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Table A-1. Coastal Act Section 30611 Waiver Notifications for Temporary Coastal Access Closures and Restrictions Related to COVID-19

Applicant/Jurisdiction	Brief Summary of Closures and Restrictions
<u>North Coast District</u>	
California Coastal Conservancy, Moat Creek, Mendocino County	Temporary closure of the Moat Creek access point by closing and locking the gate.
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 24 state park units in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties: Del Norte Coast State Park, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Pelican State Beach, Tolowa Dunes State Park, Harry A. Merlo SRA, Humboldt Lagoons SP, Little River SB, Patricks Point SP, Prairie Creek Redwoods SP, Trinidad SB, Caspar Headlands SB and SNR, Greenwood B, Jug Handle SNR, MacKerricher SP, Manchester SP, Mendocino Headlands SP, Navarro River Redwoods SP, Point Cabrillo Light Station SHP, Russian Gulch SP, Schooner Gulch SB, Sinkyone Wilderness SP, Van Damme SP, and Westport Union Landing.
City of Fort Bragg	Temporary closure of all recreational sites, parks, playgrounds, beaches, navigable waterways for recreational purposes, and congregation areas, by means of temporary barricades, closure of existing gates, use of existing bollards, and signage.
City of Point Arena	Temporary closure of city parking lots and the Arena Cove Pier (excluding for persons involved with commercial fishing operations) by use of barriers and signage.
Mendocino County	Temporary closure of all beaches, parks, parking lots and accessways.
<u>North Central Coast District</u>	
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 23 state park units in Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties: Fort Ross SHP, Salt Point SP, Sonoma Coast SP, Stillwater Cove, Angel Island SP, China Camp, Marconi SHP, Mount Tamalpais SP, Tomales Bay SP, Candlestick SRA, Ano Nuevo SP, Bean Hollow SB, Burleigh H. Murray Ranch, Butano SP, Gray Whale Cove SB, Half Moon Bay SB, Montara SB, Pacifica SB, Pescadero SB, Pigeon Point Lighthouse SHP, Pomponio State Beach, San Gregorio SB, Thornton SB

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City of Pacifica	Temporary closure of 9 beach parking lots located at and near: Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach), the Pacifica Community Center, Rockaway Beach, Council Chambers, and Fisherman’s Lot.
Marin County	Temporary closure of motorized access of public outdoor recreation areas, including but not limited to parks, campgrounds, and open spaces within the County of Marin, by means of limiting or eliminating parking along access roads; use of fencing, blockades, and signs restricting hours of access or promoting social distancing; closure of specific beaches, piers, boat launches, public trails, parks, accessways, campsites, parking areas, and other areas which have the potential or tendency to attract gatherings of individuals.
San Francisco	Temporary closure of Ocean Beach parking lot by use of barricades and signage.
San Mateo County Harbor District	Temporary closure of parking areas and a boat launch ramp.
Sonoma County	Temporary closure of all parks in Sonoma County by means of gate closures and use of fencing, blockades and signage.
<u>Central Coast District</u>	
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 39 state park units in Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz: Andrew Molera SP, Garrapata SP, John Little SNR, Julie Pfeiffer Burns SP, Limekiln SP, Marina SB, Monterey SB and SHP, Moss Landing SB, Pfeiffer Big Sur SB, Point Lobos Ranch, Point Lobos SNR, Point Sur SHP, Salinas SB, Zmudowski SB, Cambria SMP, Cayucos SB, Estero Bluffs SP, Harmony Headlands SP, Hearst San Simeon SHM and SP, Los Osos Oaks SNR, Montana De Oro, Morro Bay SP, Morro Strand SB, Oceano Dunes SVRA, Pismo SB, Big Basin Redwoods SP, Lighthouse Field SB, Manrea SB, Natural Bridges SB, New Brighton SB, Seacliff SB, Sunset SB, Twin Lakes SB, and Wilder Ranch SP.
City of Capitola	Temporary closure of 3 beach parking lots <u>and beach parking along Cliff Drive</u> ; reduction in maximum time allowed to park in Capitola Village; removal of benches from the sidewalk adjacent to Capitola beach; and restricting the use of large temporary shade structures (pop ups, tents, and umbrellas) on Capitola Beach.

