### Sea Level Rise in San Juan County

Shoreforms, vulnerability, and adaptation

#### **Orcas Island**

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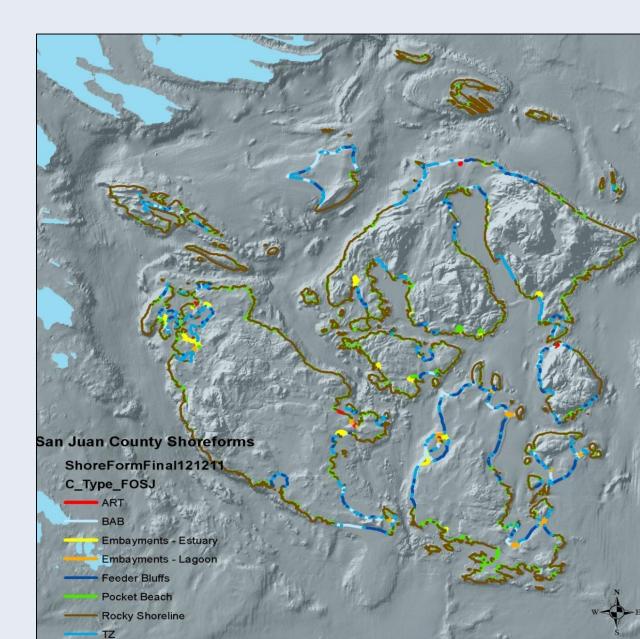
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# **Objective: Make Informed Decisions**

How will my shoreline respond to sea level rise?

**SHORETYPE** 





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How vulnerable is my property?
What type of hazard?
When will it be affected?

SJC VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT



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What can I do?

What options are there for adaptation on my type of shoreline?

**APPROPRIATE ADAPTATION** 



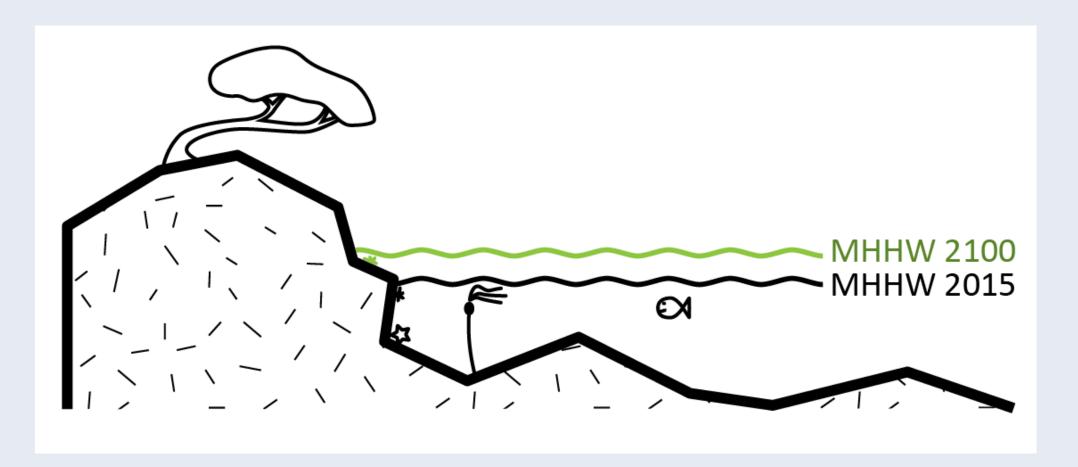
# How will my shoreline respond to sea level rise?

