



# Public Hearing

## County-Initiated Public Works Permit (2020-HBR-01)

Installation of Bollards Surrounding the Parking Lot  
Perimeter at La Jenelle Beach Park, Silver Strand Beach

Tuesday, November 17, 2020



# La Jenelle Beach Park



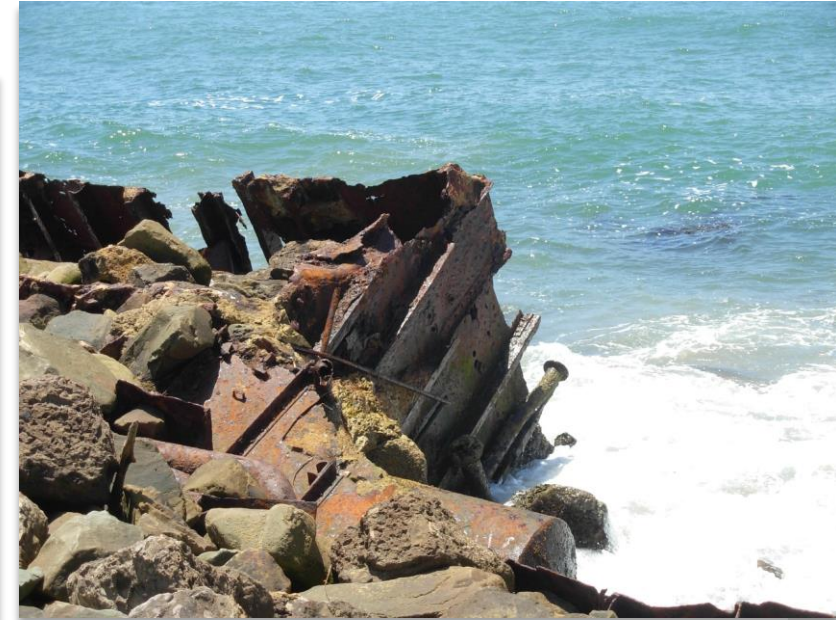


# La Jenelle Beach Park



## Beach and Jetty Background

- Located at south end of Silver Strand Beach, just north of the entrance to Port of Hueneme.
- Consists of jetty made up of an old shipwreck (the *La Jenelle*) that was encased in concrete and made into a fishing pier in the early 1970s, a beach area, and a parking lot.



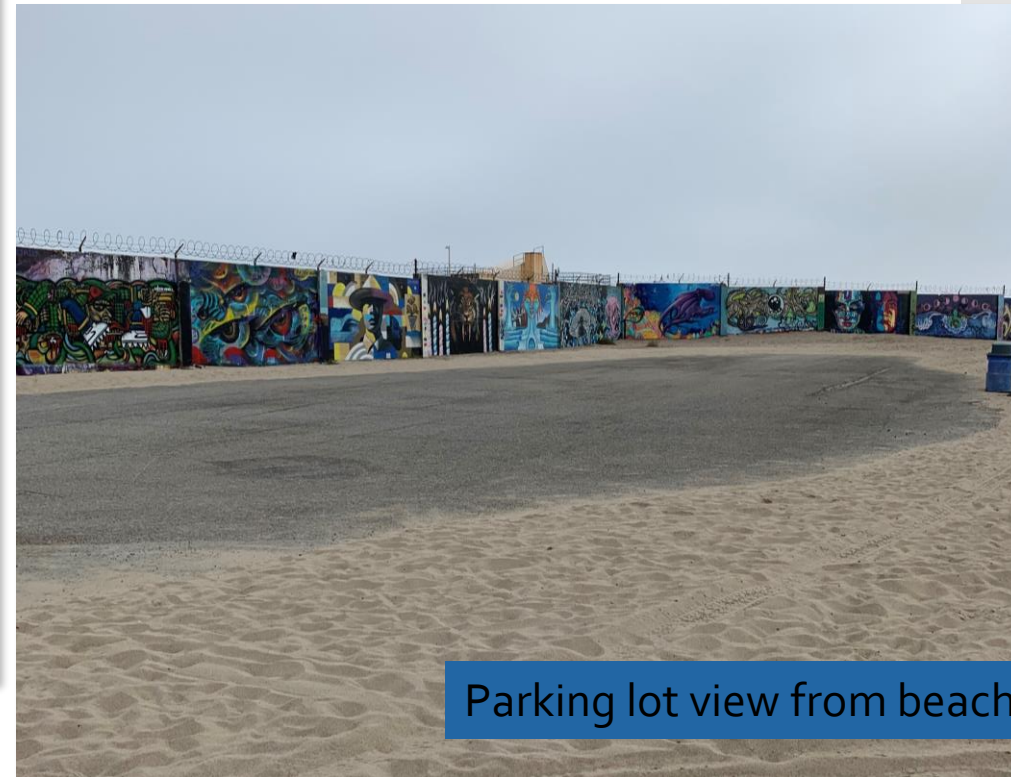


# Property Ownership and Management Background

- Property is owned by the State of California and managed by the State Lands Commission.
- County signed a maintenance agreement on January 2, 1974 to maintain the park area in perpetuity.



