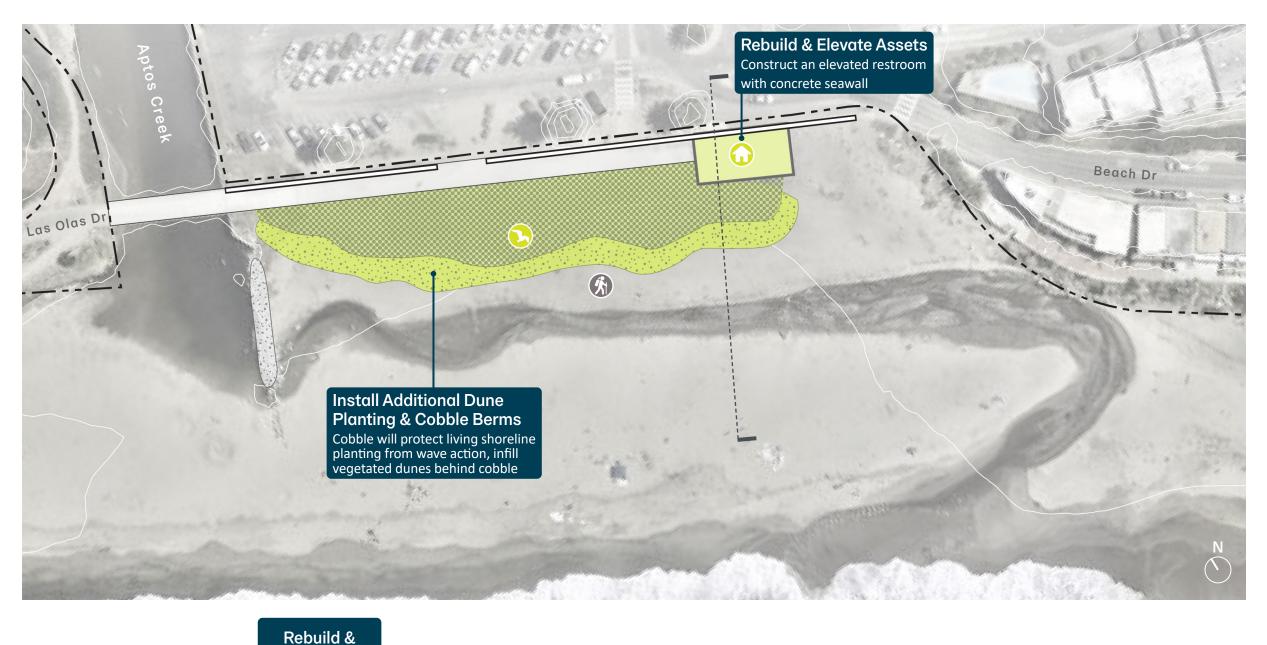
Elevate Assets

Install Additional

Dune Planting

Rio Del Mar State Beach





Install Cobble Berms The Hybrid alternative combine strategies to maintain assets while making room for coastal processes. It utilizes both green and grey infrastructure. Presently, proactive planning can continue to help to build maintenance capacity and prioritize funding for adaptation to coastal hazards projected to occur in the near-term (by 2050). Asset consolidation opportunities and relocation areas can be identified.

In the near-term, rebuild and elevate the restroom with concrete seawalls. Install cobble berms in front of the ongoing living shoreline project area and infill additional dune planting.

Future Action: Replenish cobble berms and dunes planting as needed.



