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City of Pacifica Announces Advancement of State and Federal Assistance for 2016 Storm Damage

Three Projects Approved for Study by Army Corps of Engineers; Additional Projects Strongly Considered for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and California Disaster Assistance Program

Pacifica, Calif. (25 January 2017) — The City of Pacifica today announced the advancement of several state and federal assistance programs for sites damaged in the 2016 winter storms. The City of Pacifica was joined by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and state legislative offices to provide an update on ongoing progress in funding requests for fixing and mitigating damage from last winter's storms.

The City was notified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) that three projects submitted for its consideration have been approved for the first phase of the process as part of its CAP Section 103 program. In addition, two of the City's projects are being considered for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and several for funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act. The funding would help the City pay for needed repairs caused by storm damage.

"To pay for the much needed repairs, the City aggressively pursued every opportunity for funding assistance including insurance coverage, and State and Federal grants, and Federal assistance through the Army Corps of Engineers' programs," said Lorie Tinfow, Pacifica City Manager and Director of Emergency Management. "The financial assistance will greatly offset the costs that fall on the City during major storms, and we are thankful for the unwavering support from our local elected leaders in helping us identify and pursue these opportunities."

Last January, the City of Pacifica declared a State of Local Emergency in response to storm damage to several City sites. By the end of winter, City infrastructure had been damaged in 12 separate locations. The City estimates the total cost of repairs is approximately \$3.65 million. After months of exploring assistance programs, the City reported in October 2016 that insurance and grant funds would cover the majority of the repair costs, and repairs are currently underway.

Last February, the City submitted three projects for consideration by the Army Corps of Engineers' CAP Section 103 authority. This month, the City was notified that these three projects have been approved for study as the first step in a multi-phase process:

- 310-330 Esplanade Infrastructure Preservation. Bluff face reinforcement/revetment of 300 block of Esplanade Ave. between the Oceanaire Apartment Homes (formerly Lands' End Apartments) and the Bluffs at Pacifica Apartments. The goal of this project is to protect the adjacent street and utilities. Estimated cost \$5 million.
- Milagra Creek Outfall Retrofit. Repair and relocation of the Milagra Creek Outfall pipe located just south of the San Francisco RV Park on Palmetto Ave. The outfall is part of the watershed drainage system for Milagra Creek. Estimated cost \$1.2 million.
- Beach Boulevard Seawall Repair. Permanent repair or replacement of the northern section of the Beach Blvd. sea wall and promenade. The portion of the sea wall and promenade that is north of the Pacifica Pier was constructed using a retaining wall configuration that has been undermined by wave and storm action periodically over the years. Estimated cost is not determined at this time.

"I am pleased that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will study three storm damaged sites in Pacifica," said Congresswoman Jackie Speier. "The progress the city has been making to fix and mitigate damage from last year's storms is a testament to the resourcefulness and perseverance of a coalition of leaders in local, state and federal agencies. Rather than saying it can't be done, they looked for ways it can be done."

In addition to the ACE program, two projects are being favorably considered for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, a "pass through" State grant program funded with Federal dollars. Successful projects are eligible to receive a 75 percent reimbursement of the project costs. The two projects being considered include:

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- 532 Esplanade Acquisition and Demolition. Removal of private residence at 532 Esplanade Ave. The grant is between the State of California and the private residence owner, and no City funds are required. Since the time that the first project was submitted, a second private residence located at 528 Esplanade Ave. has also been deemed uninhabitable. Staff has requested this site be added to the grant program.

Lastly, the City submitted 12 damaged sites for grant funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), the State funds designated for assisting with disaster response and damage repair, as well as to the City's insurance carrier for coverage determination. Successful CDAA projects receive 75 percent cost reimbursement along with funding for administration. The City expects to receive approximately \$2 million from insurance coverage and \$1 million from the CDAA grant program.

Storms with heavy rains and king tides this year continue to erode cliffs and cause sink holes. The City of Pacifica is monitoring conditions closely as storms continue to batter the California coast and accelerate coastal erosion along the Pacifica bluffs.