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After Recent Storms, California Preparing for King Tides

This holiday season, some of the year's highest tides will hit California shorelines, providing a glimpse of what the state can expect as sea levels rise. Ultra-high or "king tides" will occur December 21-23, January 19-21, and February 17-19. The California King Tides Project, commemorating five seasons of outreach on sea-level rise, encourages the public to view and photograph ultra-high tides and add to a growing collection at flickr.com/groups/cakingtides. Project organizers aim to help the public envision how California may be affected by sea-level rise and underscore the importance of taking proactive steps to prepare for sea-level rise (National Academy of Sciences projects one foot of sea-level rise by 2050).

"The extremes that Californians have experienced this year with the drought and storm events show just how vulnerable we are to changes in our climate and weather. The king tides events similarly illustrate how sea level rise and shoreline change will impact our communities and ecosystems," says Sara Aminzadeh, Executive Director at the California Coastkeeper Alliance, a Project organizer.

View and photograph King Tides in your area.

North Coast/Humboldt: Eureka: Woodley Island; Indian Island; Del Norte St. Pier; Halvorsen Park/The Adorni Center. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. King Salmon Beach. New Navy Base Road in Manila/Samoa.

San Francisco Area: Outer Coast: Ocean Beach; Stinson Beach; Pacifica: Beach Blvd. City of Capitola. City of Santa Cruz. Inner SF Bay: Proposed Treasure Island development site. South Bay: Redwood Creek and proposed Redwood City dev. site, Dumbarton Bridge. Marin: Corte Madera, Richardson Bay, Gallinas Creek (north of China Camp).

Central Coast: Monterey: Marina State Beach, Monterey State Beach, Cannery Row; Carmel: Carmel Beach; Big Sur: McWay Falls at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Andrew Molera Beach, Garrapata Beach, Pfeiffer Beach.

Santa Barbara Area: Isla Vista beaches, Goleta Beach County Park, Leadbetter Beach, Butterfly Beach, Miramar Beach, Padaro Lane, Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Hobson State Beach, Faria, and Emma Wood State Beach.

Los Angeles: Broad Beach, Malibu shoreline homes, Marina del Rey, Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles.

Orange County: Seal Beach/Sunset Beach Oceanfront (City of Seal Beach), Huntington Harbor (Huntington Beach), Newport Beach islands and peninsula (Newport Beach).

San Diego: San Diego Bay, Oceanside Beach, San Elijo Lagoon, Del Mar Dog Beach/San Dieguito Lagoon Entrance, Torrey Pines (where Penasquitos enters the ocean), La Jolla Shores, Mission Beach, and Imperial Beach/Tijuana Estuary.

For more detailed information about the timing of high tide events in these areas, visit <http://california.kingtides.net/plan/>.

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