

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285382

ADOPTED ON FEB 27 1995

SUPPORTING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING
ASSISTANCE FOR A SAN DIEGO REGIONWIDE BEACH
REPLENISHMENT INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Coast of California Study has identified the majority of the San Diego region's beaches as having eroded significantly in the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, currently narrow beaches will continue to erode in the future due to limitations on natural sand sources due to development of the region's coastal plains and foothills; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego region's beaches are a priceless resource of state and national significance which provide important environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Regional Shoreline Preservation Strategy, adopted by SANDAG in 1993, calls for a cooperative regionwide beach replenishment program to preserve and enhance the region's beaches; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy's Aircraft Carrier Homeporting Project is expected to dredge in the range of 12 million cubic yards of uncontaminated beach quality sand from San Diego Harbor, providing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to substantially replenish the region's eroding beaches; and

WHEREAS, potential beach replenishment sites have been identified that would benefit the public beaches of the region's

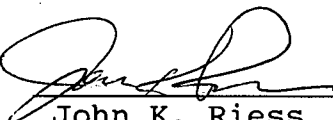
eight coastal cities, as well as beaches controlled and managed by the state Department of Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Navy and the San Diego Unified Port District; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will be needed to transport the sand to beach replenishment sites. The average additional cost is estimated to be about \$1 per cubic yard; an unprecedented low unit cost for beach replenishment; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG and its Shoreline Erosion Committee have supported a major initiative to restore the San Diego region's critically eroded beaches, including seeking the additional funds needed to transport sand from the Navy's Carrier Homeporting Project to potential beach replenishment sites; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the Council hereby supports obtaining state and federal funds to assist in a San Diego regionwide beach replenishment initiative based on transporting sand from the U.S. Navy Carrier Homeporting Project to the region's critically eroded beaches.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By 
John K. Riess
Senior Deputy City Attorney

JKR:pev
02/08/95
Or.Dept:E&D
R-95-1175
Form=r+t