



VENTURA
PORT DISTRICT

Established 1952

**BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 23, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING**

Ventura Harbor

GATEWAY TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Adoption of the April 23, 2025 Agenda

ADMIN AGENDA

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**UPDATE ON STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SAND REMOVAL
AND RETURN WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an update on the State of Emergency for Sand Removal and Return within the District.

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**Report by:
Brian D. Pendleton, General Manager**

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EMERGENCY SAND MANAGEMENT AT VENTURA HARBOR

- The Port District has worked to manage the beautiful beaches of Ventura Harbor for almost 40 years.
 - Pursuant to a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) issued by the City (1989)
- In 2023, the California Coastal Commission (CC) notified the Port District that it also needed a CDP from CC and sand management was stopped.
- The Port District has been diligently working to obtain such a permit since that time.

EMERGENCY SAND MANAGEMENT AT VENTURA HARBOR

- The requested CDP is critical to the continued maintenance and upkeep of the dunes, beaches, and recreational areas.
 - Port District will ensure continued access, use, and safe enjoyment of the areas by the public.
- Without CDP, the Port District has been unable to complete this critical ongoing work.
 - Beach Parking Lots, Handicap Parking, Sidewalks, Beach Access have become clogged with sand.
 - Sand overflowing onto Spinnaker Drive.





EMERGENCY SAND MANAGEMENT AT VENTURA HARBOR

- Recent wind events have exacerbated the conditions
- Port District Board declared an emergency on Wednesday, April 16th.
- Port District staff met with CC on Thursday, April 17th regarding its request for an emergency permit.
 - CC issued a 7-Day Emergency Permit on Monday, April 21st



EMERGENCY SAND MANAGEMENT AT VENTURA HARBOR: HARBOR COVE BEACH





EMERGENCY SAND MANAGEMENT AT VENTURA HARBOR: SURFERS KNOLL



**UPDATE CONCERNING DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR SAND
MANAGEMENT COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Port Commissioners receive an update concerning the District's application for a coastal development permit (CDP) to continue to conduct sand management activities and provide staff direction concerning the Board's proposed approach at the upcoming Coastal Commission (Commission) hearing.

**STANDARD
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**Report by:
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SAND MANAGEMENT CDP & PUBLIC RECREATION



- District staff met with Commission staff on Thursday, April 17 to discuss both the District's request:
 - For an emergency permit to remove and relocate sand that has blown into public areas and created hazardous conditions
 - And the Commission's review of the District's CDP application for its overall sand management program.
- Regarding the CDP application, Commission staff reported that they are largely in agreement with the proposed CDP;
 - However, they are concerned about the existing Harbor Cove volleyball courts and
 - Their initial determination that the courts were installed in dune habitat, considered environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) under the Coastal Act.

HARBOR COVE BEACH RECREATION AND PUBLIC USE AT RISK



SAND MANAGEMENT CDP & PUBLIC RECREATION

- During the meeting, several possible alternatives were discussed, including:
 - District's preferred approach described in its April 9, 2025, letter to the Commission to retain the volleyball courts in their current location and implement mitigation for any previous adverse impacts to ESHA at a different location farther south
 - Commission recommends to either bifurcate the sand management CDP from consideration of the volleyball court issue or relocate the volleyball courts to another location and restore the previous habitat in the area currently occupied by the volleyball courts.
 - Follow-up letter received April 21, 2025

SAND MANAGEMENT CDP & PUBLIC RECREATION



The parties were not able to reach an agreement on these issues but committed to maintaining open lines of communication over the next several weeks while the District seeks to come to an agreement with Commission staff concerning a mutually agreeable solution. District staff is evaluating a number of options, including:

