

***STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS***

***START INNOVATIVE COASTAL MANAGEMENT EFFORT***

***WITH VENTURA AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WORKSHOPS ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AND 9<sup>TH</sup>***

Beach and sea cliff erosion are big issues along California's central coast; so is too much sediment in coastal wetland, lagoons and harbors. The State and Federal governments are recognizing that these problems are closely connected, and that solutions ought to be integrated.

An innovative new planning effort called the CALIFORNIA COASTAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN is being initiated by the State of California Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Sediment Master Plan will develop an implementation strategy for regional approaches to managing sediment up and down the state's 1000 mile coastline. The goal will be to integrate management actions for problems related to lack of sediment (e.g. beach erosion) and problems related to excess sedimentation (e.g. deterioration of habitat quality in wetlands and restrictions on shipping in harbors).

**Two of a series of statewide workshops to solicit public input on the Master Plan are being hosted by BEACON. BEACON is a group of local governments in the Santa Barbara / Ventura Counties area working on coastal erosion problems**  
**Two meetings are scheduled to give area residents and coastal interests time and location options:**

**The first will occur on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Santa Cruz room of Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001.**

**The Second meeting will occur on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at 11 am at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.**

The Workshops will be an opportunity for organizations and people involved and interested in the California's central coast to learn about the Sediment Master Plan and provide comments and local insights to the state and federal governments. Since work on the Sediment Master Plan is in process, input provided now can help make the Master Plan responsive to local issues and needs.

The Sediment Master Plan is a great opportunity to build on previous cooperative coastal efforts with the state and federal governments. We need to do much more to address serious beach erosion problems, as well as continue our efforts to preserve and enhance

our priceless wetlands and retain the efficiency of our ports and harbors. The Sediment Master Plan process will allow local and regional entities to develop efficient, effective solutions in partnership with state and federal agencies.

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