Vegetated Dune with Cobble; Cardiff State Beach, Encinitas, CA



10-YEAR

STORM WATER LEVELS IN 2050

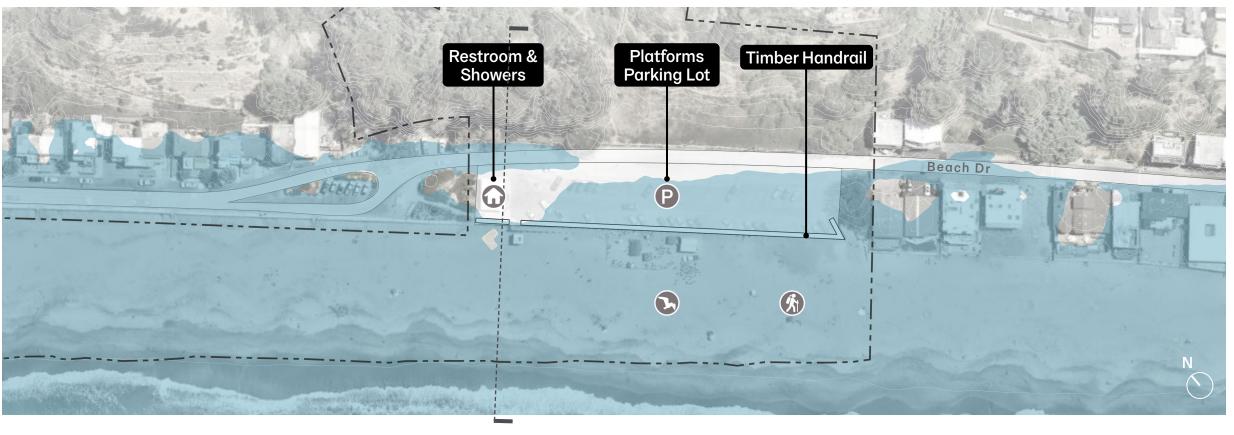
ble Berm



Existing Conditions

Platforms at Rio Del Mar State Beach





Legend

Park Boundary



Current 10-Year Storm Water Level

Park Assets

