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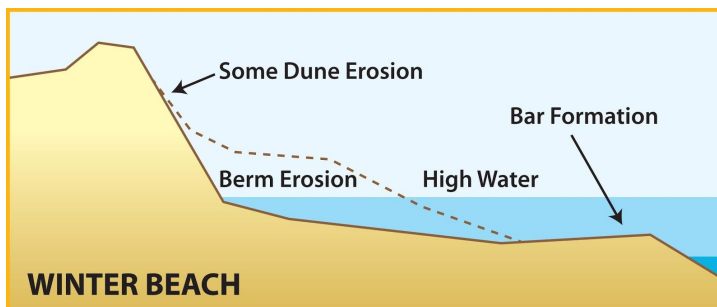
SPI currently experiencing a winter beach

South Padre Island, TX, Jan. 30, 2018: South Padre Island’s beach and dunes undergo a seasonal transformation from a “summer” beach to a “winter” beach. The Island is currently in a period known as a “winter” beach. This is the season when beaches are eroded and flatten out often giving the appearance of a lower beach. The sand actually remains in the beach system and is stored within sand bars.

Storms in the winter create waves that are larger and more energetic. South Padre Island’s dunes are the first line of defense against storm surges. Dunes are storm buffers, absorbing the wave and wind energy that otherwise would reach beach properties.

“The City works extremely hard to protect and maintain our beach for the enjoyment of residents and visitors,” said Brandon Hill, shoreline director. “Also, our dunes provide habitat for for local plants and animals.”

The City seeks to maximize the benefits of the dune system by improving beach maintenance practices. For more information, scan or click the QR code below to view how the City cares for our coastline.



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