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Council to hear results of breakwater study

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LONG BEACH - The City Council will hold a special study session July 27 on the results of the Long Beach Breakwater reconnaissance study, officials announced today.

This study is the culmination of three public meetings, dozens of stakeholder group interviews, and expertise from Moffatt & Nichol, the city's engineering consultants who conducted the study.

The breakwater is an 8-mile seawall off the city's coast. Some community leaders and beach advocates want to see the breakwater removed or modified to allow water to flow more naturally, increasing wave action and clearing out Long Beach's polluted coastal waters.

The reconnaissance study examined whether there is a federal interest in reconfiguring the breakwater and is the first in a long series of steps that could lead to its modification.

The 5 p.m. meeting at City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., will consist of an oral presentation by Moffatt & Nichol explaining the results of the study and an outline of the potential next steps. It will also include an opportunity for questions and for the community to comment.

No formal council action will be taken on July 27, according to Tom Modica, manager of government affairs.