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On behalf of the University of Southern California (USC) Sea Grant and the Ocean and Coastal Policy Center (OCPC) at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), we are inviting you to participate in the *2023 California Coastal Adaptation Needs Assessment*. This survey carries forward previous efforts in 2005, 2011, and 2016 to evaluate the needs and challenges of individuals working along California's open ocean, bay, delta, and estuarine coastlines to prepare for the effects of climate change.

We are seeking insights from a broad range of individuals like yourself, including resource managers, property interests, land stewards, and other persons involved or interested in California coastal resource management, conservation, stewardship, and adaptation. Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary; however, you can help us inform how partner organizations and local, state, and federal agencies direct their attention and resources by taking between 40 – 60 minutes to answer our questions.

If you wish to participate in our study, please follow this link to the survey: https://ucsb.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bIq5VYOpors6CRo. The survey will remain open for six weeks, until **Friday, April 7**.

We apologize in advance if you receive multiple requests to take the survey, and we appreciate the opportunity to ensure your unique experiences are captured in this research.

If you have any questions about this study, we would be happy to speak with you. You can reach the lead researchers on this study here:

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Thank you for your help and participation in our study.

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