



# West Trail Living Shoreline Project

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# West Trail - Previous Work

- 2012: West Trail Condition Survey and Alts Analysis
- 2016: Temp. emergency erosion repair of culvert
- 2016 - 2018: Design of Permanent Repair
- 2017 - 2018: Soil nail wall design
- **July 2018: Living Shoreline Redirection**



Culvert Repair



# Living Shoreline Redirection - Scope of Work

## Scope of Work:

- Evaluate the feasibility of living shoreline
- Minimize hard features
- Develop preferred living shoreline concept
- Coordinate with agencies

HOW GREEN OR GRAY SHOULD YOUR SHORELINE SOLUTION BE?

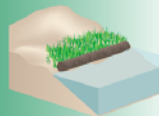
GREEN - SOFTER TECHNIQUES

GRAY - HARDER TECHNIQUES

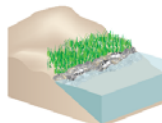
### *Living Shorelines*



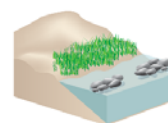
**VEGETATION ONLY** - Provides a buffer to upland areas and breaks small waves. Suitable for low wave energy environments.



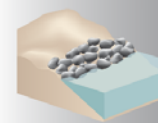
**EDGING** - Added structure holds the toe of existing or vegetated slope in place. Suitable for most areas except high wave energy environments.



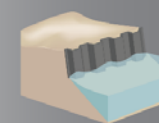
**SILLS** - Parallel to vegetated shoreline, reduces wave energy, and prevents erosion. Suitable for most areas except high wave energy environments.



**BREAKWATER** - (vegetation optional) - Offshore structures intended to break waves, reducing the force of wave action, and encourage sediment accretion. Suitable for most areas.



**REVETMENT** - Lays over the slope of the shoreline and protects it from erosion and waves. Suitable for sites with existing hardened shoreline structures.



**BULKHEAD** - Vertical wall parallel to the shoreline intended to hold soil in place. Suitable for high energy settings and sites with existing hard shoreline structures.

### *Coastal Structures*

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# Basis of Design - Shore Geomorphology





Waves approach straight toward shore, impeding longshore transport and resulting in sand deposition

Waves approach at angle to shore, induce potential transport northward

Waves approach at angle to shore, induce longshore transport northward

# Basis of Design - Sea Level Rise Considerations

- Assume 50 yr design life
- Low Risk Aversion with Adaptation

Year	Low Risk Aversion	Medium-High Risk Aversion	Extreme Risk Aversion
	Limit of "likely range"	1-in-200 chance	Single scenario
	(~17% probability SLR exceeds...)	(0.5% probability SLR exceeds...)	(no associated probability)
2000	0.0	0.0	0.0
2030	0.6	0.9	1.1
2040	0.9	1.3	1.8
2050	1.2	2.0	2.8
2060	1.6	2.7	3.9
2070	2.0	3.6	5.2
2080	2.5	4.6	6.7
2090	3.0	5.7	8.3
2100	3.6	7.1	10.2

CA Ocean Protection Council Science Advisory Team Working Group (OPC-SAT) 2018



## Other Design Considerations

- 18' wide trail (vehicle and ped. access)
- 12" asbestos pipeline burial
- Cobble and sand source(s)
- Storm Water
  - 36" storm drain outfall
  - Concrete swale





# Design to Include Drainage Improvement

## Problem:

- Concrete swale is cracking
- Debris management

Existing system designed to manage runoff from 25-year event (GHD 2016)

Drainage Component	Hydraulic Capacity (cfs)
Gunite swale	8.1
24" CMP Pipe	87.9



# Concept Bookends

- Eroded Case – Cobble / Gravel Beach with Rock Finger
- Nourished Case – Beach and Vegetated Dune