Park Facility



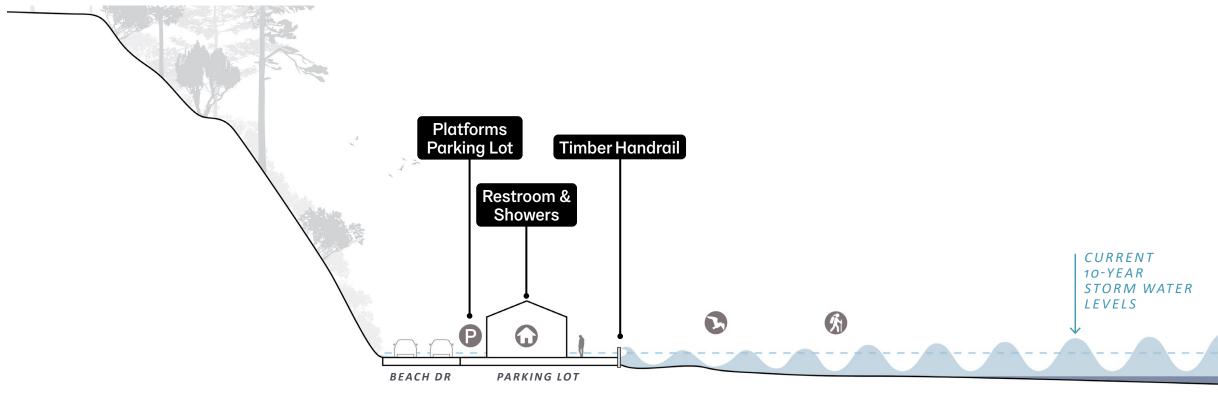
Public Access



Natural Resource Area



Parking

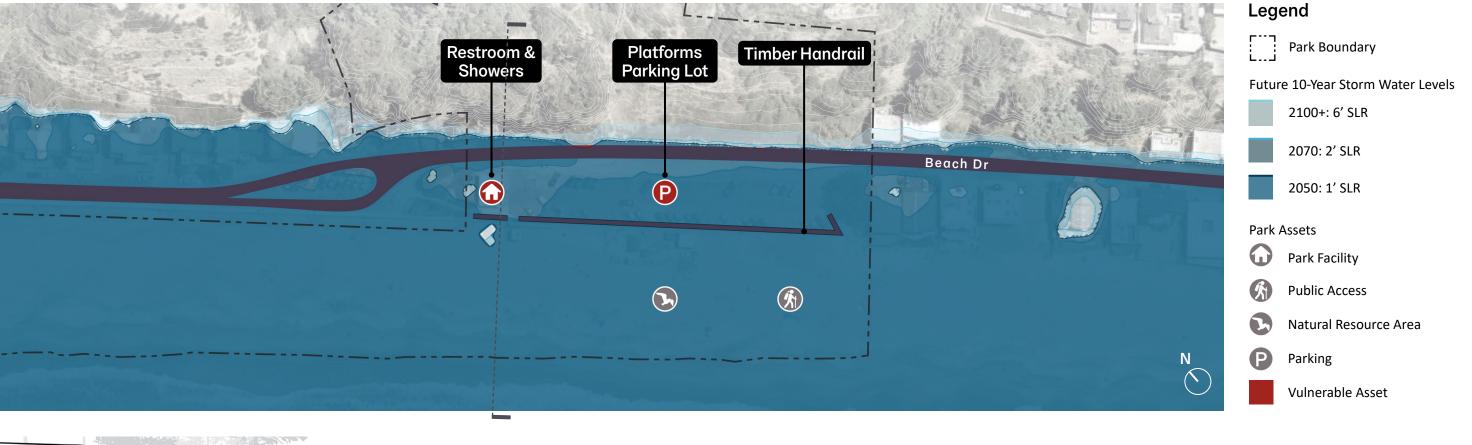


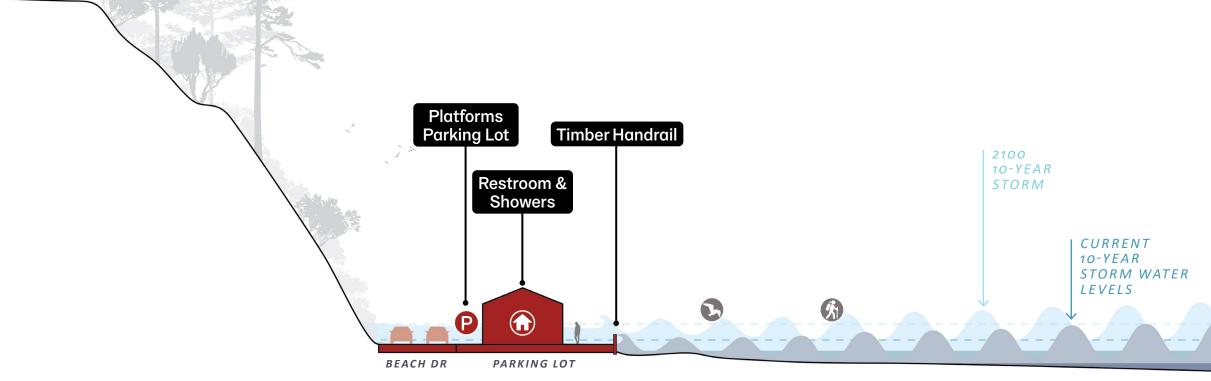


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Platforms at Rio Del Mar State Beach