## Different shoreforms will respond differently

- Topography
  - Geology
- Sediment supply

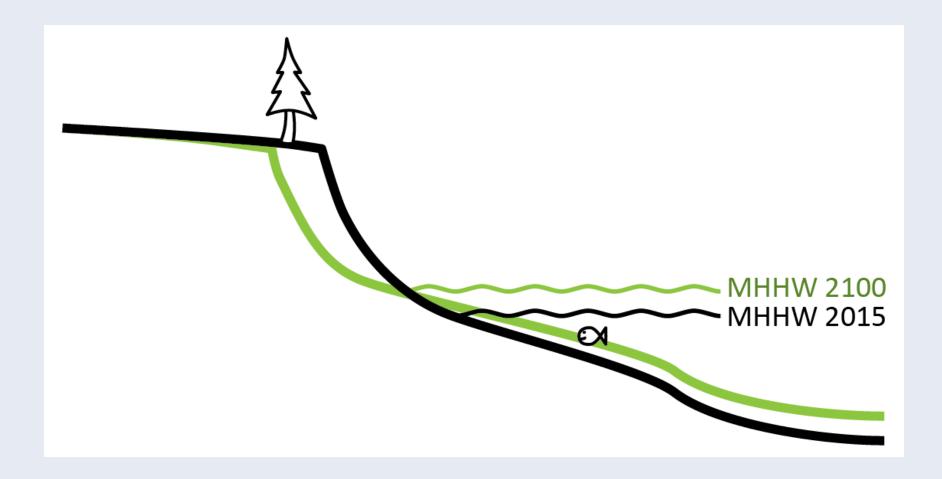


# **Rocky Shores and Sea Level Rise**



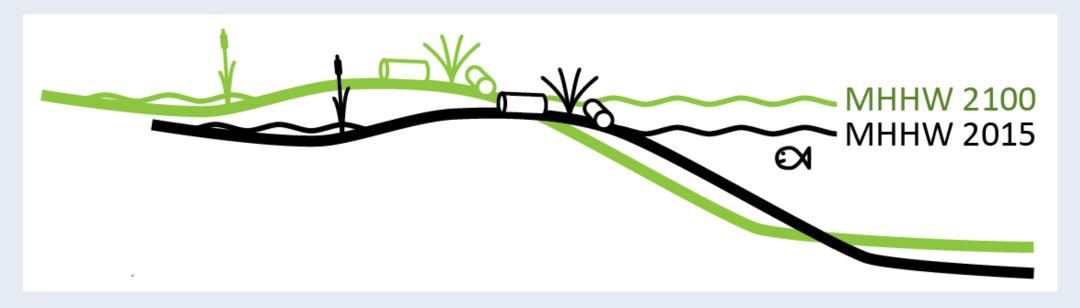


### **Bluffs and Sea Level Rise**



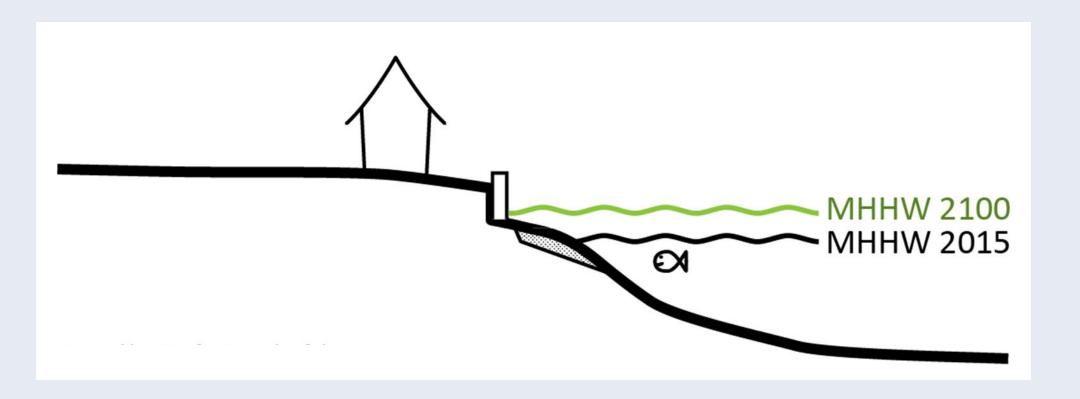


### **Barrier Beaches and Sea Level Rise**





### **Armored Beaches and Sea Level Rise**





### **Objectives**

How vulnerable is my property?

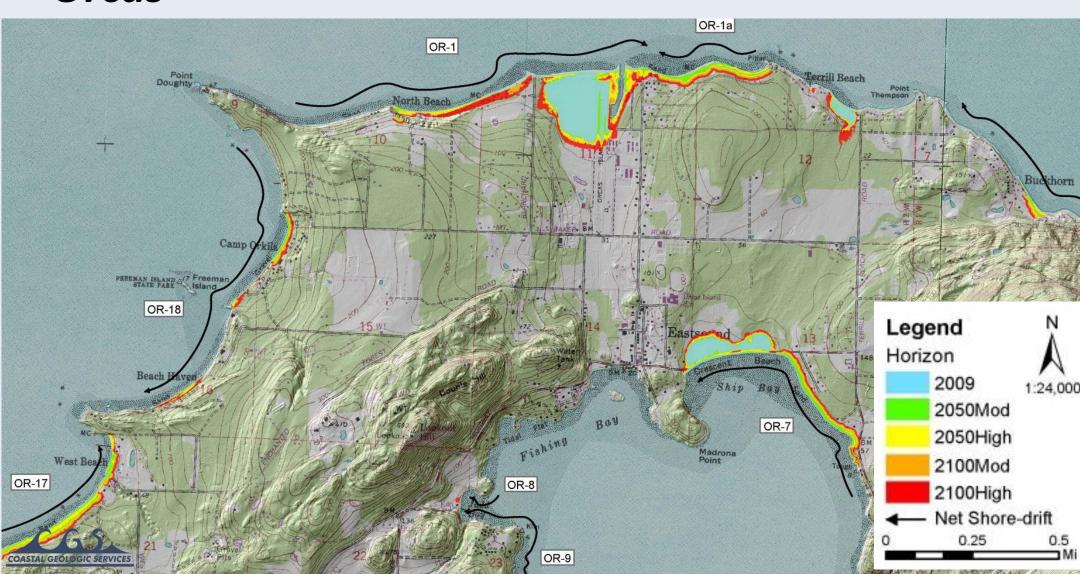
What type of hazard?