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<u>City of Monterey</u>	<u>Temporary partial beach closure of all Monterey beaches and parks.</u>
City of Morro Bay	Temporary closure of parking areas and a boat launch ramp, and associated signage.
Moss Landing Harbor District	Temporary access restrictions to the Moss Landing North Harbor launch ramps allowing use only by commercial fishing vessels.
O'Neill Sea Odyssey, City of Santa Cruz	Temporary closure, through the use of barricades and signage, of two public access stairways and an elevator to the O'Neill Sea Odyssey educational center.
<u>City of Pismo Beach</u>	<u>Temporary closure of Pismo Pier and boardwalk adjacent to the Pier Plaza through the use of barricades and signage.</u>
PG&E Diablo Canyon	Temporary closure of the Point Buchon and Pecho Coast Trails and associated signage.
Santa Cruz Port District	Partial closure of the Port District Boat Launch.
Santa Cruz County	Temporary closure of all public parks, recreational areas and facilities, including trails, paths, parkways, trailheads and campgrounds, beaches, piers, and beach pedestrian or bike paths that traverse the beach, dog parks, skate parks, pump tracks, playgrounds, golf courses, disc golf courses, pickleball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic facilities, and public areas used for congregation. Restrictions include temporary closure of all parking lots and access points to any of the facilities or areas listed above.
San Luis Obispo County	Temporary closure of specific beaches, piers, boat launches, public trails, parks, accessways, campsites, parking areas, and other areas that have the potential to attract gatherings of individuals by use of fencing, blockades, and signs restricting hours of access or promoting social distancing.
<u>South Central Coast District</u>	
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 16 state park units in Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, and Santa Monica Mountains area of Los Angeles County: Carpinteria SB, El Capitan SB, Gaviota SB, Point Sal SB, Refugio SB, Emma Wood SB, Mandalay SB, McGrath SB, Point Mugu SP, San Buenaventura SB, Leo

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	Carrillo SP, Malibu Creek SP, Malibu Lagoon SB, Point Dume SB, Robert H. Meyer Memorial SB, and Topanga SP.
Channel Islands Harbor	Temporary closure of all parks, beaches, public launch ramp, and adjoining parking lots within the Channel Islands Harbor, through the use of barricades, locks, and signage.
City of Carpinteria	Temporary closure of parking areas through the use of barricades, and signage <u>and time restrictions.</u>
City of Goleta	Temporary closure of every other parking space, excluding ADA parking spaces, at the Sperling Parking Lot at Ellwood Mesa with traffic delineators, signage, and other temporary barricades.
City of Malibu	Temporary closure of specific parks and parking areas, by placement of signage and barricades.
City of Santa Barbara Harbor Department	Temporary closure of Stearns Wharf, the Harbor Breakwater, Sandspit, Rock Groin, and 9 beach and harbor parking lots, through the use of barricades and signage.
MRCA Calabasas	Temporary closure of specific areas and restrictions on parking by use of fencing, blockades and signage to encourage social distancing.
Ventura Port District	Temporary closure of Surfer’s Knoll and Harbor Cove beaches and beach parking lots, and the Ventura Harbor public boat launch ramp, through the placement of barricades and signage.
Ventura County	Temporary closure of parking areas along Pacific Coast Highway 101 within the County of Ventura, extending from the community of Sea Cliff approximately 6 (six) miles southeast to Emma Wood State Beach, through the installation of blockades and signs to promote social distancing and closure of parking areas.
<u>South Coast District</u>	
412 Vista Pacifica, Inc. Homeowners Association, City of San Clemente	Temporary closure of the access gate to the viewing area at 412 Arenoso Lane in San Clemente.
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 11 state park units in Los Angeles County (excluding Santa Monica Mountains) and Orange Counties: Dockweiler SB, Long Beach Marine Stadium, Manhattan Beach Pier, Santa Monica SB, Will Rogers SB, Bolsa Chica SB,

