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CITY OF SEAL BEACH SECURES OVER \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MULTIPLE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

SEAL BEACH, CA – The City of Seal Beach has been awarded \$2.092 million in federal funding to advance two critical public works projects aimed at improving water quality, reducing flooding, and protecting the local coastline. \$1,000,000 was awarded for the San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Project, and \$1,092,000 was awarded for the College Park East Stormwater Infrastructure Project. The funding was approved through H.R. 6938, the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026, which was signed into law on January 23, 2026. The allocation was secured with the support of Congressman Dave Min as part of Community Project Funding, also known as Congressionally Directed Spending. Senator Alex Padilla also supported the San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Project through Community Project Funding, and California State Assemblymember Diane Dixon, who convened the San Gabriel River Working Group and has championed the effort, offered letters of support for the projects.

The San Gabriel River Trash Mitigation Project funds will be used to prevent visible forms of trash in the San Gabriel River from entering the Pacific Ocean and ending up on public beaches, which are a major economic and commercial driver for the city. This project would improve water quality and sanitary conditions for residents and tourists alike.

The College Park East Stormwater Infrastructure Project funds will fund preliminary design for stormwater infrastructure improvements that are necessary to address chronic flooding in the College Park East neighborhood of approximately 1,700 residents, which faces challenges with rain events due to its flat topography, limited surface water conveyance, expansive soils, and restrictive storm drain infrastructure. The project would enhance public safety, minimize property damage and disruptions caused by stormwater flooding, and strengthen infrastructure to withstand extreme weather conditions and future flooding impacts.

“We are sincerely grateful to our legislators for securing these funds, which will have a direct impact on increasing the quality of life for our residents and visitors,” said **Mayor Lisa Landau**. “As a small, coastal city, funding large-scale, vital projects can be a challenge. When we work together, we see what’s possible. This is a huge win for our community, and I look forward to advancing our commitment to the [San Gabriel Trash Mitigation Initiative](#) and investing in our College Park East neighborhood to address flooding.”

"I am proud to have been able to procure funding for Seal Beach for flood protection and to prevent trash from reaching our beaches and coastal water. As a coastal city, Seal Beach is prone to flooding, especially during severe storms, and the funds that have been allocated to this new storm water infrastructure will help address this risk and improve our public safety. And as part of Orange County's beautiful coastline, it is so important we do all we can to keep our beaches and coastal waters clean and free of trash and pollution. The trash interceptor that is being funded for this purpose will do just that. I am excited to see these projects started, and I'm glad to be able to play a role in protecting our beautiful coasts and communities," said **Congressman Dave Min**.

"I am proud to have helped secure federal funding for Seal Beach to clean up public beaches and strengthen San Gabriel River water quality," said **Senator Alex Padilla**. "Once completed, these projects will bolster local infrastructure, mitigate severe stormwater flooding damage, spur economic activity, and directly improve the lives of residents and visitors alike."

"As the Assemblymember who represents the largest area of coastline in Orange County, preserving our coasts and keeping our waterways clean remains a high priority for me. Following heavy rainfall or storms, Seal Beach faces the problem of tons of trash washing up on its shores. I was proud to spearhead the San Gabriel Working Group in 2024 to address this issue head-on and find innovative solutions to keep trash out of our waterways. This is a regional crisis that needs to be tackled, and securing these necessary funds is crucial to keeping our communities clean and healthy," said **Assemblymember Diane Dixon**.

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