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## Coastal Commission Santa Cruz Area Field Trip

February 9, 2012 from approximately 11:30 – 2:30

The Coastal Commission's Santa Cruz area field trip will depart from the County building (701 Ocean Street in Santa Cruz) at approximately 11:30 am and will loop through coastal Live Oak, Capitola, and south Santa Cruz County through to the Pajaro Valley High School (500 Harkins Slough Road in Watsonville) and then back to the County building at approximately 2:30 pm. The Commission will be in a small bus, and others are encouraged to follow along in private vehicles if they are interested in joining the Commission at designated stops.

The first segment of the trip will run through the Live Oak beach area and Capitola, roughly following the coastline along East Cliff Drive and through Capitola Village to Highway One at Park Avenue. There are planned short stops (roughly 15 minutes each) at the Harbor Beach (near the corner of 5th/Lake Avenue and East Cliff Drive) and at Pleasure Point (near the corner of 32nd Avenue and East Cliff Drive).

The second segment of the trip will loop through south Santa Cruz County, from Highway One to San Andreas Road and then back to the Highway and through to Pajaro Valley High School. There is a planned longer stop (roughly 30 minutes) at the Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center at the High School (in the upper parking lot), including where the Center's Jonathan Pilch will give the Commission an overview about the Center and restoration efforts at and around the High School. Following the High School stop, the Commission will return to the County building along Highway One.

If time allows, the Commission may stop at other selected points of interest along the route, and may disembark from the bus at such stops. Given the condensed amount of time within which to complete the trip, it is likely that there will be few such impromptu stops, and it is also likely that the Commission will remain on the bus when/if stopped. For more information, please contact the Commission's Central Coast District office at the address and phone number above.

### Field Trip Itinerary

- 1130-1145: Leave County building, board bus, and embark (Commission lunch on the bus)
- 1145-1155: Drive down Ocean Street and along East Cliff Drive to Harbor Beach
- 1155-1210: Stop/discussion at Harbor Beach (15 minutes)
- 1210-1230: Drive through Live Oak to Pleasure Point (potential impromptu stops)
- 1230-1245: Stop/discussion at Pleasure Point Park (15 minutes)
- 1245-1255: Drive through Capitola to Highway One (potential impromptu stops)
- 1255-130: Drive through south County (Highway One/San Andreas Road) (potential impromptu stops)
- 130-200: Stop/discussion at Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center (30 minutes)
- 200-230: Board bus and return to County building