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	Corona del Mar SB, Crystal Cove SB, Doheny SB, Huntington SB, and San Clemente SB.
City of Avalon	Temporary closure of Avalon Harbor and Santa Catalina Island, including restricting use of all non-owner and non-resident moorings within the City of Avalon waters and public beaches.
City of Dana Point	Temporary closure of trails, facilities, parking lots, specific street parking, and roads, through the use of fencing and signage.
City of Hermosa Beach	Temporary closure of the Hermosa Beach Pier, Hermosa Beach Strand Bike and Walking Path, Hermosa Beach shoreline and sandy beach, and Downtown Parking Structure, through use of barricades at 32 coastal access locations.
City of Huntington Beach	Temporary closure of Huntington Beach Pier, the Pier Plaza, parking lots between Beach Boulevard and Seapoint Street, parking lot at Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway by locking gates and/or blocking access with wooden barricades and posting signage.
City of Laguna Beach	Temporary closure of parks, beaches, and trailheads.
City of Long Beach	Temporary closure of public beaches, beach access points, beach parking lots, pedestrian walking paths, bike paths, playgrounds, sports courts, exercise and fitness equipment, the Belmont Pool, the Belmont Pier and other public piers, vessel launching facilities requiring public access, and parking lots dedicated to open space and parks in tideland areas, through use of barricades, caution tape, locked gates and signage.
<u>City of Manhattan Beach</u>	<u>Temporary closure of Manhattan Beach Pier, Pier Parking Lots, Bruce’s Beach Parking Lots, El Porto Beach Parking Lot, The Strand, Bruce’s Beach Park, Live Oak Park, and coastal zone by use of fencing, blockades, caution tape and signs.</u>
City of Newport Beach	Temporary closure of beach and beachfront parking lots, <u>Minna Park Parking Lot, Superior Parking Lot</u> , Newport Pier, Balboa Pier, Oceanfront boardwalk, Balboa Island Boardwalk, Goldenrod Footbridge, Buck Gully Trail, Lookout Point, Inspiration Point, playgrounds, sports fields/courts, dog park, gathering areas along Ocean Boulevard, gathering areas of West Jetty Park (not including vertical beach accessway), five public parking areas accessible off Seashore Drive, and the

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	beach area from M Street to the West Channel Jetty; temporary closure to vehicular traffic of Back Bay Drive; temporary restrictions on Balboa Island bayfront walkway; and installation of closure signage.
City of Palos Verdes Estates	Temporary closure of the Paseo Del Mar and Palos Verdes Drive West bluff areas between the roadway and cliffs, parking on the ocean side of the streets adjacent to open bluff areas, and closure of the parking areas in specific areas of Paseo Del Mar and Palos Verdes Drive West, through use of barricades and no parking signs.
City of Ranchos Palos Verdes	Temporary closure of specific beach, parking lot, park, and accessway, through fencing, blockades, and signs restricting hours of access or promoting social distancing.
City of Redondo Beach	Closure of the City's public access and recreation facilities, including the Redondo Beach Pier, the Esplanade, beaches, trails, public parking areas, sports courts, all public walkways, stairways, ramps, and paths that provide access to the beach and other public parks and spaces.
City of San Clemente	Temporary closure of <u>beaches, on street parking and</u> public access to the Municipal Pier, various access points and parking areas, through placement of signs, temporary barricades and fencing.
<u>City of Santa Monica</u>	<u>Temporary closure of Santa Monica Pier deck, 13 beach parking lots, Beach Bike Path and Ocean Front Walk by use of temporary barricades, signs and locked gates.</u>
City of Seal Beach	Temporary closure of all beaches and associated parking lots, Seal Beach Pier, pier restrooms, and pier playground area, through placement of signage identifying closures and promoting social distancing.
City of Torrance	Temporary closure of Torrance Beach and ocean, Torrance Beach parking lot, the Strand, Miramar Park, Riviera Beach Colony public parking lot, and any and all recreational sites and recreational activities on Torrance Beach.
Los Angeles County	Temporary closure of public walking paths, beaches and associated operational facilities, beach bike paths, and public exercise and play equipment, through the use of barriers, caution-tape, a-frame supports, and signage.
Orange County	Temporary closure of the parking lot at Harriett M. Wieder

