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SUBJECT: Joint Agency Request for Consolidation of Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Processes for Silver Strand and Hollywood Beaches

We, the undersigned, are writing to jointly request of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), the consolidation of permitting processes for the Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) for Silver Strand and Hollywood Beach management plans. Our local and state collaboration is essential to prevent potential confusion, maintain consistency in conditions of approval, and expedite the permitting timeline.

The development of comprehensive beach management plans for Silver Strand and Hollywood Beaches was initiated in accordance with the County of Ventura Local Coastal Program amendment dated April 6, 2022. The beach areas under the County of Ventura Harbor Department's (Harbor) management fall outside the Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan and are governed by Ventura County's LCP and Coastal Zoning Ordinances. The Coastal Commission retains permit jurisdiction from 50 feet seaward of existing dwellings to three miles offshore. This jurisdictional overlap necessitates direct Coastal Commission approval for any development within this area.

Coastal Act Section 30601.3 authorizes the CCC to process a consolidated coastal development permit application when the local government, the applicant, and the CCC all agree to do so. The options for processing a consolidated coastal development permit were discussed with the CCC and the County early in the project planning process.

This letter acknowledges that both the Harbor and the County Resource Management Agency (RMA) support the proposed project. The standard of review for this process is Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, with the County's Local Coastal Program (LCP) used as guidance.

Given these circumstances, the County of Ventura Harbor Department will be the applicant for the Consolidated Permit, with full coordination and cooperation from the County Resource Management Agency.

The Harbor intends to submit the Silver Strand Beach CDP application, Beach Management Plan, and the Biological Resources Assessment in the coming weeks. We will be applying for separate CDPs for each beach, with Silver Strand Beach being submitted first, and the application for Hollywood Beach following at a later date. This phased approach allows both local and state agencies to focus on one beach at a time, ensuring that each application is comprehensive and tailored to the specific needs of the respective beach.

We firmly believe that this consolidation will streamline the permitting process, reduce potential conflicts, and ensure the continued responsible management and preservation of Silver Strand and Hollywood Beaches. Your consideration of this joint request is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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