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Coastal Commission resolves illegal excavation in Malibu and secures restoration, \$2M beachfront property for public use

Eureka, Calif. — The California Coastal Commission voted unanimously on Thursday to approve a settlement that requires a private company to restore a damaged Malibu shoreline and dedicate for public use a \$2-million beachfront property.

The agreement resolves the illegal use of heavy machinery by 2XMD Partners LLC to dig up sensitive coastal habitat along Broad Beach. The settlement also requires the company to remove an unpermitted private staircase and rock wall that blocked public access along the coast.

“This is the right resolution,” Coastal Commission Deputy Chief of Enforcement Aaron McLendon said during a public hearing on Thursday. “The property that would be dedicated to the public is incredibly unique.”

2XMD has identified a property for donation in eastern Malibu, which will provide greater access to a part of the coast that has been challenging for the public to enjoy. It will also preserve coastal views, habitat and access there in perpetuity.

“This is a rare opportunity to secure beach access for the public in Malibu,” said Coastal Commission Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge. “I’m grateful to all involved for turning a bad situation into a major win for Californians.”

Specifically, 2XMD Partners used an excavator in 2024 to remove sand, cobble stones and boulders from a marine protected area to backfill a seawall in front of a private residence it owns at 31430 Broad Beach Road. The company also blocked public access with an unpermitted private staircase and rock wall revetment.

The excavation degraded sensitive coastal habitats that are home to species such as sea stars, rare algae, kelp and numerous fish. The damaged shoreline is part of the Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area.

The Coastal Commission hearing on this item can be found at <https://cal-span.org/> and staff materials at <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2026/9>.

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