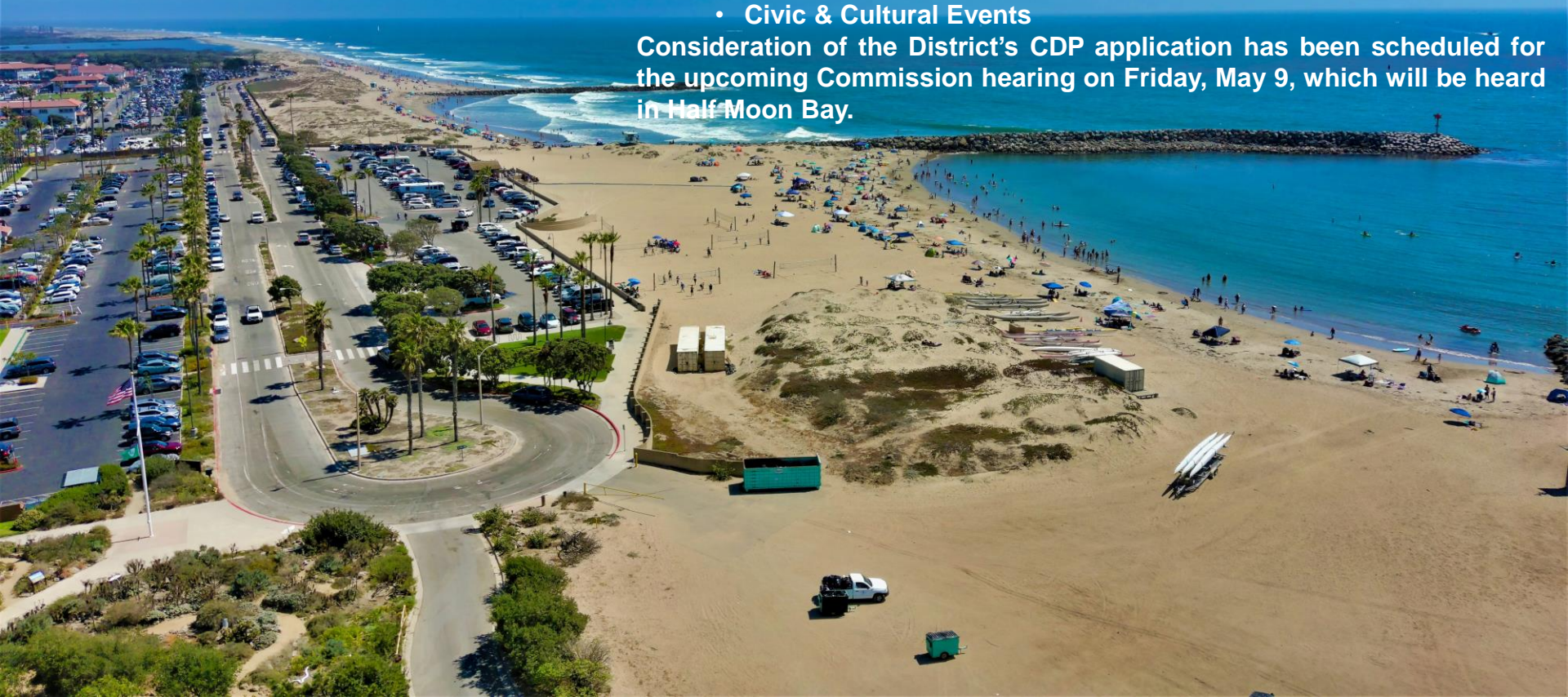
- (1) an evaluation of legal arguments to support retaining the volleyball courts in their current location.
- (2) evaluating logistical, operational, and cost implications of relocating the volleyball courts to a different area.
- (3) evaluating the legal, practical, and ecological issues involved in the Commission's request to restore the area currently occupied by the volleyball courts to protected ESHA, which would likely significantly restrict the public's access to Harbor Cove Beach.

SAND MANAGEMENT CDP & PUBLIC RECREATION

It remains the District's priority to preserve public and recreational access to Harbor Cove Beach:

- Volleyball Programs
- Outrigger Canoe Clubs
- General Public
- Civic & Cultural Events

Consideration of the District's CDP application has been scheduled for the upcoming Commission hearing on Friday, May 9, which will be heard in Half Moon Bay.



SAND MANAGEMENT CDP & PUBLIC RECREATION

- Coastal Commission Meeting
 - Friday, May 9th
 - Half Moon Bay, CA
- Agenda Item 12. Coastal Permit Applications
 - 12.b. Application No. 4-24-0248 (Ventura Port District, Ventura)
- coastal.ca.gov
- Key Personnel:
 - Gavin Newsom, Governor
 - Kate Huckelbridge, Executive Director
 - Meagan Harmon, Commissioner (South Central Coast)
 - Steve Hudson, District Director, South Central Coast and South Coast



THANK YOU!



Brian Pendleton, General Manager; Todd Mitchell, Deputy General
Manager; Robert Smith, Special Counsel, K&L Gates;
Derek Lerma, Rincon Consultants

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2025

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