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| **Subject:** | RE: Notice of Upcoming Meetings for the City of Santa Cruz Beach Management Plan Update |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:06:49 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Draft 2020 City of Santa Cruz Beach Management Plan for Cowell and Main ....pdf |

Dear Community Member,

I am hoping to share some additional information. The draft 2020 Beach Management Plan is attached for your review. Proposed modifications from the 2014 Beach Management Plan are shown in red text.

If you wish to provide input on the agenda item for the City Council meeting on January 28, there will be an opportunity for members of the public to speak on the item during the meeting, and/or written correspondence can be sent to citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com. Written correspondence will be placed with the agenda item and distributed with the agenda packet to the City Council prior to the meeting.

I will send another email in advance of the Coastal Commission meeting with more detailed information.

Please let me know if you wish to be taken off of the noticing list.

Thank you,

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**From:** Noah Downing
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**Subject:** Notice of Upcoming Meetings for the City of Santa Cruz Beach Management Plan Update

Dear Community Member,

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to inform you of upcoming meetings regarding the 2020 Beach Management Plan update. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains a Beach Management Plan which guides beach uses and activities on Main and Cowell Beaches. Every three to five years the plan is updated and the City needs to obtain a new Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission.

In this update, the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting that the California Coastal

Commission approve language in the plan which would allow for the Parks and Recreation Director to authorize nighttime beach access restrictions on Main and Cowell Beaches for a five-year period. If approved, the Director would be able to restrict public access to the dry sand portion of the beach from midnight to an hour before sunrise. During these nighttime hours, members of the public would always be allowed to cross the dry sand portion of the beach to reach the wet sand portion of the beach or water, but other activities may not be allowed on the dry sand. The wet sand portion of the beach (where the sand is wet as a result of the wash of waves or tidal action) and the water would always remain open. The City Council has adopted similar restrictions on Cowell Beach since 2013 and more recently on Main Beach for a six month period ending in March 2020. The beach hour language in the draft 2020 Beach Management Plan is intended to provide the City of Santa Cruz more local control of the beach hours to help address community concerns on Main and Cowell Beaches such as narcotic use, alcohol consumption and abuse, defecation, urination, littering and trash, fires, water quality, camping, vendor storage, and drug paraphernalia.

Upcoming Meetings:

1) City of Santa Cruz City Council Meeting on January 28, 2020 at City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Room 10, Santa Cruz – Agenda, staff report, and draft plan will be posted by January 24 at the following link: http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-council/council-meetings

2) California Coastal Commission Meeting on March 11-13, 2020 at Hilton Scotts Valley, 6001 La Madrone Drive, Santa Cruz – Agenda, staff report, and draft plan will be posted by March 6 at the following link: https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/

Thank you,

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