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UCI RESEARCHERS TO SPEAK ON COASTAL RESILIENCE TO SEA LEVEL RISE AT ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., November 1, 2016 – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will host a presentation by the three principal scientists directing a \$3 million National Science Foundation grant for a project known as FloodRISE on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 at 6:00pm. The project will provide scientific foundations for planning coastal resilience in the changing coastal environment caused by sea level rise and stronger storms. The Environmental Nature Center is located at 1601 E. 16th Street, in Newport Beach. Registration is available at encenter.org

Presenters:

- Brett Sanders, Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Irvine
- David L. Feldman, Director, Water UCI, and Department of Planning, Policy and Design, UC Irvine
- Richard Matthew, Associate Dean, School of Social Ecology & Director, Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation, UC Irvine

FloodRISE is a UC Irvine-led research project to promote resilience to coastal flooding in Southern California. The project uses advanced computer models to map flooding hazards on a house-by-house basis, and flood risk information is made accessible to residents, businesses and civic leaders through innovative communication strategies.

“We’re honored to have these three very distinguished researchers speak at the Nature Center,” said Bo Glover, ENC Executive Director. “I appreciate that we have been given the opportunity to present our community with positive news about flood risk planning and cost effective solutions to sea level rise.”

Research takes place in the lowlands surrounding the largest estuaries in Southern California: Tijuana River and Newport Bay. This place-based investment in Southern California coastal communities is supported by the National Science Foundation.

Guests will enjoy an open house with appetizers, wine, and beer from 6-7PM, followed by the speakers at 7PM. This is an adult only event. Tickets (\$15 for non-members and \$10 for members) are available at encenter.org.

About the ENC

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life’s pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 24,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community’s knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community's first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community's foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit www.ENCcenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

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