Adaptation Alternatives & Timeline



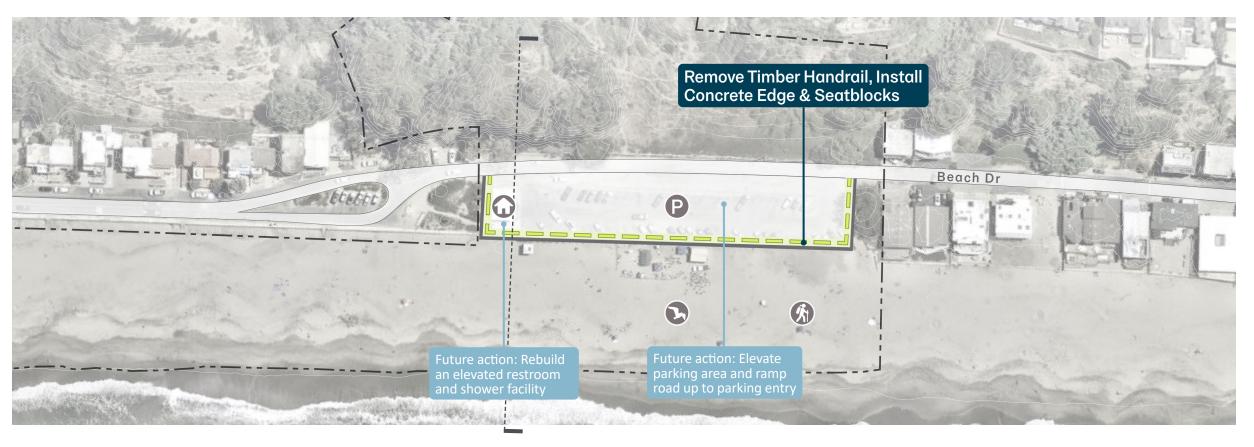


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Probability Return Interval (yr)	10	8	6	2-4	
Waves	Facilities and Beach Drive inaccessible in storms, cleanup required; beach access stairs need repairs	Beach Drive, beach access stairs and ADA ramp require significant repairs; restroom and parking require cleanup and repair	Beach Drive, utilities, beach access stairs and ADA ramp, and parking lot require reconstruction; restroom requires significant repair		
Beach Erosion			Beach erosion compounds wave damage to assets listed above	Stormwater outlets need reconstruction	
Cliff Retreat		Stormwater outlet needs significant repair	Stormwater outlet needs reconstruction		
Adaptation Strategies		Adaptatio	on Actions		
Fortify & Protect	 Plan for maintenance capacity Advance funding and design of repairs and adaptations 	Replace timber handrail with concrete toe wall around edge of parking area, install seatblocks	 Elevate parking area, ramp road up to parking entry Rebuild elevated restroom and shower facility 	Install concrete seatwall around parking lot	
Restore & Relocate	 Plan for change in use and access patterns Identify asset relocation area(s); advance funding and design of new facilities 	Reduce parking and construct concrete toe wall around new consolidated parking area, gain sandy beach habitat	Remove all parking, restroom; gain beach habitat		
Hybrid	 Plan for maintenance capacity and reduced parking opportunity Identify asset consolidation opportunities and relocation areas Advance funding and design of repairs and adaptations 	 Reduce parking and construct concrete toe wall around new consolidated parking area, install seatblocks Install vegetated dune field and boardwalk trail 	 Elevate consolidated parking area, ramp road up to parking entry Rebuild an elevated restroom and shower facility Replenish dune field 	 Install concrete seatwall around parking lot Replenish dune field 	

Adaptation Alternative: Fortify & Protect

Platforms at Rio Del Mar State Beach

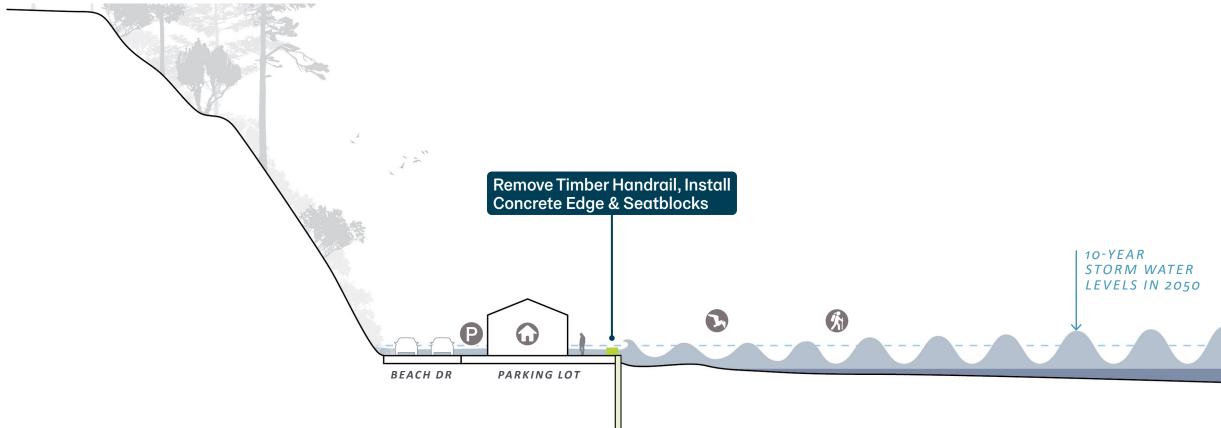




The Fortify & Protect alternative uses grey infrastructure to secure existing infrastructure and assets, such as parking. Presently, proactive planning can continue to help to build maintenance capacity and prioritize funding for adaptation to coastal hazards projected to occur in the near-term (by 2050).

In the near-term, remove the timber handrail and replace with a concrete toe wall and seatblocks along the edge of Platforms parking lot

Future Action: Elevate the parking area can and ramp the road up to the parking lot entry point. Reconstruct an elevated restroom and shower facility. Replace seatblocks with a contiguous seatwall around the parking lot to protect from higher water levels.





Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA

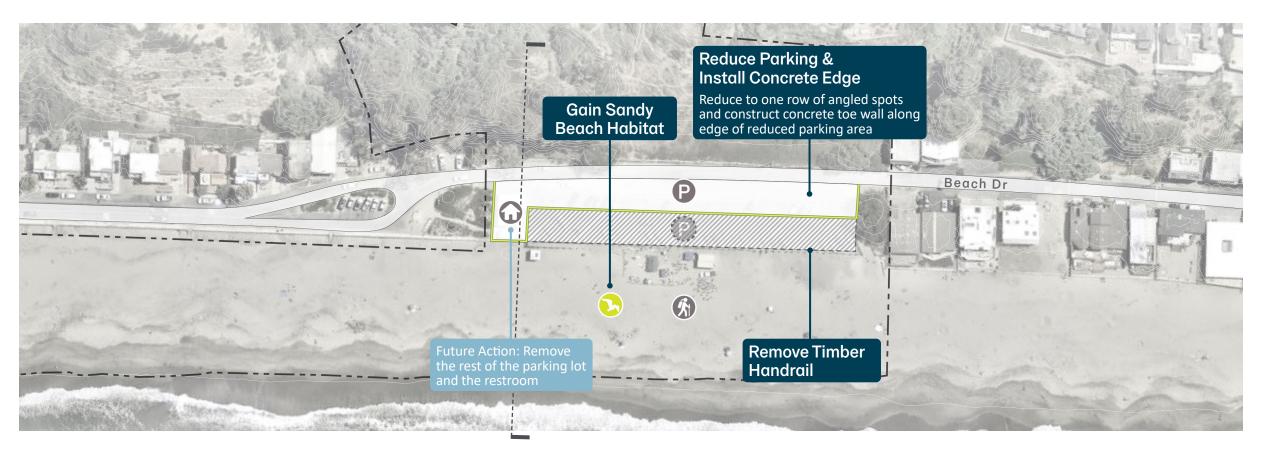


Seatwall & Rock Revetment; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Adaptation Alternative: Restore & Relocate

Platforms at Rio Del Mar State Beach

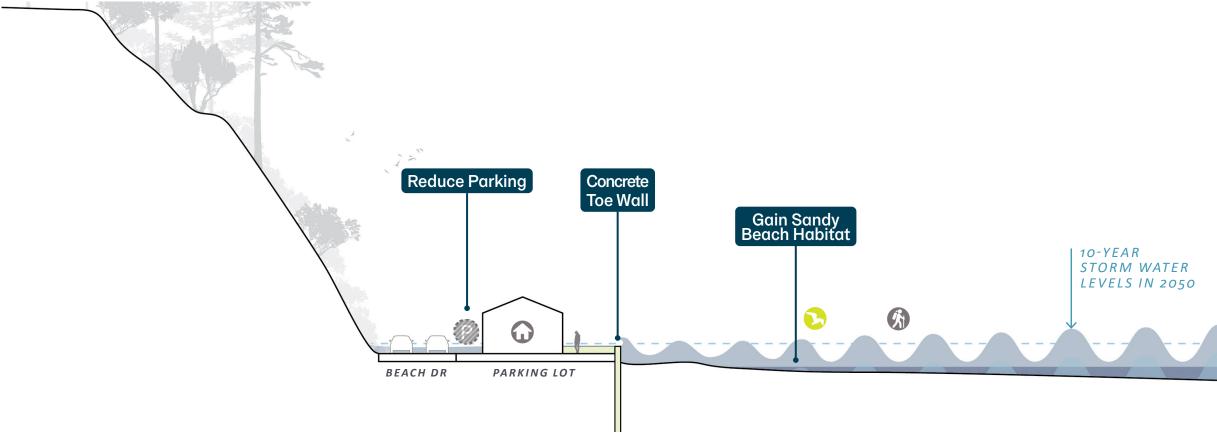




The Restore & Relocate alternative prioritizes natural resource restoration. Assets and infrastructure are relocated to make room for coastal processes. Presently, proactive adaptation planning can identify asset relocation areas and change in use and access patterns.