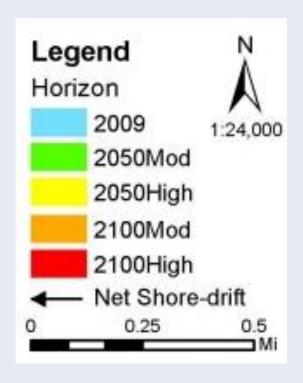
When will my property be affected?

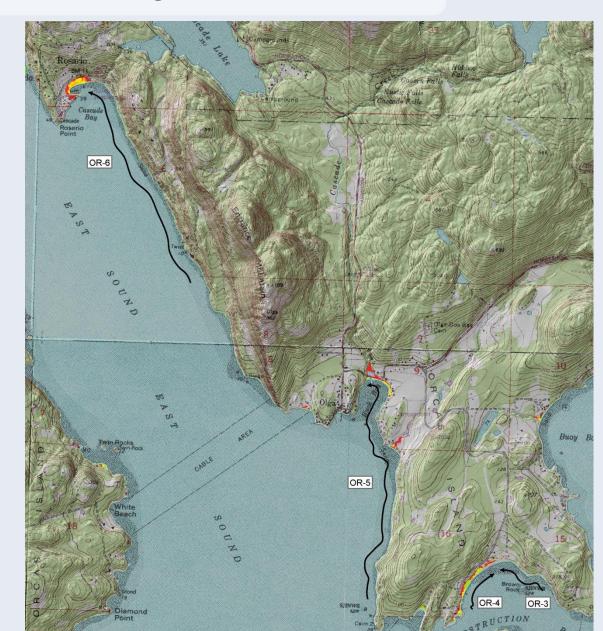
#### GIS tool to visualize SLR implications in San Juan County

- Coastal bluff erosion and
- Coastal flooding (inundation)

