



## **HARBOUR COMMISSION**

**Thursday, September 22, 2022  
Room B8, Lower Level  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

MICHAEL VANVOORHIS, Chair  
CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Vice Chair  
WILLIAM LARKIN, Board Member  
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Board Member  
CHRIS NIELSEN, Board Member  
VAN VU, Board Member  
DIANE WOOD, Board Member

## **COUNCIL LIAISON**

ERIK PETERSON, Councilmember Liaison  
MIKE POSEY, Councilmember Liaison

## **STAFF**

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief  
ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Battalion Chief  
BONNIE TO, Principal Administrative Analyst  
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Administrative Analyst

## **CALLED TO ORDER**

VanVoorhis called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Larkin

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Milligan, Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

Staff Present: Eric Dieterman, Kevin Justen, Ashley Wysocki, Shawn White, Terry Tintle, Jimmy Hoang, Devin Michaelis, Chuck Johnson, Al Zelinka, Jim Merid, Michael Bartlett, Scott Haberle, Ryan Christie, Stefani Williams, Cassandra Brick

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## CONSENT ITEMS

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2022

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Milligan to approve meeting minutes dated August 25, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee

Officer Stefani Williams provided an update on crime prevention efforts in the Harbour area and incidents since the last meeting. She said there have been three burglaries and provided the locations of each. She also explained how the residences were accessed and said two of the three were done by the Transnational Organized Crime Group (formerly referred to as the *South American Theft Group*). Officer Williams also reported that the Police Department was able to apprehend four members of the group when they broke into a mobile home in the City. They are currently in custody. The Police Department continues to conduct undercover patrols in the area, along with uniform patrols, and the Department's helicopter is flying again, which can assist with surveillance. She provided additional details of how members of the group surveil a target for two to three weeks before committing the burglary. Schauppner asked where the criminals committing the crime stay when they are in the country. Investigator Rryan Christie said they stay in apartments that they pay cash for, often staying with friends or relatives, and there is a community that they work within. He gave additional details on their operations and said the Department asked that bail be increased for the four suspects due to a flight risk. Investigator Christie also reported that a task force with representatives from Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange Counties meet every two weeks to go over information related to this crime group. Vu asked if there is increased surveillance in the Harbour area to address these circumstances. Officer Williams said that there is a challenge with staffing due to vacancies in the Department at this time, which has made additional efforts difficult. She added that on-duty personnel are making an effort to do additional patrols in the area, whenever possible. Larkin asked if a police car can be parked at *choke points* in the Harbour as a deterrent. Officer Williams agreed that this is a good idea and said she would discuss it with Lieutenant White.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### 1. Harbour Report

Dieterman provided the Harbour Report, which included updates on water quality and the Marine Safety Division response statistics for September 2022. VanVoorhis asked how bridge jumping can occur with Marine Safety staff on-duty. Dieterman responded that people doing this usually wait until the Lifeguards go off-duty. Dieterman encouraged Commissioners to call

Marine Safety whenever they observe this occurring. Bartlett added that Marine Safety staff know where it occurs and often patrol those locations to discourage jumping. Hoang explained the efforts of Code Enforcement staff to prevent illegal vending at Harbour beaches. Justen provided an update on changes to the Harbour Commission website since the last meeting. These include posting the agenda, minutes and Harbour Report, featuring a public safety brochure, and an additional option for subscribers to the City newsletter, *Surf City Break*, who wish to receive Harbour Commission agendas and notices. He also reviewed website visits since the site was implemented, which number 1,174 and average 2:17 minutes each. Justen also noted that the design and navigation of the entire City website is being upgraded and this will include the Harbour Commission site. He said that the PSA on paddleboard safety will be finished and included on the site in October.

## 2. Harbour Commission Strategic Plan

Dieterman showed commissioners the draft version of the location signs proposed for Harbour beaches and encouraged Commissioners to provide input on the design. Larkin suggested that noting restroom locations on the signs would be a good idea and Dieterman agreed. Larkin asked where the signs will be mounted and Dieterman showed him a slide with the posting locations on the beaches. Larkin asked if the signs could also be mounted at key locations and intersections in the Harbour and Dieterman responded that the plan is to do this eventually, but the initial installation will be on the six Harbour beaches. Haberle said that the design will be provided to Commissioners before it is finalized.

Haberle highlighted other strategic plan objectives and the status of each. Hoang provided a presentation on the process for updating the portions of the Municipal Code related to the Harbour. He showed the four sections of the Code that will be evaluated and noted the City Departments which will be involved with each area of update. Hoang stated that this approach is comprehensive and detailed in nature, but can take time to complete. Schauppner asked about the timeline and Hoang responded that although he does not have a definitive timeline he gave the example of the sign ordinance, which took two years to complete. Haberle noted that there is a city-wide effort to evaluate existing codes, ordinances and procedures to determine if they are current. Larkin said that it would be good to also look at the permitting process while evaluating the municipal code. Schauppner suggested that the Commission do this separate from the Code evaluation. Haberle said that staff will be preparing information about the permit process for the website and will provide it to Commissioners for review beforehand. Haberle said that the update on projects recommended in the Harbour Jurisdiction Study will be provided at the October meeting. Schauppner asked if it is possible to determine how much funding the State Lands Commission collects and Haberle said this is possible, but would take some time because it is a complicated financial structure.

Jim Merid did a presentation on the strategic plan goal related to working with Orange County Parks and Public Works and related agencies to develop and implement a plan to reduce upstream pollution flowing into the Huntington Beach watershed. He explained the goals and objectives of the study, including identifying sources of trash, working with partner agencies to reduce it and identifying potential locations for trash capture and retrofit projects. The pilot study will include two dry weather and two wet weather field inspections, which will identify what is coming out of the storm drain system. He noted that the watershed that comes into the Harbour is very large and consists of three main channels with 76 outfalls. The majority of the outfalls were rated as *Good* or *Very Good* in the first inspection. Schauppner asked what would constitute a poor rating and Merid said that the ratings are all based the amount of trash observed in the outfall. Larkin asked if it is done by weight or volume. Merid said by volume.

