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Abbot Kinney Corridor in Venice at Risk from Rising Sea Levels

A report from USC predicts a sea level rise due to climate change that will impact coastal areas, including the Ballona Wetlands and Venice.

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The Ballona Wetlands tidal creek near Culver Boulevard during a very high tide.

Residents of Los Angeles' low-lying communities, such as San Pedro and Wilmington, as well as those with older buildings and high numbers of renters, such as Venice, would be most affected by flooding stemming from a rising sea level, according to a report released Tuesday by USC.

The Abbot Kinney corridor and Ballona wetlands would be particularly at risk. However, the region's wide sandy beaches, if



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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.

Other key findings from the report include:

-- The city's wastewater management, storm water management and potable water systems are highly vulnerable to sea level rise;

-- The Port of Los Angeles and the city's energy infrastructure would be mostly unaffected by the rise in sea level due to a replacement schedule that will allow the city to prepare for future needs to change infrastructure;

-- Projected flooding and erosion damage to roads along the coast could impede emergency services;

-- Many cultural assets located along the coast, including museums, historic buildings and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, could face damage.

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