



Resource Management Element Update

Community Workshop #1

Wednesday, April 30th

Welcome

Community Workshop Resource Management Element Update

WELCOME!

Your input is needed and thank you for being here.

Introductions

City of Encinitas

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Ascent

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Purpose of Today's Workshop

- Share information about the project
- Provide answers to questions
- Collect input on the project's four components:
 - Equitable access to open space
 - Climate resiliency
 - Rewilding
 - Habitat connectivity

Agenda

1. Agenda and Project Team Introductions
2. Presentation: Overview of the Focused Resource Management Element Update
3. Q&A
4. Discussion Stations
5. Wrap Up

Guide For A Productive Discussion

- Share your perspectives, ideas, and questions on the topics
- Please be mutually respectful
- Actively listen
- Enjoy this as a learning opportunity
- Commit to everyone having time to contribute

Participant Check In

- What is a topic or question that you hope is explored in today's meeting?

Resource Management Element Update

OVERVIEW

Resource Management Element Update

What is the Resource Management Element?

- Part of the City's General Plan. It guides how Encinitas manages and protects its natural resources, and it serves as the City's open space and conservation elements as required by State law.
- Helps to shape the City's policies, programs, and projects for the conservation and sustainable use of open spaces and natural habitats throughout the City.
- Focuses on conserved lands and areas valued for their ecological, cultural, and passive recreation uses, such as hiking or wildlife viewing.

What is it not?

- Does **not** address developed parks or recreational facilities like playgrounds, sports fields, or dog parks. Those types of places are covered under the Recreation Element.

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Why is the City updating the Resource Management Element?

- To address four topics required by new state laws (Senate Bill 1425 and Assembly Bill 1889): equitable access to open space, climate resilience, rewilding, and habitat connectivity.
- Review and update current conditions, identify key issues and opportunities, and refresh its policies to better protect and manage natural resources, now and into the future.

What does the Resource Management Element update have to do with me and how can my input help inform the update?

- The RME update may affect how natural resources and open spaces in Encinitas are managed and made accessible to everyone.
- Your input can shape the priorities and policies in the updated element.

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PROJECT PHASES



Existing Conditions, Issues, and Opportunities Report

- Under research and preparation now.
- Will provide an overview of existing policies, programs, and ongoing projects that support equitable access, climate resilience, rewilding, and habitat connectivity.
- Will identify opportunities to improve access to open space for everyone, climate resilience, rewilding, habitat connectivity.