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	Regional Park, and the parking lots and restrooms at Bayside Beach, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, Aliso Beach, Salt Creek Beach, Selva, Dana Point Harbor (Baby Beach, Cove Road and the Pier only) and Capistrano Beach, as well as temporary closure of the access points to Treasure Island, Thousand Steps, Camel Point, Table Rock and West Street.
<u>San Diego Coast District</u>	
California State Parks	Temporary closure of 11 state park units in San Diego County: Border Field SP, Cardiff SB, Carlsbad SB, Leucadia SB, Moonlight SB, San Elijo SB, San Onofre SB, Silver Strand SB, South Carlsbad SB, Torrey Pines SB, and Torrey Pines SNR.
City of Carlsbad	Temporary closure of community parks, special use areas, open spaces, special resource areas, and city parking areas and trail, through the use of a-frame barricades, locking of gates, caution tape, orange plastic delineators/cones, and postings and signage.
<u>City of Coronado</u>	<u>Temporary closure of Coronado beaches, public parks, recreational facilities and associated public parking by use if signage, police tape and cones.</u>
City of Encinitas	Temporary closure of the City's six beaches, access points to beaches, and parking lots adjacent to beaches, through use of barricades and closure signage. Temporarily restrictions on parking in the City owned right-of-way on Cornish Drive and street parking areas on the west and east sides of South Coast Highway 101.
City of Imperial Beach	Temporary closure of the sand beach area west of Seacoast Drive, municipal pier, public parks, and beach area parking lots, through use of caution tape, signage, and blockades.
City of Oceanside	Temporary closure of all Oceanside public beaches, the Oceanside Harbor public boat launch ramp, the Oceanside Pier, and 21 public parking facilities; temporary restrictions on pedestrian and vehicular access to The Strand and Oceanside Harbor boat slips; and placement of associated public information signage.
City of San Diego	Temporary closure of all beaches, bays, coastal parks, and related parking facilities within the City of San Diego, through the use of signage, caution tape, and light and heavy barriers.

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Port of San Diego	Temporary closure of all District Managed parks and facilities, and associated restrooms, in Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, National City, and San Diego, through fencing, barricades, and signage. Temporary closure of public parks, gathering spaces, and two public restrooms located within Port District Leaseholds, including golf courses, boat launch facilities, viewing decks, outdoor seating areas, and plaza areas, through fencing, barricades, and signage.
<u>UC San Diego</u>	<u>Temporary closure of UCSD Scripps Seaside Forum Parking Lots P002 and P003, and Blacks Beach Parking area adjacent to the beach by use of sandwich boards, signage, metal barricades and caution tape.</u>
San Diego County	Temporary closure of specific trails, staging areas, parking lots, facilities, playgrounds, sports courts and athletic fields, and picnic areas, through gate closures, temporary barricades, and signage.

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March 24, 2020

To: Agencies and Local Governments with Jurisdiction in the Coastal Zone

From: John Ainsworth, Executive Director

Re: Coastal Access Restrictions and Closures Due to COVID-19

Because unified efforts among federal, state, local, and tribal governments are necessary to ensure that people are doing everything possible to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Coastal Commission is taking additional measures to help maintain public welfare during this crisis. Limiting exposure by avoiding contact with other people, and obeying statewide and local shelter-in-place orders is critical. This includes “social distancing,” which entails staying at least 6 feet from other people, using masks and gloves as needed, and not participating in group activities.