Vu asked if this is done by visual inspection, which can be subjective, and Merid confirmed that it is. Vu also asked if this is an approved method of study. Merid said it is and has been used by a Bay Area association of cities. Wood asked if water quality will also be measured. Merid said this study does not evaluate water quality, but focuses on how much trash is in the watershed. Schauppner asked how long it takes to conduct a survey and Merid responded that the initial survey took close to a month. Nielsen asked if the survey is conducted on public property and Merid confirmed that it is. Schauppner asked if the member agencies have the resources to do the cleanup required to address the problems identified in the study. Merid stated that making the funding required to do this a priority is often challenging. He added that upstream cities do not always see the impact of the trash entering the outfalls. Zelinka said that an important element that is missing in the stewardship of our waterways is reducing the trash in the channels and many cities are reaching an increased awareness of this. Schauppner referenced grant funding for this type of cleanup and Merid noted that the challenge with this type of financing is that it requires matching funding, which limits many agencies. Larkin asked if there is a lesson to be learned from what Orange County did with the Newport watershed and San Diego Creek to address pollution from upstream cities. Merid responded that their approach was similar to the framework for this effort. Nielsen said that there might be an opportunity for cities that cannot afford to address this to partner with Coast Watchers to do so. Merid agreed with this. Haberle said the pilot study is a very good start to addressing upstream pollution because it will help to identify a baseline to start working off of and determine what would be the best efforts to pursue. He also highlighted the work Tintle has done to change how Harbour cleanups are done to remove pollution from the Harbour following storms. He noted a large improvement since Tintle has implemented these changes. Merid said that the County has an *Adopt a Channel* Program, which is similar to the *Adopt a Highway* Program, which could help to augment funding challenges for problem areas.

### 3. SUP Update

Wysocki provided an update on the standup paddleboard (SUP) and kayak vendor permits. She provided an historical overview of the process, including the pilot program which was conducted in 2021. The first RFP process received four proposals and three contracts were awarded. One company did not execute the agreement, so two vendors were authorized to have rentals on the City beach at 11<sup>th</sup> Street, OEX and Sunset Rentals. With the pilot program coming to a close at the end of September, a second RFP process was conducted. It closed on September 21, 2022 and review of the proposals is pending. VanVoorhis asked how many proposals have been submitted and Wysocki said she did not know. She stated that overall it has been a successful program and working with Code Enforcement staff the number of unauthorized SUP and kayak vendors operating in the Harbour has been greatly reduced.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Justen said that the update on the Brown Act which was conducted at the September meeting was also provided to Commissioner Larkin, who could not attend the meeting. Justen also noted that all Commissioners have completed the required biannual ethics training and he thanked them for doing so. Haberle invited all Commissioners to the Fire Department Open House at the Central Net Training Center on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He highlighted some of the activities that will occur at the event and Justen noted that a free lunch will be provided and a shuttle service from City Hall will be available. Wysocki announced that the Air Show will occur next week and said the planes will begin to fly on Monday, September 26, 2022.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Wood said that a number of people have volunteered to help with the Neighborhood Watch Program in the Harbour, contributing many hours to the effort. VanVoorhis announced that there would be a candidates forum for those seeking local offices in Huntington Beach at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Sunset Beach Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Schauppner and seconded by Nielsen at 6:32 p.m. to adjourn to the October 27, 2022 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0:

AYES: Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for October 27, 2022 and will be held at a location to be announced.



# HARBOUR COMMISSION REPORT



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Harbor Report





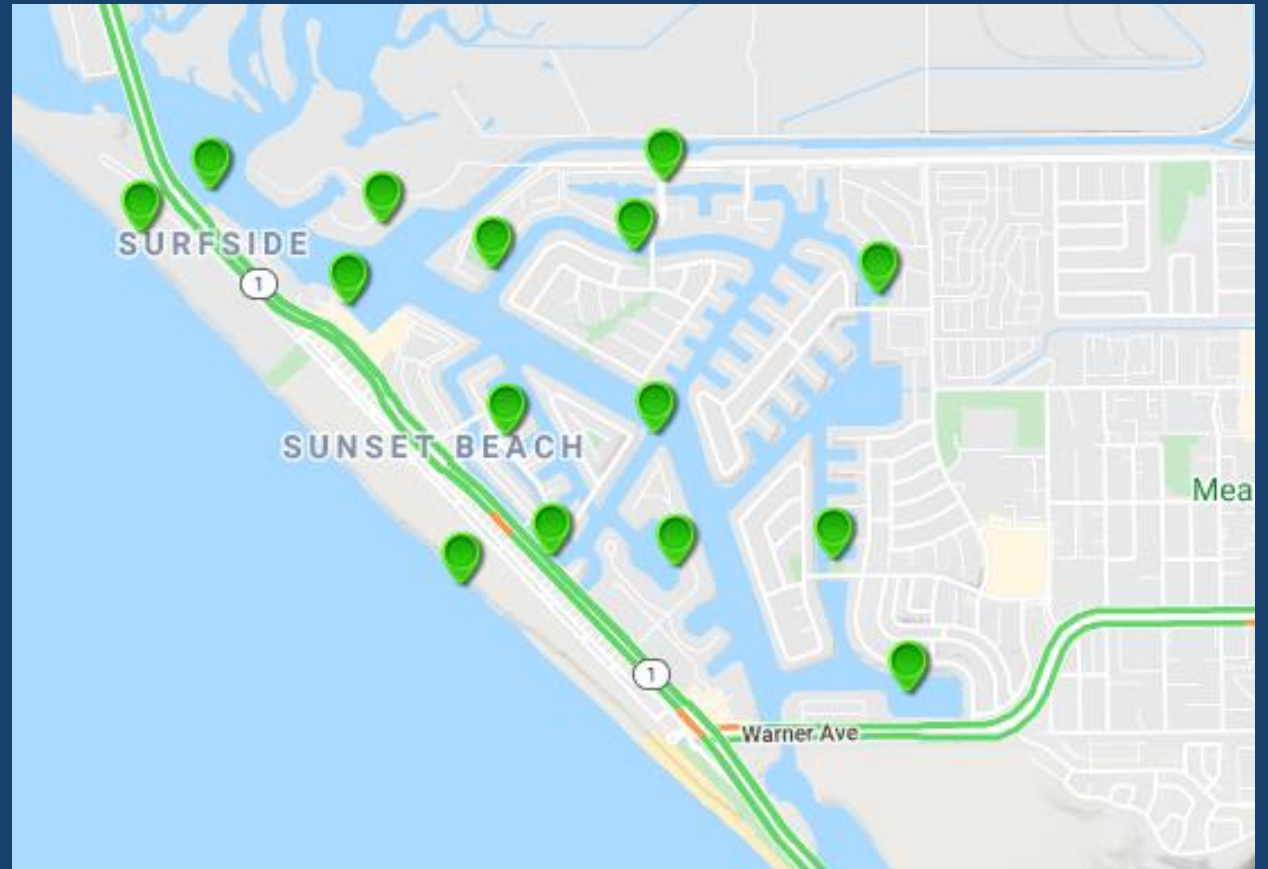
# HARBOUR COMMISSION PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Police Officer Stefani Williams