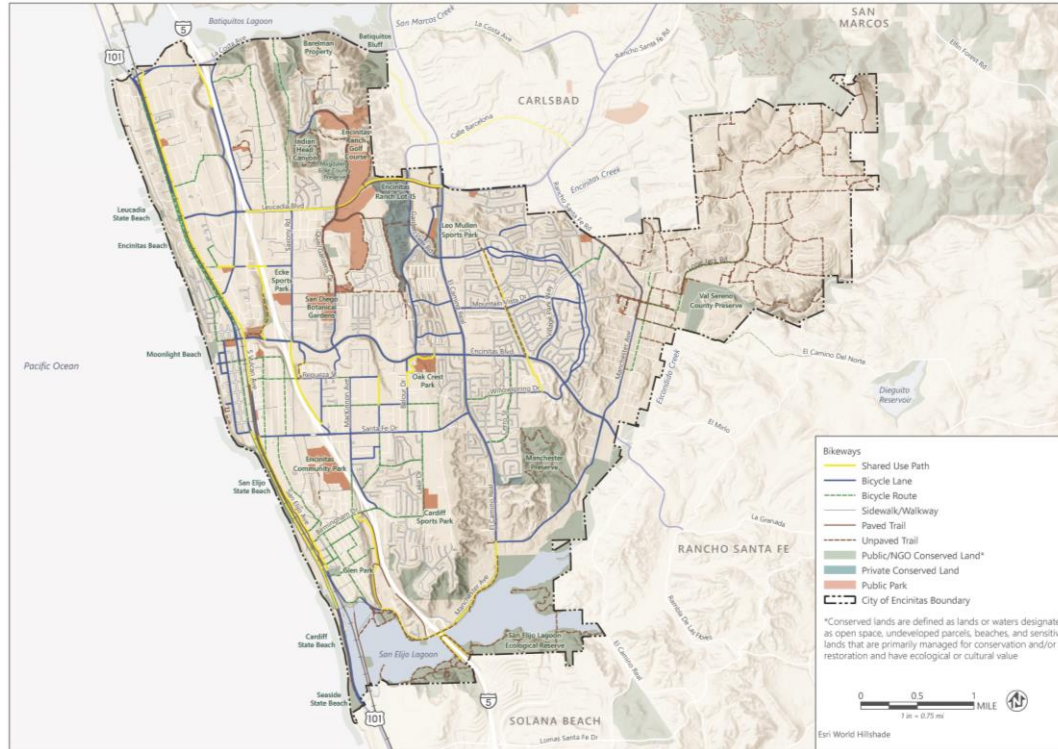
Existing Related Programs and Projects

- Encinitas General Plan
- Encinitas Climate Action Plan Update
- Encinitas Local Coastal Program
- San Diego Multiple Habitat Conservation Program
- State Wildlife Action Plan
- Restoring CA's Wildlife Connectivity
- South Coast Missing Linkages
- CA Essential Habitat Connectivity
- SANDAG Regional Open Space Plan
- Nearshore Coastal Biological Monitoring
- Draft Multiple Species Conservation Plan
- Draft Encinitas Subarea Plan
- Draft Open Space Management Plan
- Draft Native Plan Ordinance
- Draft Mature Tree Ordinance
- Encinitas Habitat Stewardship Program
- USACE Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project
- SANDAG Regional Beach Sand Project
- Opportunistic Beach Infill Program/Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program
- Manchester Avenue Conservation Bank
- Beacon's Beach Coastal Bluff Landscape Restoration Project
- Manchester Outfall Project
- La Costa Basin Project
- Encinitas Creek Channel Project
- Urban Forest management Project
- San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve

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DEFINITIONS

Equitable Access to Open Space



Ensuring fair and equitable access to open space, including improving access or removing barriers, for underserved communities.

Ex: Trails, bike paths, walking paths, including connections to these existing features, to improve physical activity.

The map indicates where shared use paths, bike lanes, sidewalks and walkways, and trails are located within the City.

Photo Source: Ascent

Climate Resilience



The ability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to climate change.

Ex: San Elijo Lagoon Dredging & Cardiff State Beach Living Shoreline Repairs Project

[Photo Source: City of Encinitas](#)

Rewilding



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Preserving, enhancing, and expanding an integrated network of open space to support beneficial uses, such as habitat, recreation, natural resources, historic and tribal resources, water management, and aesthetics (SB 1425).

***Ex: Encinitas Habitat Stewardship Project,
Cottonwood Creek Park***

Habitat Connectivity

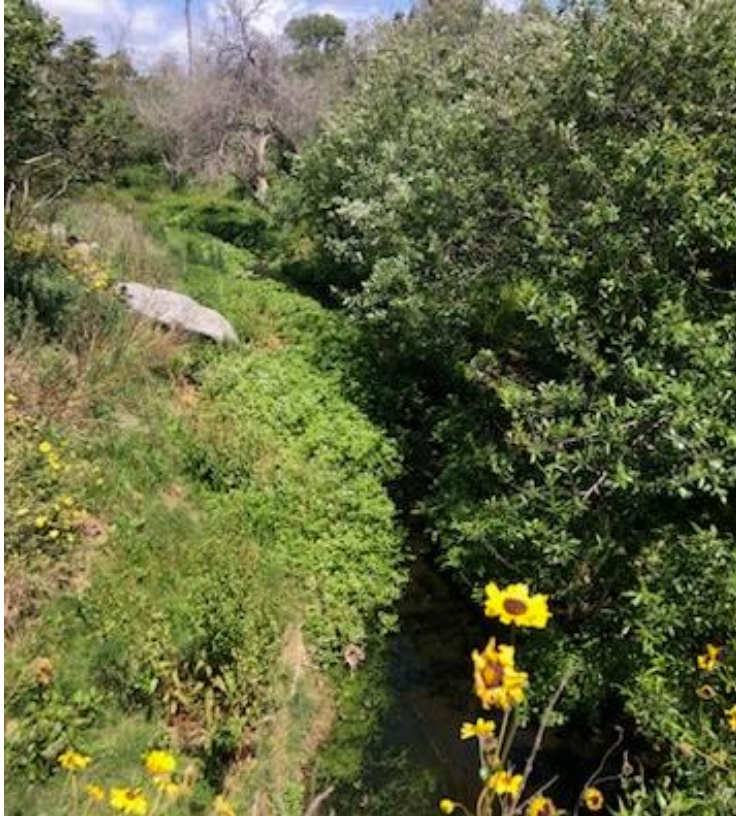


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The ability of wildlife species to move between two habitat zones through corridors or linkages.

