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LOS ANGELES (CBSLA.com) — Flooding caused by a rising sea level would affect residents in Los Angeles' low-lying communities, such as San Pedro and Wilmington, particularly those in older buildings and in rental communities like Venice, according to a report released by USC.

The report found that the Abbott Kinney corridor and Ballona wetlands would be especially be at risk, but the region's wide sandy beaches – if maintained – can provide a valuable bulwark against higher waters.

Current projections say a sea level rise of as much as two feet will occur in Los Angeles by 2050 due to climate change.

The report also made note of a other key findings, including that the city's wastewater management, storm water management and potable water systems are highly vulnerable to sea level rise; projected flooding and erosion damage to roads along the coast could impede emergency services; and cultural assets like museums, historic buildings and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium could face damage.

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