In the near-term, reduce parking and gain sandy beach habitat. Install a concrete toe wall around the edge of the consolidated parking area.

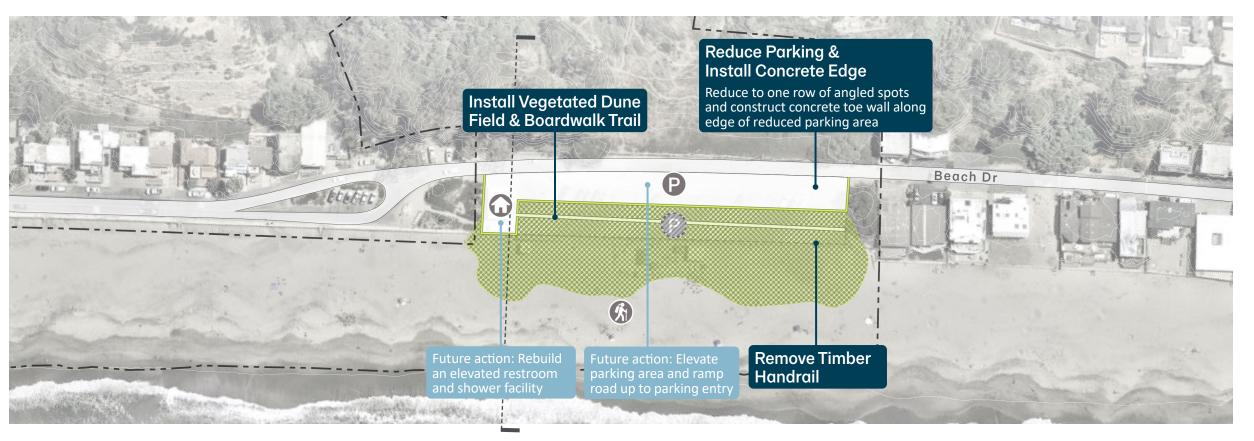
Future Action: Remove remaining parking and restroom, gaining more sandy beach habitat.



Adaptation Alternative: Hybrid

Platforms at Rio Del Mar State Beach

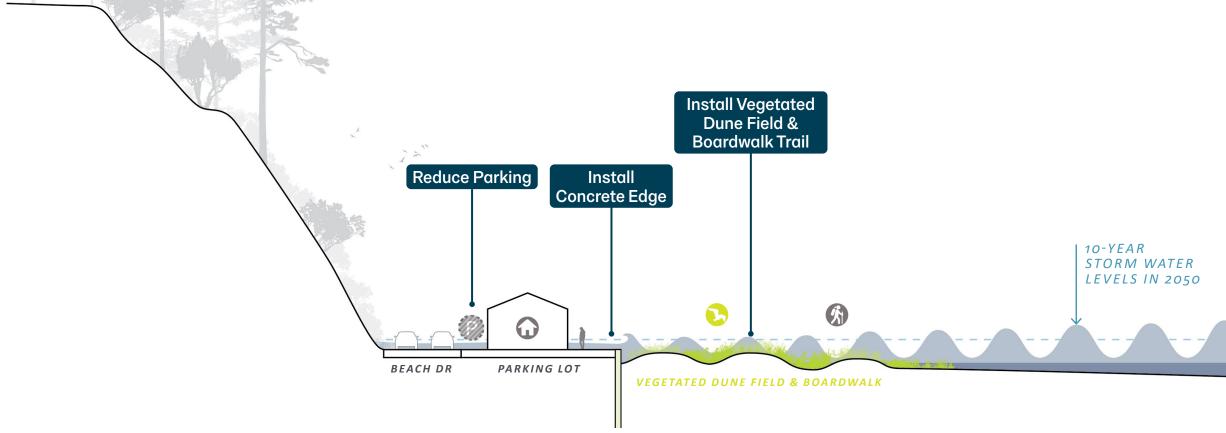




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In this alternative, parking can be reduced, and a vegetated dune field installed. A concrete toe wall and seatblocks can be installed along the beachfront edge of the parking lot.

Future Action: Elevate parking area and ramp road up to parking entry. Construct a new elevated restroom and shower facility. Replenish dune field as needed.





Dune & Boardwalk Trail



Seat blocks; Coyote Point, San Mateo, CA