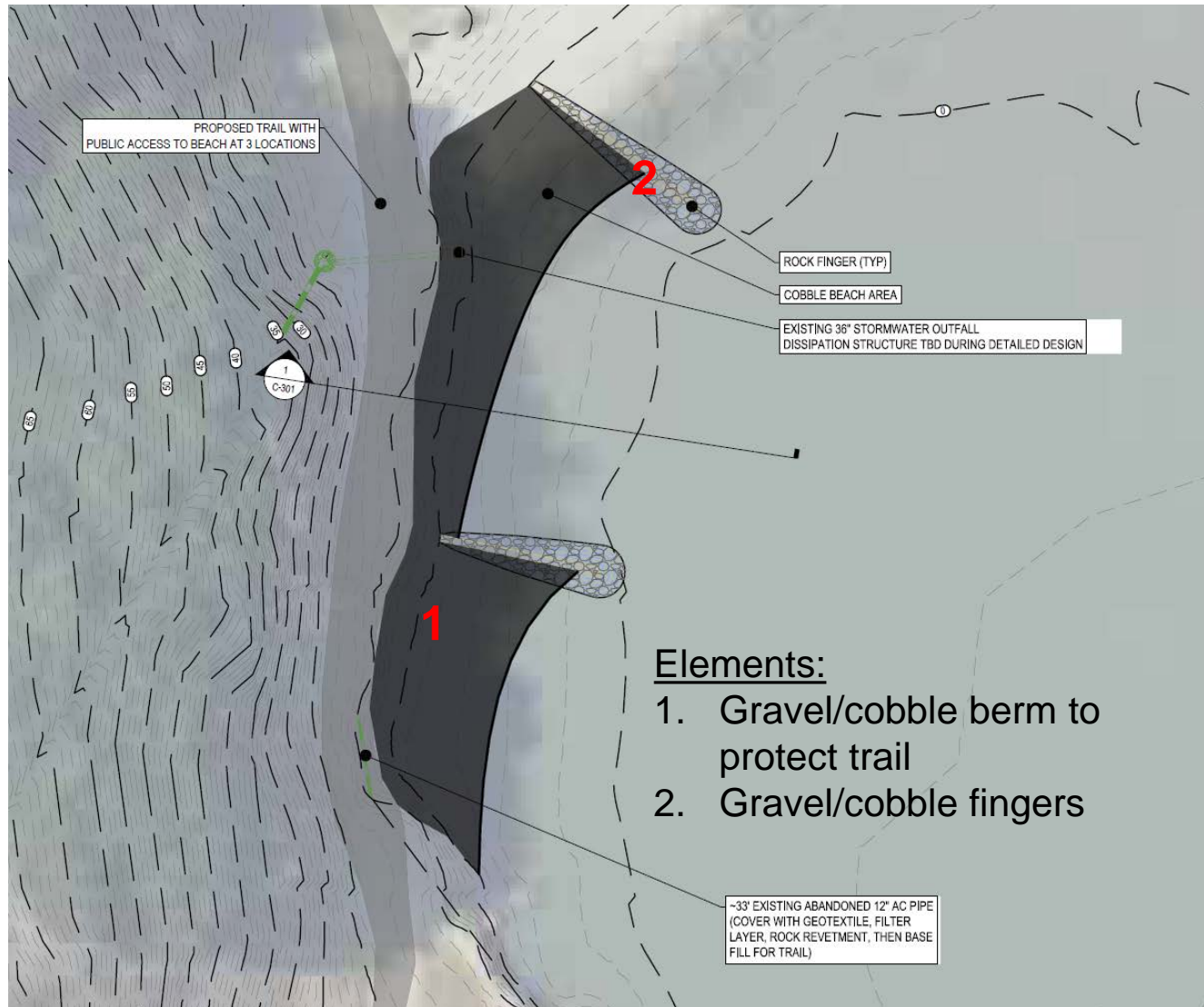
March 2016



November 2017



# Eroded Bookend – Gravel / Cobble Beach with Rock Fingers



# Design Inspiration



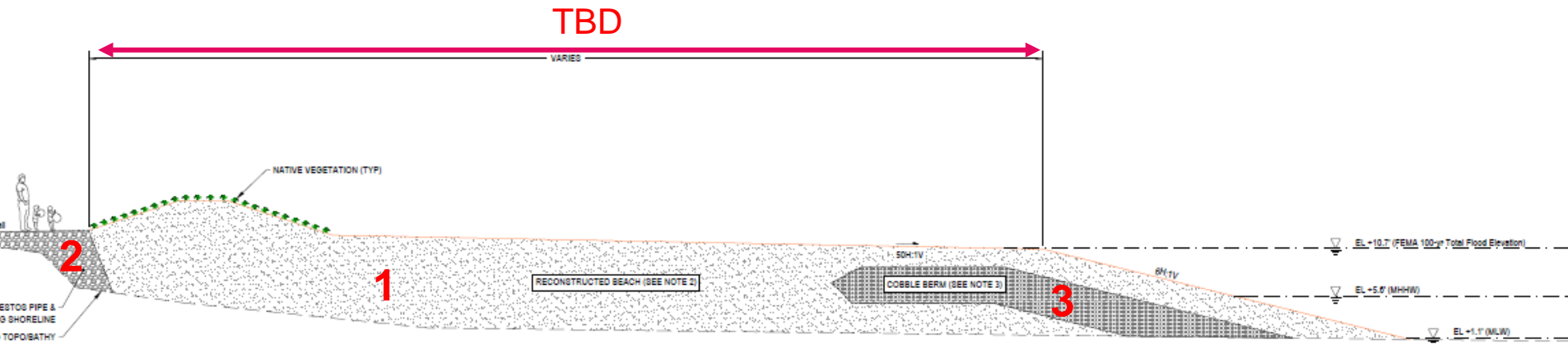
# Nourished Bookend – Beach and Dune with Buried Rock Fingers



# Design Inspiration



# Proposed Living Shoreline Concept



## Elements:

1. Sand import to create:
  - Beach
  - Vegetated dune
2. Use of native gravel/cobble berm to protect trail
3. Gravel/cobble retain sand

