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Monterey County Work Crews to Manage Carmel Lagoon Sandbar to Reduce Flood Risk

Monterey County Resource Management Agency will bring in special crews to work at the Carmel Lagoon area beginning Friday, January 4, 2019, to lower and contour the sandbar at Carmel River State Beach as part of its lagoon management plan. The County monitors and manages the lagoon year-round to balance lagoon habitat protection with efforts to minimize flood potential to the adjacent community.

Work crews will use equipment to lower and contour the sandbar where the lagoon and ocean waters meet. It will take 3 days to move an estimated 100 - 250 cubic yards of sand to lower the sandbar. Heavy equipment will be brought in for this work and will be parked in the area for the duration of the project.

The Carmel River State Beach parking lot on the corner of Carmelo St. and Scenic Rd. will be closed to the public during the work. The public is advised not to have ocean water contact until advisory signs are removed. County officials ask that visitors to the beach remain at a safe distance from the work area and respect temporary barriers and signage.

For more information about the project contact Melanie Beretti, Special Programs Manager of the Monterey County Resource Management Agency at 831-262-1199.