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Sightseers hang out in an area at Ocean Beach where a seawall project would commence.

Seawall OK'd to avert 'major emergency'

Conservationists say climate change plan will erode Ocean Beach

By Tara Duggan

California's main coastal protection agency has approved a \$175 million climate-related project that will transform the southern portion of San Francisco's Ocean Beach, despite fierce opposition from some members of the public. A sticking point is a massive seawall that some surfers fear could make the beach disappear.

The California Coastal Commission on Thursday unanimously approved the city's Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project, which will be funded by the city. Created by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and other agencies, the plan includes a 3,200-foot-long buried seawall designed to protect a sewage tunnel located along the coast south of Sloat Boulevard. A wastewater treatment plant is nearby. Commissioners expressed concern over many aspects of the plan but agreed that it was the only real option.



Local surfer Bill McLaughlin laments that erosion is eating away parts of Ocean Beach where people used to gather many years ago.

"It would be, at the end of the day, very irresponsible of us to take the chance for the tunnel to go down,"

said Commissioner Susan Lowenberg, who grew up in the neighborhood. The 14-foot diameter Lake Merced Tunnel is used to store combined stormwater and wastewater during big storms

when the plant is at capacity. It's particularly vulnerable because that part of the beach is projected to erode by more than 100 feet by 2100 because of sea level rise and larger

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Expelling millions on Trump agenda

'Border czar' pick contributed to Project 2025's vision of detentions

By Raheem Hosseini and Ko Lyn Cheang

When Donald Trump announced his intent to name Thomas Homan to the new position of "border czar" upon retaking the White House in January, the president-elect closed the distance between his agenda and Project 2025, the far-right blueprint crafted by the Heritage Foundation.

Homan, the acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement during Trump's first term, is a visiting fellow with Heritage and a contributor to the Washington, D.C., think tank's Project 2025, subtitled the Presidential Transition Project.

The 900-page manifesto expands on Trump's promise to expel millions of undocumented immigrants by detailing how such a massive undertaking could be accomplished through executive and congressional action.

Project 2025 even calls for the kind of Cabinet-level post that Homan will fill if confirmed.

"I've known Tom for a long time, and there is nobody better at policing and controlling our Borders," Trump wrote in a Nov. 10 post on Truth Social, the social media platform he owns. "Likewise,

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Newsom podcast looks unlikely to expand Dem tent

Anybody who's listened to at least 30 seconds of Gov. Gavin Newsom's podcast, "Politickin'," with NFL great and Oakland native Marshawn Lynch and their mutual friend, Lynch's agent Doug Hendrickson, must be asking: "Why the hell is Newsom doing this?"

I still don't know after listening to several episodes.

But Newsom sees around the corner better than most in politics, so I'm holding

on to a shred of faith that he is just so far ahead of the curve here that we can't see him over the horizon. Many Democrats, in the wake of Donald Trump's presidential win, have suggested that candidates should make appearances on Joe Rogan's podcast and similar shows. But Democrats still need something appealing to talk about once they sit down with the Rogans of the world.

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Contemporary Jewish Museum closing for a year

By Tony Bravo

The Contemporary Jewish Museum plans to close for a full year while the organization stabilizes its finances and refocuses its operating model.

The downtown San Francisco galleries at 736 Mission St. are open through Dec. 15, the museum announced. While shuttered, there will be a phased reduction of the CJM staff over the next several months across all departments, added CJM Executive Director Kerry King.

"This has been a carefully thought-out, considered, debated analysis of options over probably the past year," King told the Chronicle. "It has brought us to a point where we believe that as difficult as it is, this is the time to take a dramatic reduction so that we can ensure a future, longer-

term."

Among the troubles that King cited were a 50% drop in attendance since reopening in 2021 after the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown and an additional decrease in foot traffic of 5% this year. Income has also fallen by 50%, she said.

King noted that the museum will still be available for venue rentals, a critical source of income.

Among the museum's immediate priorities are the closure of its current exhibitions — among them "The California Jewish Open," "Nicki Green: Firmament" and "Looted" — and returning art to artists and lenders. Educational programs will also be put on hold for the next year. This will result in reduced staffing, going from 30 employees to 11

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Executive Director Kerry King says that during a yearlong closure, the Contemporary Jewish Museum will be able to cut its budget roughly in half from \$7.1 million to \$3.2 million.