# WATER QUALITY REPORT

- Currently no advisories or closures in effect
- OC Healthcare Agency
  - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/>
- Water quality testing
  - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/faq/>



# HARBOUR ACTIVITY REPORT








## ▪ September Statistics:

▪ Aquatic Rescues:	13
▪ Boat Assists	2
▪ Boat Tows:	0
▪ Boat Other:	2
▪ Medical Aids:	2
▪ Enforcement	60
▪ Alcohol:	0
▪ Dogs:	12
▪ Jumping:	40
▪ Private Dock:	4
▪ Illegal Vending:	2



# HUNTINGTON BEACH HARBOUR MAP

## KEY

-  Your Location
-  Rental Beach Direction
-  Davenport Beach
-  Humboldt Beach
-  Trinidad Beach
-  Seabridge Beach
-  Rental Beach

## NEED HELP?

Emergency Call: 911  
HB Lifeguards: 714-536-5281  
OC Harbor Patrol: 714-840-5222

HB Safe Beach Day:



- Identifies specific location in Huntington Harbour.

***"YOU ARE HERE"***

- Beaches and Parks
- QR Code Access

***"HB Safe Beach Day"***

- Emergency Contact Information



# BEACHES AND PARKS WAYFINDING MAPS





# HARBOUR COMMISSION WEBSITE UPDATE

Kevin Justen

# HARBOUR COMMISSION WEBSITE

- Features Added Since June Meeting:
  - Replaced *Harbour Commission Monthly Summary Report* with August version
  - Added July minutes to agenda website
  - Added September meeting agenda
  - Added Police Department Crime Prevention and Personal Safety Brochure
  - Added feature for sending agendas to *Surfcity Break* subscribers
- Features To Be Added:
  - Enhancement of History and Overview of Huntington Harbour, including information from Historic Resources Board
  - PSA on Stand Up Paddleboard and Kayak Safety
  - Additional Information on Harbour Commission Strategic Plan Projects, as they Occur



### ON THE STREET

- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you – especially if you are alone.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace. Be alert. Notice who passes you and who is behind you.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.
- When possible, travel with a friend.
- Walk in well-lighted areas. Don't walk near bushes, alleys, etc.
- Wear clothes and shoes that give you freedom of movement.
- Don't overburden yourself with bags or packages that might make running difficult.
- Hold your purse tightly and close to your body. Keep your wallet in a front or buttoned hip pocket or inside a coat pocket.
- Carry as little cash as possible. Carry a whistle, personal alarm, or pepper spray.
- Don't hitchhike.
- If a car stops you for directions or information, always reply from a safe distance. Never get too close to the car.
- If a car persists in bothering you, cross the street, and walk or run in the opposite direction.
- If you feel someone is following you, turn around and check. Proceed to the nearest lighted house or place of business.
- If you feel you are in danger, do not be afraid to yell loudly and run.

Crime Prevention & Personal Safety, Rev. 2/2019

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

About one-third of sexual assaults occur in the victim's home.

About 40 percent of sexual assaults are committed by persons known to the victims, such as dates, acquaintances, neighbors, co-workers, or even spouses.

Rapes also occur on the streets, in school yards, and in parking lots. Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

Call your local rape crisis center to sign up for prevention and self-defense classes.

Many strategies are involved with rape avoidance. Studies show a combination of screaming, physical resistance, and fleeing is most effective.

### ALWAYS BE PREPARED...

Be alert and aware of the people around you. Educate yourself on prevention tactics. Be aware of situations and locations which could make you vulnerable to crime (dark parking lots, areas with dense shrubbery, etc.).

