

Keep the Tijuana Estuary Open!

The President's budget eliminates the National Estuarine Research Reserves, including the Tijuana River Estuary.

The President's budget proposes to cut \$250 million in targeted National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grants and programs supporting coastal and marine management, research, and education. That includes the ***Tijuana River Reserve***, among 28 other National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRS) across the country.

Congress urgently needs to hear from our friends and supporters to understand the risk these proposed cuts represent to the Tijuana River NERR.

Nationally significant, locally relevant

Reserves protect more than 1.3 million acres of coastal and estuarine lands. States, communities, and people depend on these estuaries to protect them from flooding, keep water clean, sustain and create jobs, support fish and wildlife, and offer outdoor recreation.

The Tijuana River NERR, in 2016 alone:

- Hosted over 75,600 visitors
- Offered over 2,000 contact hours of science-based training on coastal management issues and reached over 1,600 students
- Captured and cleaned approximately 40,000 cubic yards of sediment and solid waste flowing in the Tijuana River, protecting our oceans and beaches from pollution
- Provided a refuge to over 320 bird species while protecting the nesting ground for six species of birds that are designated Threatened or Endangered

These measurable benefits to community and environment could all be lost. We need your help to urge Congress to reject the President's proposal to drastically cut funding to NOAA and eliminate the NERRS program.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and commitment to protecting our people and places. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nerra.org/my-reserve-our-coasts>