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COUNTY GETS OKAY FOR POCHE BEACH MAINTENANCE

(San Clemente, CA) — Orange County Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, the City of San Clemente and OC Parks have worked together to receive approval from the California Coastal Commission, California Regional Water Quality Control Board and Army Corps of Engineers to perform maintenance on the channel outlet at Poche Beach in San Clemente. The permit allows for maintenance as needed to help keep the access way open and available for public beach access.

"The County of Orange is always interested in providing better public access to our beaches, parks and open space," Supervisor Bates said. "The ongoing maintenance at this site is yet another way that we can accomplish this goal."

A sand berm is known to form on a regular basis resulting in raised water levels in the channel. This causes the channel to flood, impairing a key access point to the beach. Now with this permit, OC Parks can perform routine maintenance to clear the sand berm. This procedure, called "notching," will help alleviate flooding of the access way.

"We are happy that the County can now clear the channel as needed," San Clemente Council Member Lori Donchak said. "Our residents and visitors will greatly benefit from the improved access to Poche Beach."

For more information about the permit approval and resulting maintenance, please contact Susan Brodeur, OC Parks Senior Coastal Engineer at (949) 585-6448.