Ex: Encinitas Habitat Stewardship Project, Cottonwood Creek Park

Community Involvement

- Efforts began in April 2025
- Project Website (sign-up for announcements)
- Booths at City Events like Arbor Day 2025
- Community Workshops including today!



Themes from Input at Arbor Day Booth

- Many community members use Encinitas open spaces weekly or more, some visiting daily!
- Popular and well-loved spaces include Manchester Preserve, San Elijo Lagoon, Cottonwood Creek Park, Encinitas Community Park, and several trails and canyons, often appreciated for biking, walking, nature, and quiet.
- Residents value biodiversity and nature, expressing interest in native plants, large trees, shade, flowers, and more “wild” or restored areas.
- Suggestions for improvements include adding bathrooms, picnic-friendly green areas shielded from roads, better trail access, and inclusive recreation opportunities.



What Questions Do You Have about the Resources Management Element Update?

Discussion Stations

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Station 1 – Equitable Access to Open Space

- *How do you get to open spaces in Encinitas?*
- *What would make it easier for you to access open spaces in Encinitas?*

Station 2 – Climate Resilience

- *What would make open spaces more resilient to climate hazards?*
- *Where have you seen climate resilience in action?*

Station 3 – Rewilding

- *What kinds of habitat and wildlife would you like to see more of in Encinitas?*
- *Where do you think we could restore or reconnect these spaces?*

Station 4 – Habitat Connectivity

- *Where do you think wildlife might have a hard time moving between natural areas in Encinitas?*
- *What could help connect natural areas in Encinitas?*

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Reporting on Discussion Stations

Station leads, please share three high-level takeaways from your station conversations.

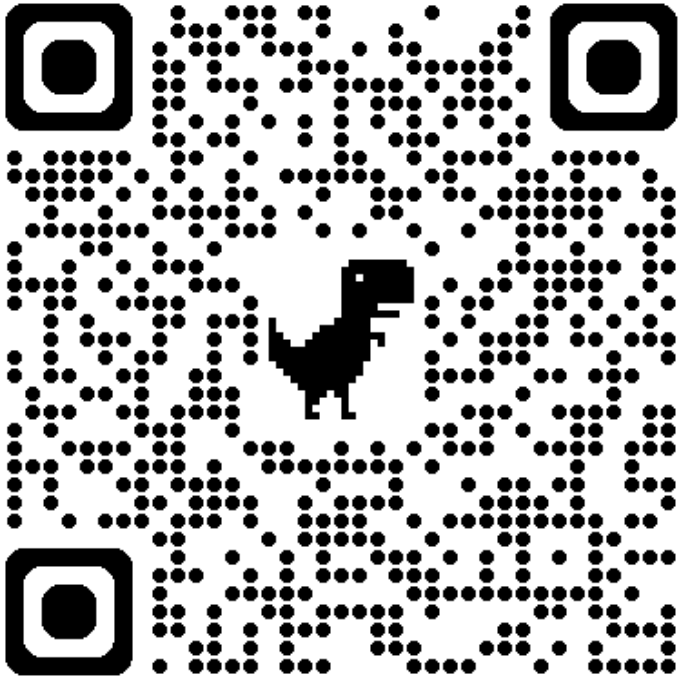
Next Steps

PROJECT PHASES



Stay Involved!

Scan for Project Website



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Visit the project website for information and sign up for announcements:

www.encinitasca.gov/resourcemanagement

See you at our pop-up events and the next workshop later this year!

A scenic view of a coastline. In the foreground, a rocky beach with light-colored stones meets the ocean. Several people are walking along the shore. A lifeguard stand is visible on the beach. The background shows a residential area with houses and palm trees on a hillside, overlooking the ocean. The sky is a soft, hazy blue.

Thank You!
Stay Involved