*"Serving with Honor"*



Eric Parra  
Chief of Police  
Huntington Beach Police Department

# Crime Prevention and Personal Safety

**Huntington Beach  
Police Department**  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

### POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:

Emergency: **911**  
Non-Emergency: (714) 960-8825  
Information: (714) 960-8843  
Vacation House Checks: (714) 374-1507  
Website: [www.hbpd.org](http://www.hbpd.org)

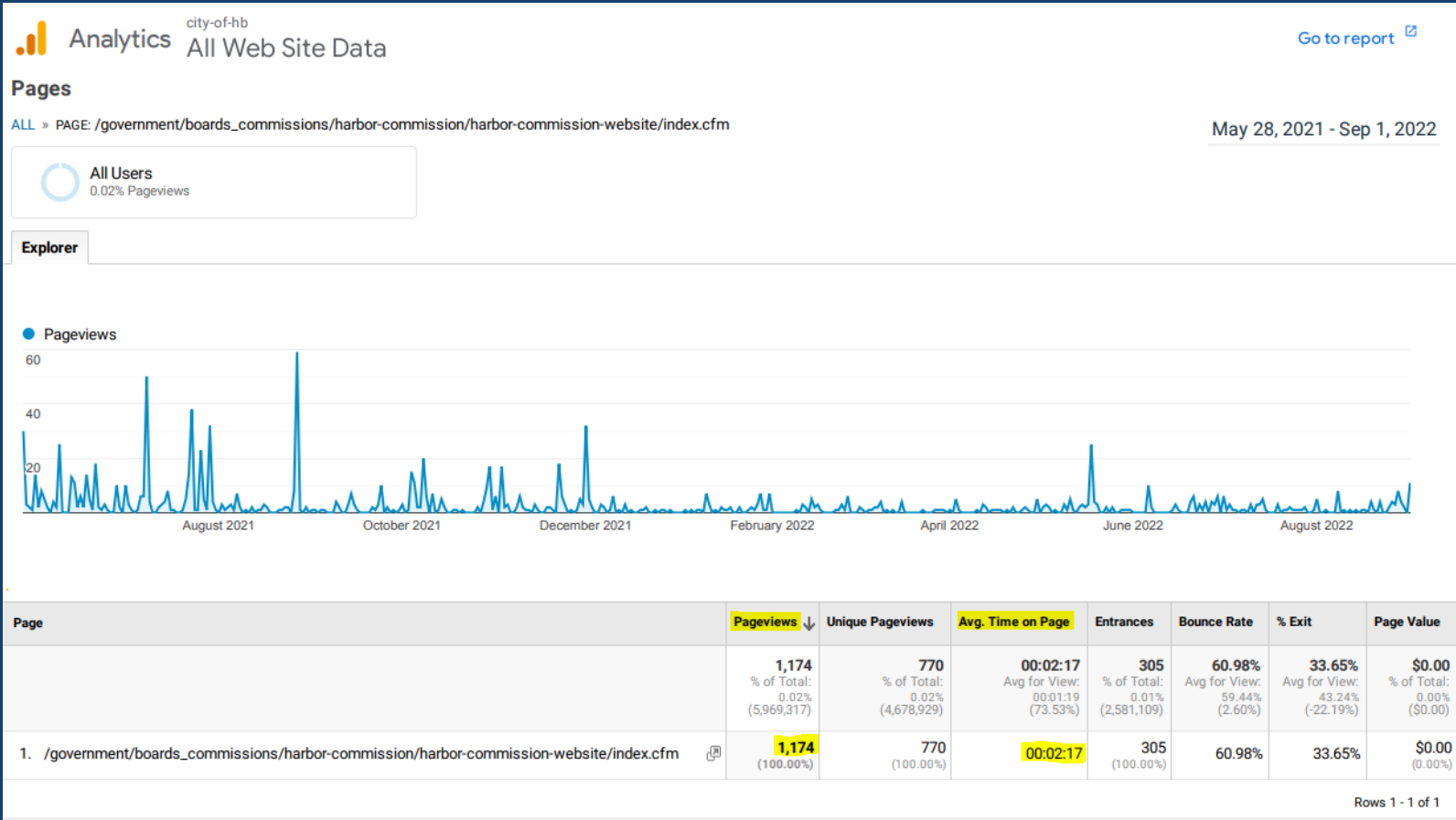
**POLICE – FIRE – MEDICAL  
EMERGENCY:  
DIAL 9-1-1**

### AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

### HOME SAFETY TIPS

❖ Have the locks re-keyed when you move into a new home.

# HARBOUR COMMISSION WEBSITE





# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

GOAL: Safety					
DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT	STATUS			COMMENTS
		DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
December 31, 2022	Refine safety protocols for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.		X		Safety flyer designed and distributed through vendors, website, social media; MS staffing on rental beach; article in City newsletter; PSA pending.
March 31, 2023	Review current Harbor municipal codes and advise on any changes or updates needed in regards to Harbour safety and water quality.		X		All related municipal code sections provided to Harbour Commissioners for review on 8/1/22.
Ongoing	Partner with County, State and Federal agencies to ensure public safety and participate in and provide public safety programming.		X		Police Department continues to collaborate with surrounding and regional agencies and has taken a number of related actions, including extensive coordination with OCSD assigned to Harbour.

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

GOAL: Safety					
DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT	STATUS			COMMENTS
		DONE	ON TARGET	REVISE D	
March 31, 2023	Review current Harbor municipal codes and advise on any changes or updates needed in regards to Harbour safety and water quality.		X		All related municipal code sections provided to Harbour Commissioners for review on 8/1/22.

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

The following HBMCs and departments would need to be involved to review any *proposed* changes:

- [HBMC 13.32 Harbors – Generally](#)  
[\(Last update: 1968, 1979\)](#)
  - Community and Library Services
  - Police
  - Fire
  - Code Enforcement
- [HBMC 13.36 Boating Regulations](#)  
[\(Last update: 1963, 1988\)](#)
  - Community and Library Services
  - Police
  - Fire
  - Code Enforcement

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

The following HBMCs and departments would need to be involved to review any *proposed* changes:

- [HBMC 13.40 Swimming Rules](#)  
[\(Last update: 1968\)](#)  
Community and Library Services  
Police  
Fire
- [HBMC 13.44 Harbor Sanitation](#)  
[\(Last update: 1968, 1973, 1979\)](#)  
Community and Library Services  
Public Works

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

GOAL: Infrastructure					
DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT	STATUS			COMMENTS
		DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
June 30, 2024	Explore feasibility of obtaining California State Lands revenue from Harbour residents and businesses with docks and decks over the main and midway channels and report back to the Harbour Commission. In doing so, analyze expanding City of Huntington Beach control of Huntington Harbour and consider steps to enhance revenues dedicated to public safety, public access and infrastructure improvements.		X		
December 31, 2022	Follow-up projects to Harbour Jurisdiction Study.		X		Will provide detailed status report on 10 project recommendations at upcoming meeting.

