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Dear Community Member,

The Central Coast District of the California Coastal Commission would like to inform you of upcoming meetings regarding the City of Santa Cruz's 2020 Beach Management Plan update. The City's 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. According to the City, 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.

The Commission staff will be hosting an "open house" at the Commission's office at **725 Front Street, Suite 300, Santa Cruz, CA on Thursday February 13, 2020 from 2:00-300pm** to discuss the plan and any concerns you may have. **Please RSVP to this email if you plan to attend.** In addition, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the matter at its March hearing in Scotts Valley between March 11-13. Information on the particular location and day will be provided no later than February 28.

Thank you for your interest.

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