

# CITY OF OCEANSIDE

## PUBLIC WORKS

### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAN LUIS REY RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be removing sediment from the San Luis Rey Riverbed this Fall. The project is needed to increase flow capacity in the river, and is the next step following vegetation mowing, to move the river closer to a 100-year flood level capacity. The USACE anticipates beginning construction towards the end of October.

The project will be split into two phases. Phase I will include removing the sediment from the river and transporting it to El Corazon Park for testing and processing. This phase will be complete by March, as work cannot transpire during the endangered birds' nesting period.

The second phase will include transporting material from El Corazon to City beaches. This will depend on whether the sediment removed is classified as "beach quality" after processing and testing occurs. Phase II of the project is scheduled to start around mid-March and be complete by May 29, 2017. The USACE is permitted to deposit sand from Oceanside Blvd. to Buccaneer Beach and/or from Seagaze Drive to Tyson Street. USACE has another permit which will allow sand to be deposited between Tyson Street and Wisconsin Street, which is a priority location. However, neither the USACE nor City staff know how much sand will be "beach compatible" at this time.

Due to the large amount of material to be removed, there will be heavy construction equipment and dump trucks working between Fousat Road and Douglass Drive along the river. **USACE requires the San Luis Rey River Bicycle Trail to be closed from October 20-March 15 between Fousat Road and Douglas Drive for safety issues**, due to truck and construction traffic on the trail. A detour around the construction will be set up during the closure period, and will rejoin the bike trail at another access point.

City staff and the USACE will be providing notifications to the community once the start date approaches. Information will be provided on the City's website News section, City social media sites, and will be provided to news outlets. Informational signs will be posted on the bike trail prior to and during construction.