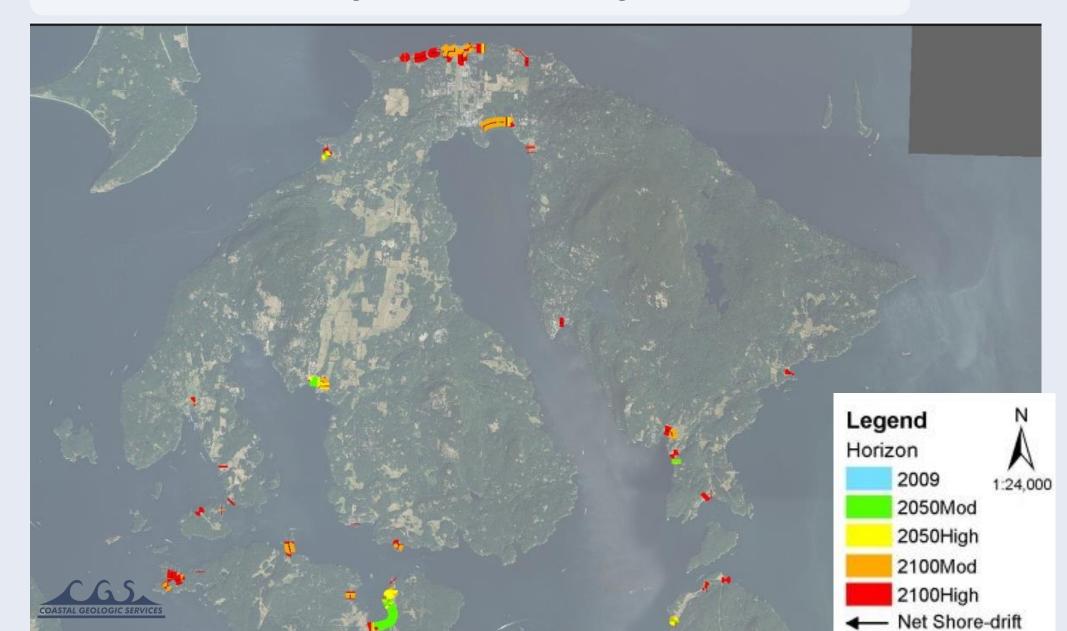












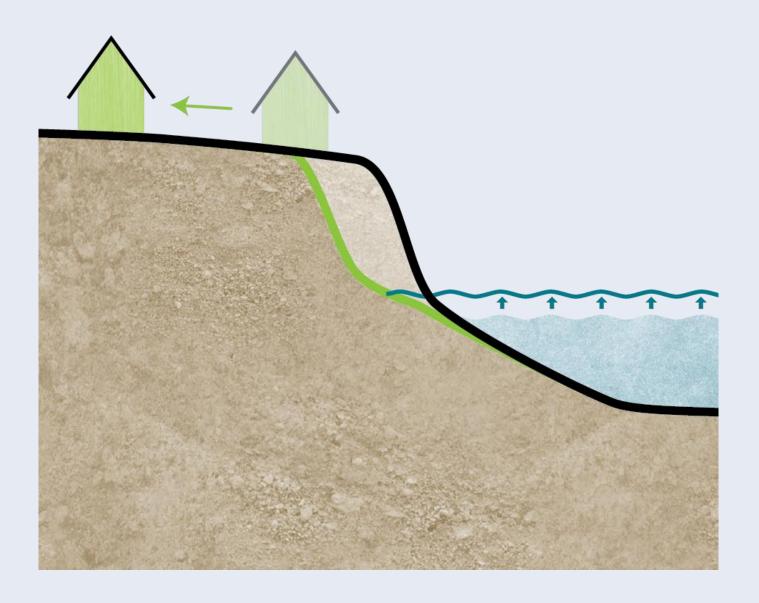




- Planning horizon
- Cost of infrastructure
- Maintenance
- Opportunities
  - Habitat conservation / restoration
  - Increased resilience



### Relocate



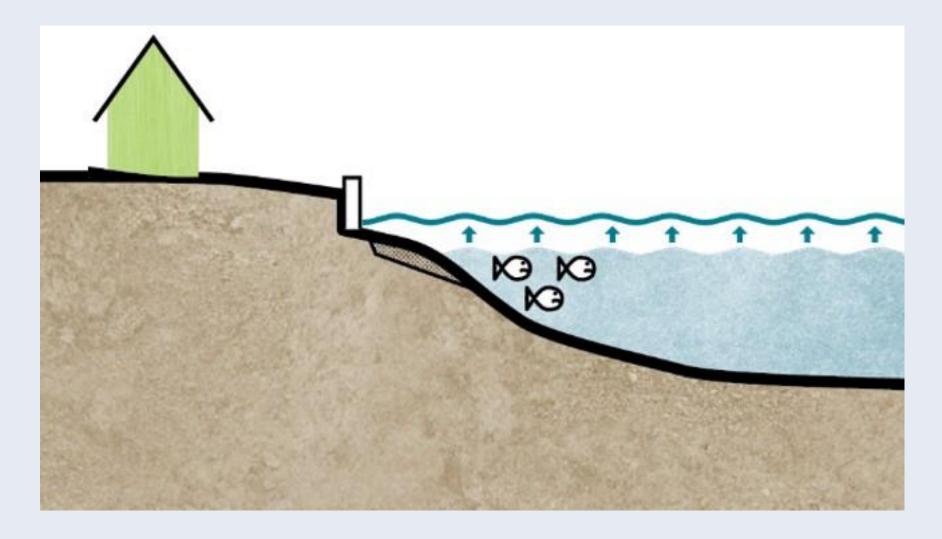


### **Elevate**





## **Fortify**





#### Nourish

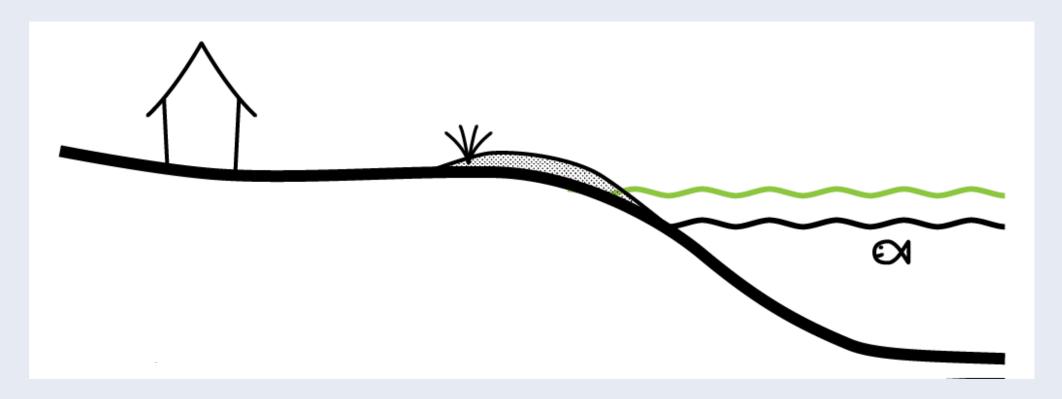
Nourish entire beach profile





### Nourish

Nourish only the upper beach



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Mitigate for sediment loss