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

GOAL: Usage					
DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT	STATUS			COMMENTS
		DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
September 30, 2022	Add maps to the existing sign posts on harbor beaches.		X		Location maps currently being developed.
December 31, 2022	Improve Harbour security issues (robbery, home invasion, boat damage/theft, etc.) and set up community meetings on home safety.		X		Two community meetings have occurred and Police Department has taken a number of actions to address residential security, as reported at June 2022 meeting; website information added.
March 31, 2023	Create liaisons with surrounding jurisdictions so that everyone involved is informed and moving in the right direction (Orange County, Seal Beach, Bolsa Chica Wetlands, etc.).		X		Outreach to NB Harbor Master and OC Coast Keepers has occurred; will schedule with other organizations.
Ongoing	Promote more community and social events, such as Harbour summer fair, bbq, concerts, etc.		X		Promoted Teamaddi Paddle Out; will promote additional events as they are scheduled.

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

GOAL: Environmental					
DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT	STATUS			COMMENTS
		DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
June 30, 2023	Recommend to the Huntington Beach City Council to request Orange County Public Works to conduct a feasibility study for a trash collection system for Edinger and Wintersburg Channels.		X		Presentation will be provided at Commission meeting.
June 30, 2024	Working with Orange County Parks and Public Works, City of Huntington Beach Public Works and related agencies, develop and implement a plan to reduce upstream pollution flowing into Huntington Beach watershed from upstream neighbors, thus improving water quality and marine habitat.		X		Bolsa Chica and Huntington Harbor Trash and Debris Task Force has been formed and meets quarterly; trash mitigation plan has been drafted.

# BOLSA CHICA CHANNEL DRAINAGE AREA TRASH SPECIAL STUDY: PILOT STUDY

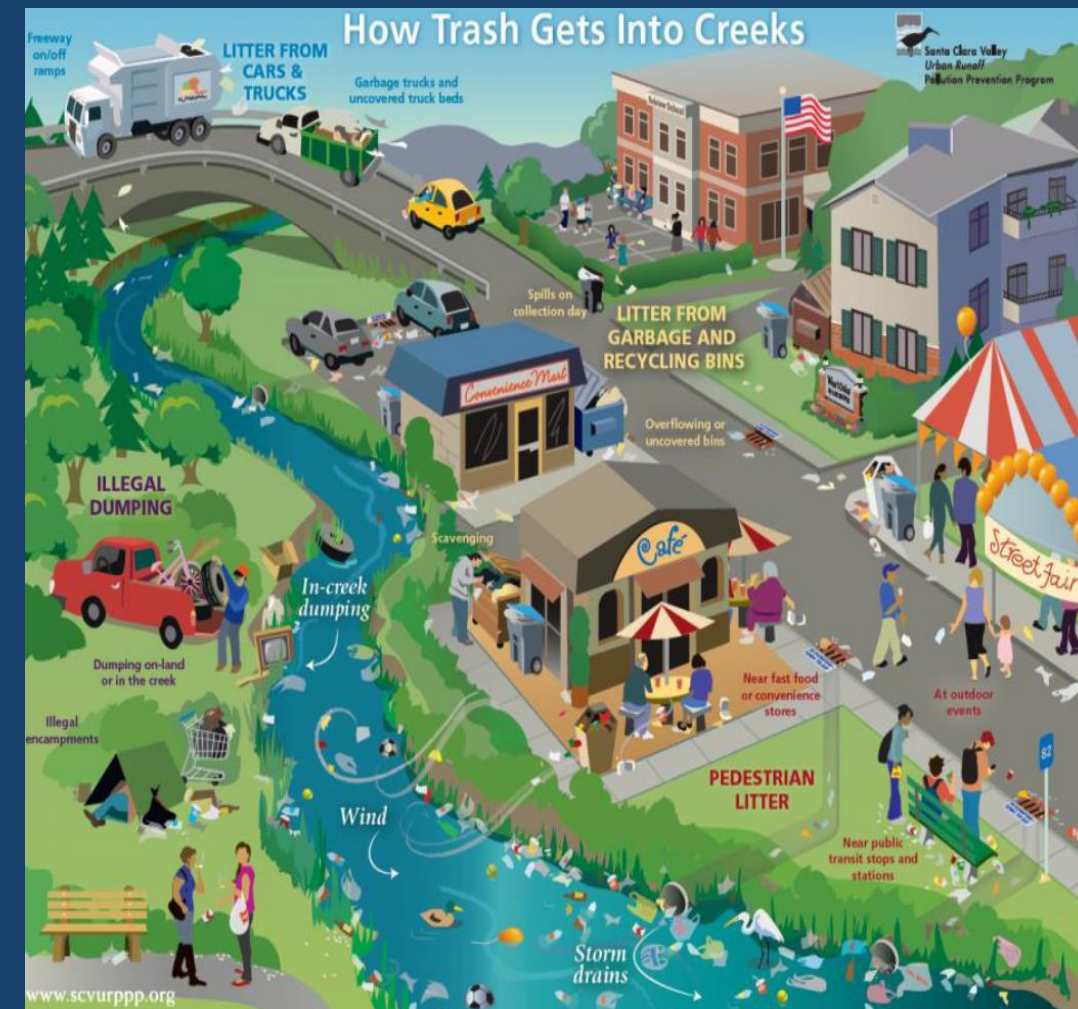
- Partnering Agencies:
  - County of Orange
    - Watersheds Group and Operations & Maintenance (Public Works)
  - CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
  - Department of Fish & Wildlife Services (Federal)
  - United States Navy
  - HB
- Goals & Objectives
  - Identify sources of trash/debris in the Bolsa Chica Drainage area;
  - Work with upstream partners to abate the sources of trash/debris and mitigate impact of trash/debris
  - Identify potential locations for trash capture retrofit projects