It has become clear in recent days that many Californians are not adequately practicing social distancing directives, especially in public spaces, such as coastal parks and beaches. Accordingly, many public agencies and local governments have inquired about coastal permitting requirements associated with limiting such access in the coastal zone. The Coastal Act allows the Executive Director to waive emergency coastal permit requirements for public agencies that are performing a public service to protect life and property in cases of emergency. (Pub. Res. Code section 30611).

Under this provision, the Executive Director may exercise his discretion to waive, upon request, emergency coastal permitting requirements for public agencies responsible for maintaining public parks, beaches, parking lots, and other coastal accessways if applicable federal, state, or local health departments have deemed it necessary to restrict access to or close those public spaces in order to protect public health and safety during this health emergency. Given the recent events, the Executive Director is prepared to waive permitting requirements for restrictions or closures where the restriction or closure is not longer than the duration of the applicable shelter-in-place order, it is the minimum action necessary to protect public health and safety, and it does not involve the erection of any permanent structures (Please see attached sample notification letter). Any such waivers will expire automatically when applicable shelter-in-place orders are lifted.

At the same time, and because recreational beach and coastal access also play important roles in maintaining mental and emotional health, especially during times of stress, public agencies and local governments should strongly consider maintaining access to such public spaces where recreational users are practicing safe social distancing and there is no obvious increased risk to public health, or if other measures are deemed sufficient in a given area. We recognize there is an inequity in coastal access and we strongly encourage local governments to consider approaches that balance public health order requirements and equitable public access -- the coast belongs to all.

Please contact your local Coastal Commission district office if you have any questions.

[DATE]

John Ainsworth
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 30611, [City / County / Agency] requests a waiver of the requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for the development described below. This waiver is requested on the basis that immediate action, as described below, [is or was] necessary for the purpose of protecting public health from imminent danger in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. This development is necessary to preserve social distancing requirements and slow the spread of the virus. The emergency work consists of the following:

Place: [list all places affected, and include a map of areas affected]

Development to be undertaken: [Describe development to be performed, e.g. fencing, blockades, signs restricting hours of access or promoting social distancing, closure of a specific beach, parking lot, park, or accessway, or other restrictions]:

Staff Contact:

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

[City / County / Agency] understands and acknowledges this development is the minimum that applicable health departments or agencies believe is required to protect life and public property from imminent danger, that the waiver does not authorize the permanent erection of any structure, and that this waiver is only in effect while [ordinance/executive order/other number: xxxxx] is in effect consistent with section 30611 and requires that people exercise social distancing. Every effort will be taken to preserve public access for all members of the public where recreational users are few enough in number or are otherwise practicing safe social distancing, where there is no evidence of increased risk to public health, or if other measures are deemed sufficient in a given area.



My friends and fellow public servants in local government,

I just want to take a moment to let you know how much I value your leadership and collegiality as we all struggle to cope with this ever-changing new reality. These are trying and unprecedented times. And yet, when things are at their worst, we have the capacity to be our best selves. From what I have seen in these past two weeks, I am so impressed with how our local leaders are stepping up; making tough decisions about how best to serve and protect coastal communities. I am truly grateful for and moved by your commitment.

You are on the front lines of this battle, and your local knowledge of evolving conditions in your community is paramount to sound decision-making. I know this isn't easy for you, your families or your constituents. California's coastal communities pride themselves on sharing their unique attributes with the broader public. Coastal access is a hallmark of the state's collective character and, while empty beaches have a distinct and undeniable beauty, there is more than a tinge of sadness at the sight of them under these circumstances.

From all we know, things are likely to get worse before they get better. I want you to know that the Coastal Commission is here to assist in any way we can, as you consider and balance the benefits of public recreational access with the risks of over use. We understand that the pros and cons are highly localized and changing rapidly. There is no single "right" decision for every beach, park and trail in the state, and I trust you to make the prudent, rational compassionate choice.

More than anything, I look forward to celebrating with you in the near future when this crisis has passed, we emerge from our homes, and we once again welcome

each other into our communities to enjoy the restorative magic of California's incomparable coast and ocean.

In the meantime, be well, stay safe, and look forward to brighter days,



John Ainsworth
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