# Coastal Bluff Repair Santa Cruz, California



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### How Not to Repair Coastal Bluff



<---failed concrete (gunnite)
 protective curtain</pre>

Curtain was blown out as a result of unrelieved pore-water pressure build up in bluff behind curtain

# Eroded Bluff (before repair)



<---looking South towards
Monterey Bay

looking North along coast--->

# Bluff Repair Sequence





Preparing to install (drape) Enka mat over bluff face



#### Enka Mat anchored 1' oc





Anchoring ("nailing") Enka mat to bluff face



<---Enka mat anchored to bluff face







While willow stakes were cut Alex takes a nap! Notice willow, 35 yrs old, on neighbors cliff

# Installing Willow Stakes



Inserting (tamping)--->
live cuttings thru
mat into bluff face

# Bluff Repair Sequence (cont)



- Flexterra @ 4000# /ac
- Native Grass seeds (Maritime)
- Jumpstart (Profile) humic acid
- BioPrime (Profile) mychorrizae,

Applying (spraying) hydroseed solution to bluff face ------



# Green Armor System



Spraying hydro mulch---> over (& thru) Enka mat





7" rain in the first week after construction



1st Month

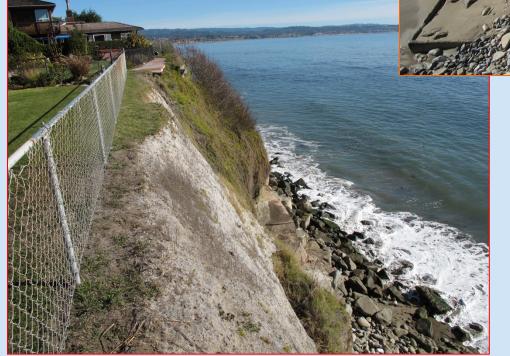






After 1 year

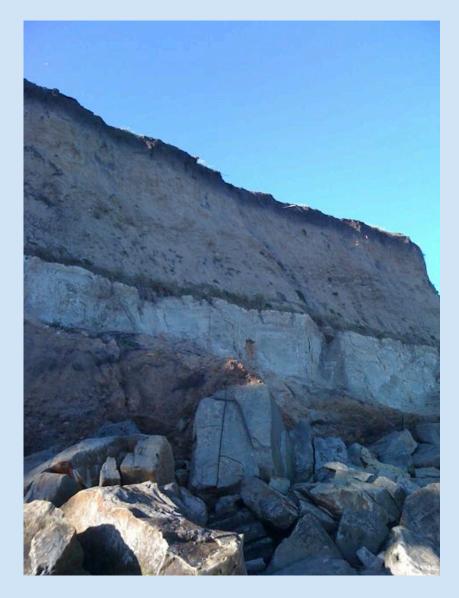




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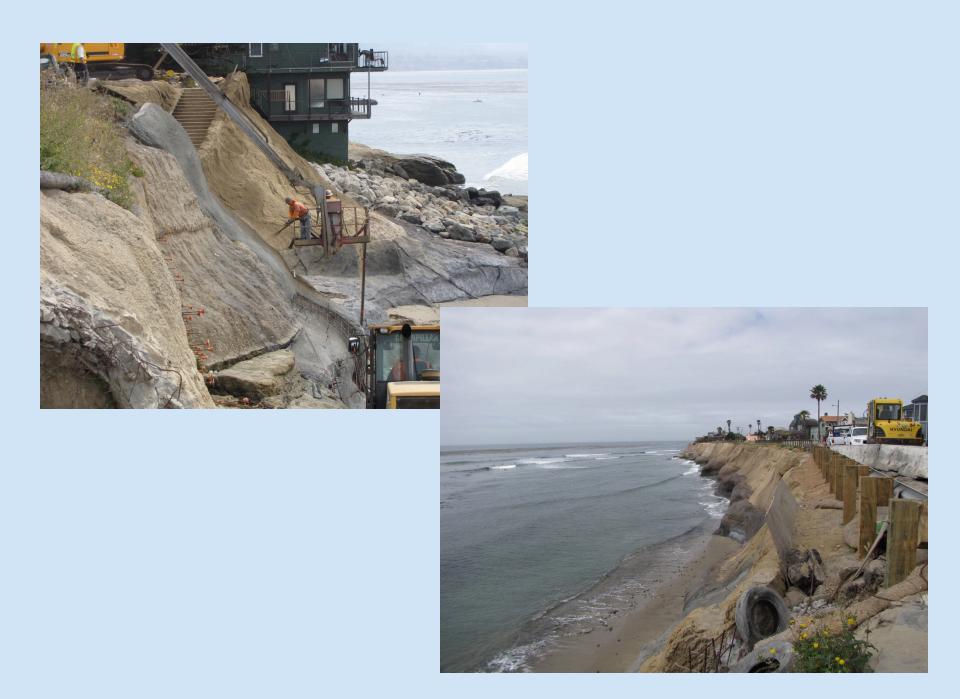
After 2 year

# East Cliff Drive up coast prepares for \$\$million fix, soil nails

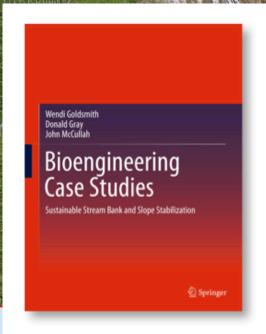












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