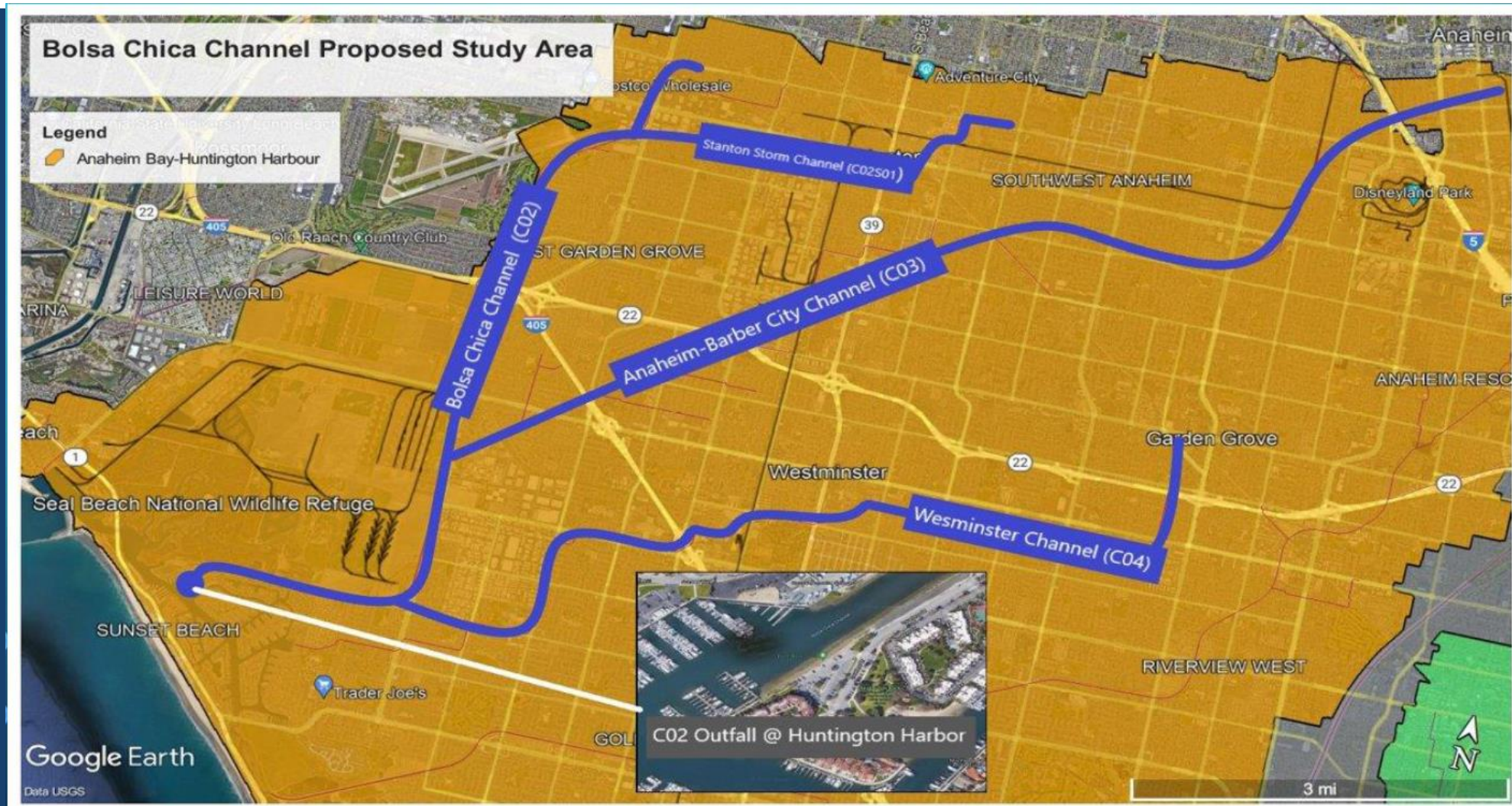
# PILOT STUDY

- Objective:
  - Map and identify locations of storm drain outfalls >36" in diameter;
  - Conduct field reconnaissance to assess trash/debris at outfalls and immediate area down-stream of outfalls;
  - Inform upstream jurisdictions to address source(s) of trash/debris
  - Develop maintenance schedule to inspect and clean as-needed
- Schedule for Pilot Study
  - 2 dry-weather & 2 wet-weather field inspections
  - First dry-weather field inspection conducted between mid-June to mid-August 2022





# STUDY AREA FOR PILOT STUDY



# STUDY AREA FOR PILOT STUDY

- Outfalls >36" in diameter
  - 12 outfalls in C02S01
  - 15 outfalls in C04
  - 22 outfalls in C03
  - 27 outfalls in C02
  - 76 total outfalls identified