# Numerical modeling – Cross shore analysis

CSHORE model used to assess erosional impacts of waves and elevated water levels at the project site

24 separate model scenarios for storm waves:

- Three sediment sizes (fine, medium and coarse sand)
- Two wave cases (100 yr swell, 100 yr wind)
- Four water levels (present day, storm surge, sea level rise x 2)

3 separate model scenarios for operational waves:

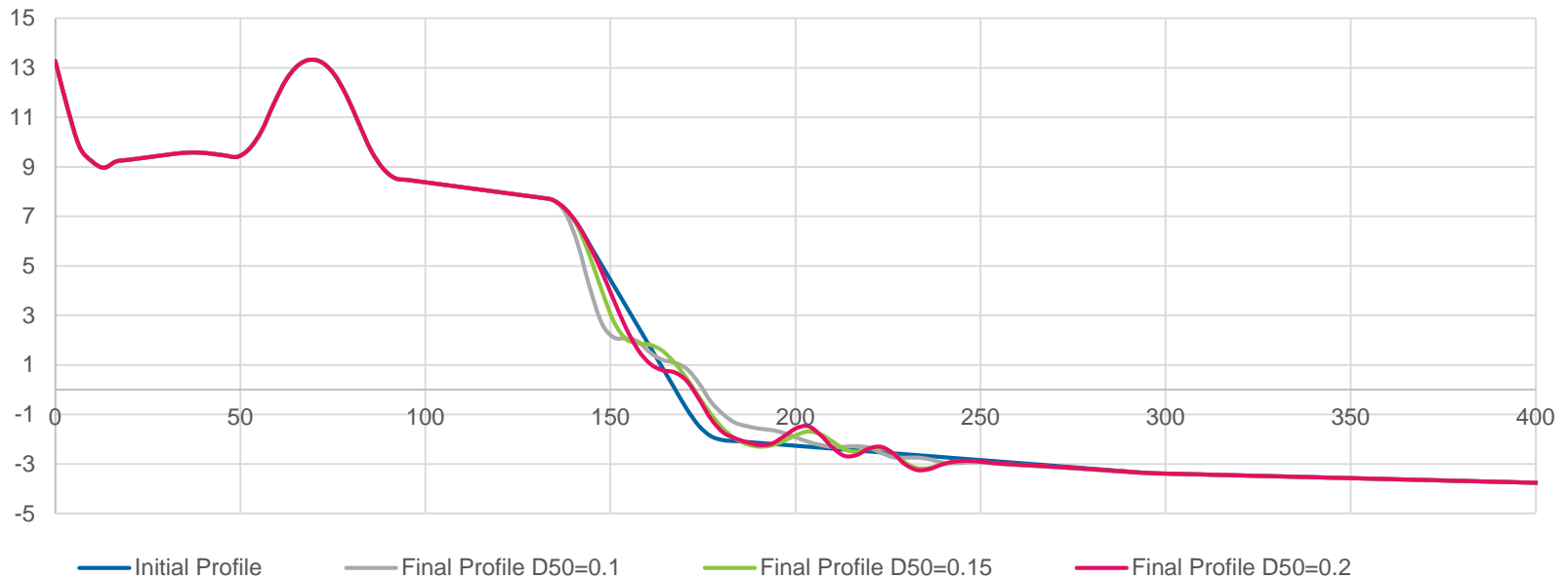
- Three sediment sizes (fine, medium and coarse sand)
- One wave case (operational)
- One water level (present day)

