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Past efforts to communicate model complexities



"All models are wrong and some of them are useful"

Nuances and subtleties between the models are difficult to discern especially without complete documentation, there has been NO systematic evaluation comparing the models. Proposed in 2010 by Barnard and Revell

City of Oxnard Perspective

- To evaluate existing hazards, the FSA relied on the PRELIMINARY FEMA maps without discussing the specific methods or calculations used in the analyses.
- To evaluate future hazards, the FSA relied solely on PRELIMINARY COSMOS data without technical documentation. Basis was that it modeled SLR and storm events
- The City has relied on the Coastal Resilience Ventura model results which had been reviewed by local jurisdictions but which the FSA dismissed as a worst case scenario.
- Multiple comments submitted during CPUC and PSA processes and comment periods were ignored in the final FSA
- The City is following State of CA guidance to plan to adapt to sea level rise and trying to remove infrastructure and development from hazardous locations. Utility and Transportation infrastructure are often the adaptation bottlenecks and so the next 30 to 60 years of development and redevelopment must rely on the land use decision made in the 1960s. To rebuild energy infrastructure in this location is Maladaptation.

Preliminary COSMOS map 100 year Event & 1m of SLR



December 11, 2015



SOIL & WATER RESOURCES - FIGURE 15 Puente Power Project –Inundation, 100-year TWL Event, 100 cm SLR



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION - SITING, TRANSMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION SOURCE: USGS CoSMoS 3.0 (http://walnus.wr.usgs.opv/coastal_propesses/cosmos/socal3.0/index.html) accessed March 21, 201

Waves – USGS COSMOS

COSMOS – from new tech methods for Los Angeles

Based on complicated wave modeling of Global Climate Models

100 year offshore wave

22.3 feet (6.8m) at 18 seconds

Nearshore waves transformed using SWAN

Note that this represents different buoy locations, but wave direction affecting Mandalay must come through the Santa Barbara Channel. Unclear on Final Ventura methods in COSMOS

- USGS 2005 analysis of buoy records for offshore Central CA within Tier 1 wave grid
- 100 year offshore wave
- 38.3 feet (11.7m)
- 2 year offshore wave
- 25 feet (7.6m)

Spatial and Temporal Variations in Oceanographic and Meteorologic Forcing Along the Central California Coast, 1980–2002



Scientific Investigations Report 2005–5085

U.S. Department of the Interio U.S. Geological Survey

Waves - FEMA

- FEMA –Interim Data Submittal #3 Appendix D
- Based on wind reanalysis to develop a 50 year hindcast
- Transformed waves using proprietary CDIP model paid for by CA DBW and ACOE (*same model as right figure*)
- Transformed waves that determine the preliminary BFE (1% annual chance TWL) used
- 20.7 feet at 14 seconds providing a maximum wave run up elevation of 20.1 feet using Stockdon
- Uses a beach slope of .09 using slope of .10 yields run up of 21 feet.

Note: FEMA does not include dune erosion at the site or sea level rise

Analysis Time - 24 FEB 2008 : 1233 PST



Since 2006, without transformations there have been 11 dates where offshore waves have been over 22 feet – averaging a 100 year event 1x per year for the last 11 years.

With focused transformations as seen above wave heights greater than 30'!

Preliminary COSMOS

- No long term dune erosion from sea leve
 - (only storm erosion from a single 100 year even $\frac{2}{\xi}$
- Coastal flooding and shoreline evolution¹ (COAST) not integrated
- COSMOS Coast assumes 1995 to 2011 training period is sufficient (accretion at site = 1.1681m = 3.8325 feet/year)



MOP Profile 2437

Illustration of method used to determine the flood extent at XBeach cross-shore profile models.

 Coastal flooding defined as 2min inundation duration NOT max run up as per FEMA guidelines.
Difference in 2 minute inundation elevation versus maximum wave run up elevation in this example is ~6.6feet

(~2m). A wave running up the beach 6 feet deep is capable of causing damage

Final COSMOS 3.0



1982-83 El Nino

Cosmos Flood Innundation - Baseline_100Y) Cosmos Maximum Innundation - Baseline_100Y) SPAWAR (Baseline_100Y)



Coastal Resilience Ventura

- Shoreline change driven by 20 year buoy record appended as per Ruggiero et al 2011.
- SWAN wave transformation
- Stockdon wave run up formulation and converted to TWL exceedance curves to drive model, no time series dependence
- Long term recession of dune based on shoreface beach slope
- No sediment supply changes from dredging
- Includes long term shoreline change as a proxy for sediment budget
- Potential storm erosion calculated using modified Komar and Allen as per FEMA mapping guidelines using storm of unlimited duration.
- Assumes flooding occurs with storm of record 1983 event 25 feet 22 seconds
- Flooding integrated with long term erosion in 10 year time steps
- Model results peer reviewed by local experts and local jurisdictions as well as verified by available historical photos

Mandalay Combined Hazards 2060







25.3inches of sea level rise with coastal erosion and flooding
16.1inches of sea level rise with coastal erosion and flooding
7.4inches of sea level rise with coastal erosion and flooding



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Alibus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and

Hazard mapping from ESA PWA 2013

Summary

- City would like to acknowledge all models be considered
- A site specific assessment should be conducted by the applicant
- CEC should consider the regional community needs to respond to State guidance to avoid development in hazardous areas