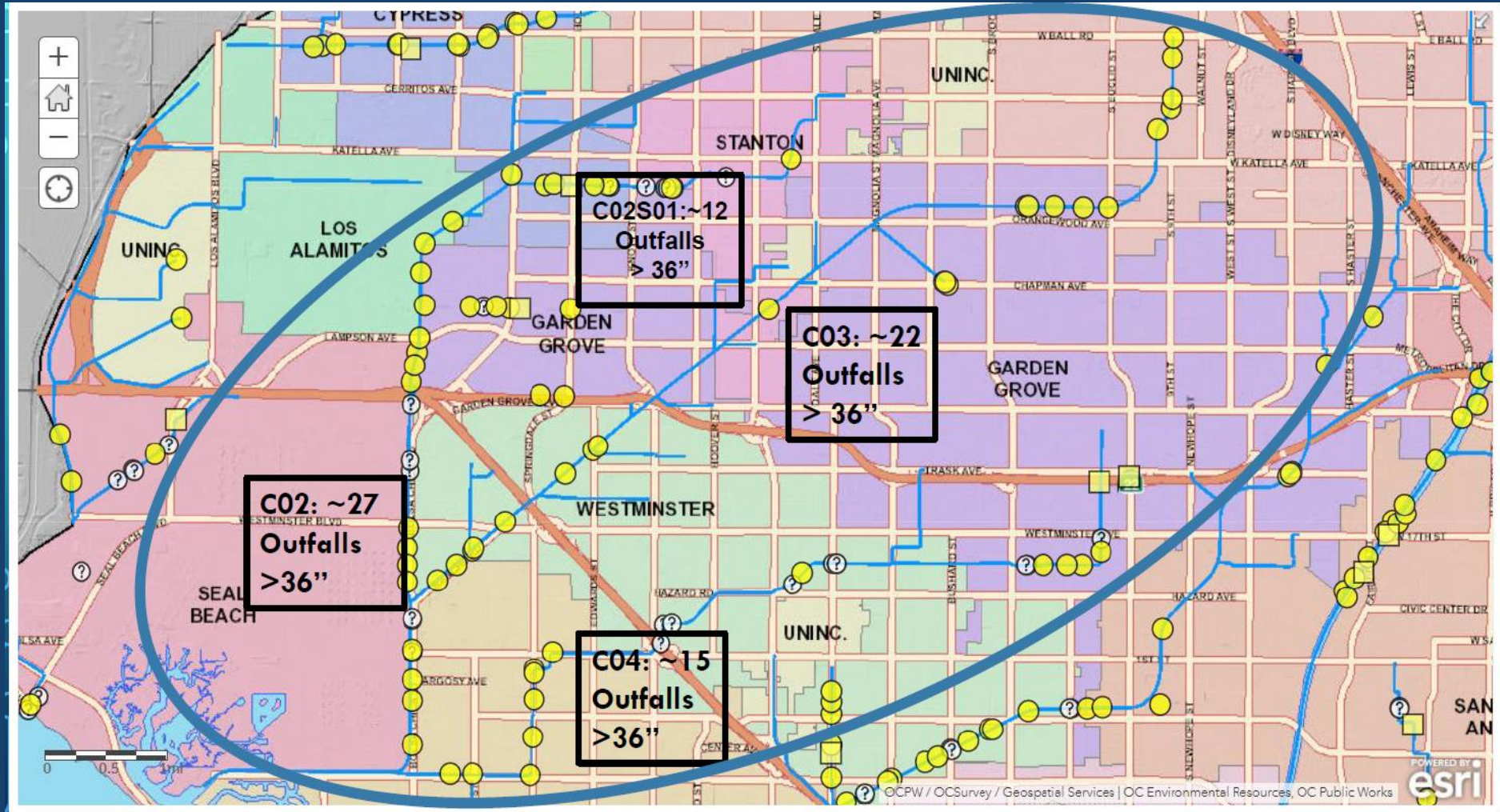


Jurisdictions located within the C02 study area

OCFCD CHANNEL	JURISDICTIONS
C02 - Bolsa Chica	Los Alamitos, Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Cypress, and Huntington Beach.
C03 - Anaheim-Barber City	Huntington Beach, Westminster, Stanton, Garden Grove, Unincorporated Orange County, and Anaheim.
C04 - Westminster	Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Garden Grove.
C02S01 - Stanton Storm	Stanton, Cypress, Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Unincorporated Orange County.



# STUDY AREA FOR PILOT STUDY



# OUTFALL & CHANNEL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Scoring criteria
  - Very Good (16-20)
  - Good (11-15)
  - Poor (6-10)
  - Very Poor (0-5)
- Visual observation of at mouth of outfall and immediate area downstream of outfall