Total of 27 simulations



# Numerical modeling – Cross shore analysis

Model results, operational wave case

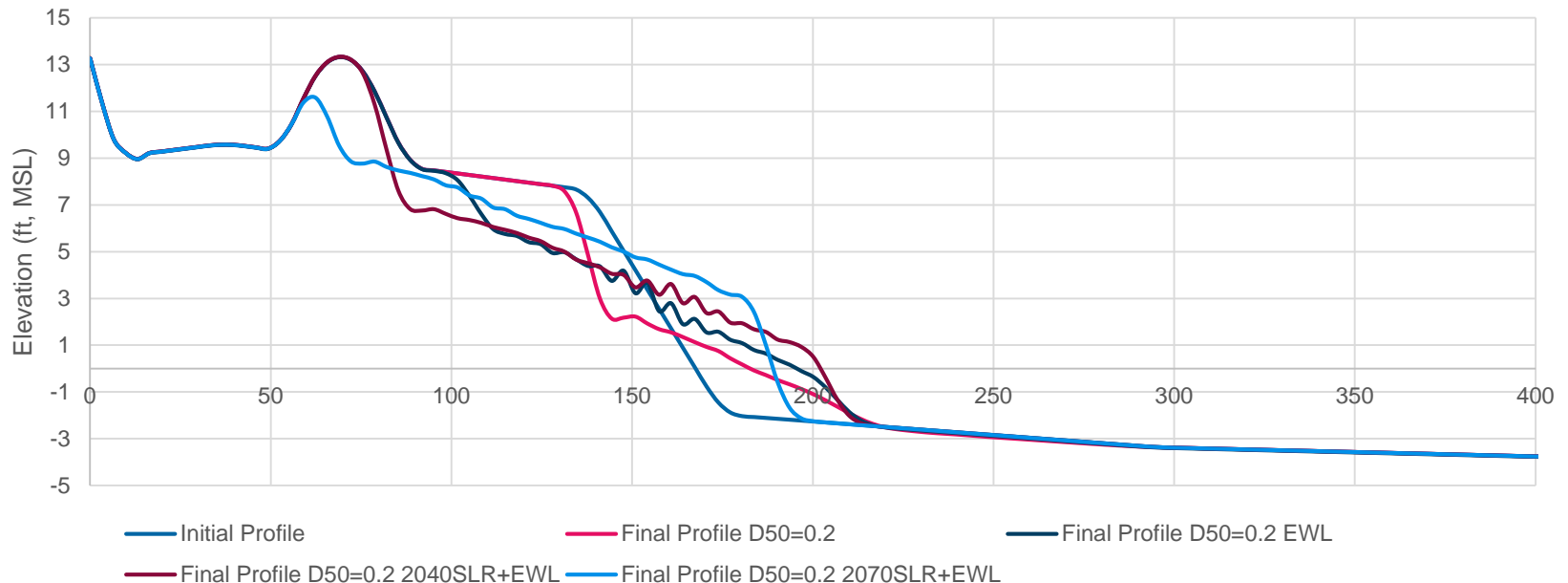


# Numerical modeling – Cross shore analysis

## Outcomes:

- Swell is the most erosive wave case
- Elevated water levels (surge, SLR) result in greater erosion of the nourished profile
- Erosion reduced as the sand fill grain size increased

Model results, swell wave case, D50=0.2mm (coarse sand)



# Numerical modeling – Long shore analysis

LITDRIFT model used to assess longshore erosional impacts

6 separate model scenarios for storm waves:

- One sediment size (medium sand)
- Two wave cases (100 yr swell, 100 yr wind)
- Three wave obliquity angles (15, 30 and 45 degrees)
- One water level (present day)



# Numerical Modeling - Long Shore

## Outcomes:

- Short period most erosive case
- Erosion increased as wave angle increased
- Further investigation needed
  - Confirm occurrence of oblique waves
  - Model effects of cobble vs coarse sand



# Next Steps – Final Design & Environmental

- Final Design
- Permitting
- CEQA
- Construction
- Monitoring & Adaptation





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