2022 Outfall Trash Monitoring Survey

Channel ID \*

Outfall ID \*

Facility Identifier

Jurisdiction \*

Date and Time \*

Staff name \*

Weather Condition \*

☐ Overcast

☐ Raining

☐ Foggy

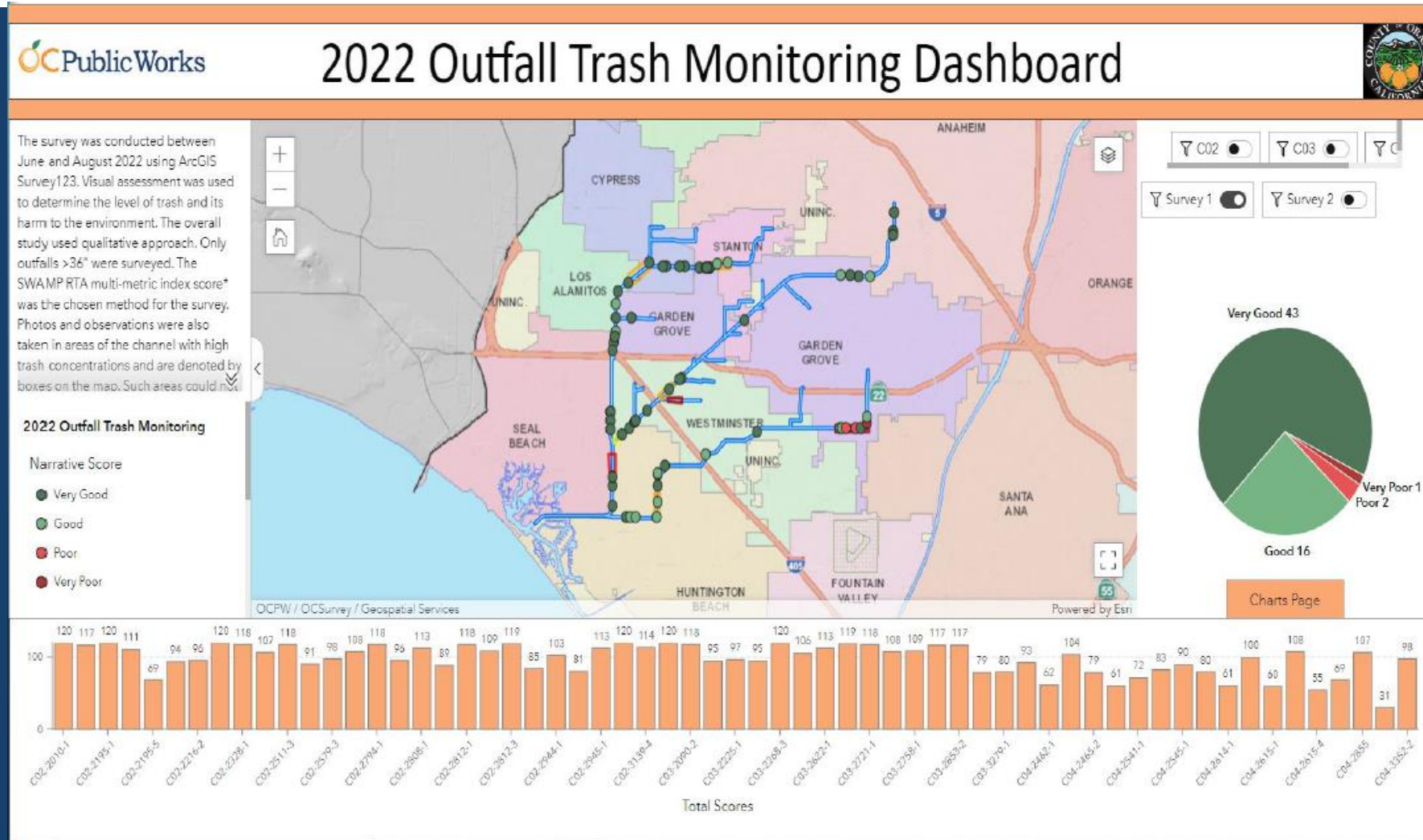
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Are conditions safe enough to take survey? \*

☒ Yes

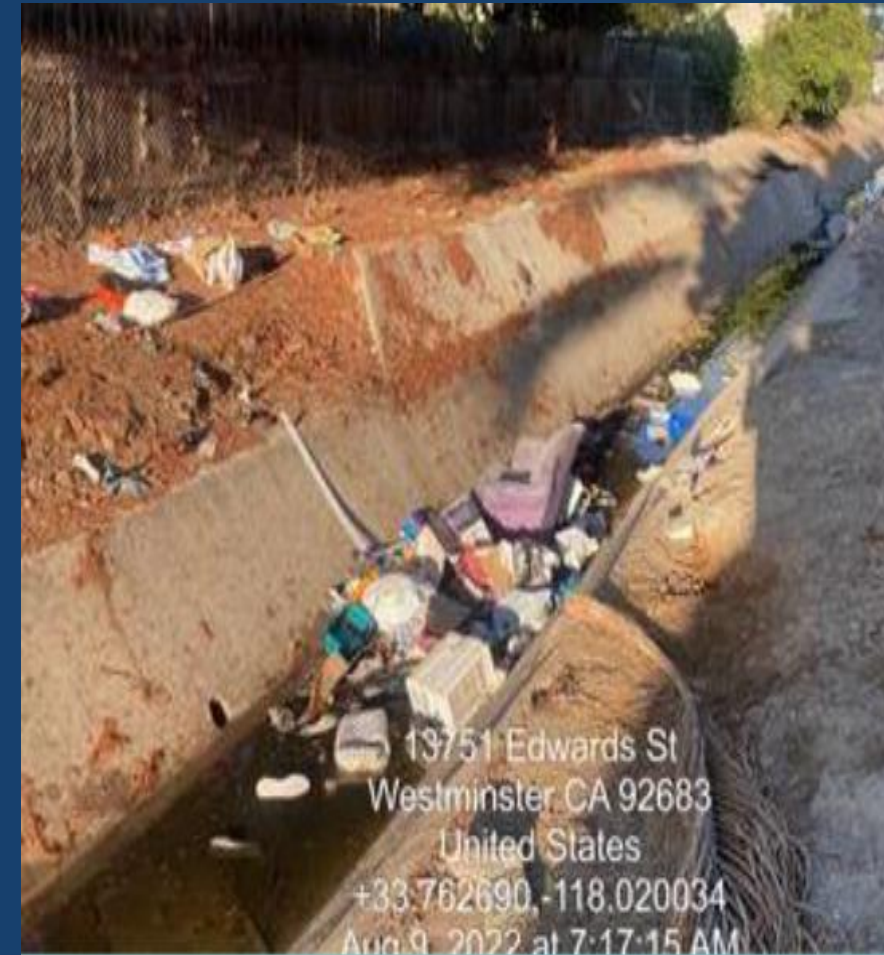
☐ No

# RESULTS OF FIELD RECONNAISSANCE





# OBSERVATIONS





# OBSERVATIONS





# SUMMARY

- Majority of the 76 outfalls scored Good or better
- However, this is just a “snap-shot” in time and scores could fluctuate with additional surveillance
- Need to define how to conduct wet-weather surveillance during and post-storm (0.25” of measurable rainfall)
  - Safety, visibility, access, etc.
- Adjust scoring criteria to better account for down-stream impact(s)
- Develop notification protocols when problem area(s) are identified

# QUESTIONS





# STAND UP PADDLEBOARD/KAYAK UPDATE

Ashley Wysocki