Driveway looking North



Parking lot view from beach





PARKING LOT

ACCESS ROAD

NAVY FENCE

Sawtelle Ave

Camarillo Ave

Ocean Dr



## Beach and Jetty Security

- Historically, a vehicle access gate has been utilized to provide after-hours security, as it was opened in the morning and closed at dusk.
- In 2017 the County was made aware of and presented evidence that individuals were driving off-road vehicles on the beach endangering public safety.
- Harbor Department closed the beach to vehicles as a security measure.



Gated driveway (south)





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## Access Issue and Solution

- In April 2018 the Harbor Department received a notice from the Coastal Commission that closing the gate to vehicles was a violation of the Coastal Act because closure denied public access to a coastal recreational resource.
- Subsequent discussions with State Lands Commission staff, Coastal Commission staff, and County staff resulted in an agreement that the County would obtain permits and manage the installation of bollards around the perimeter of the parking lot to discourage vehicles from driving on the beach.
- State Lands Commission staff agreed to fund half the cost of the installation, up to \$35,000.





(APPROX. 70 FT.)

(APPROX. 170 FT.)

PARKING

DRIVE AISLE

(APPROX. 350 FT.)

GATED ENTRANCE (E)

BOLLARDS

EMERGENCY  
VEHICLE ACCESS  
20' min.



## Permit and Zoning Process

- Improvements to a public parking lot are defined by the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance as a Public Work (VCOC §8172-1). A Public Works Permit is a discretionary permit normally processed by the Public Works Agency and approved by your Board after the required public hearing. The Public Works Agency has agreed to jointly process the permit with the Harbor Department because the Harbor Department is responsible for Silver Strand Beach.
- A Coastal Development Permit from the Coastal Commission is also required because a portion of the project is within the area of its original jurisdiction.
- Your Board's decision may be appealed to the Coastal Commission.

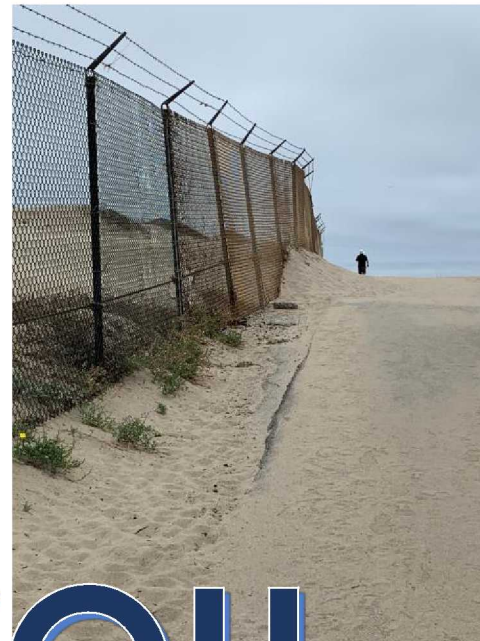
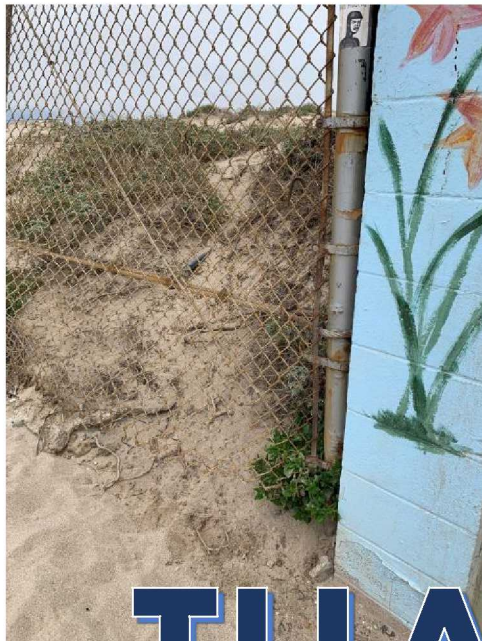


## Recommended Action

### **Conduct a Public Hearing and:**

- Find that the Public Works Permit meets the standards of the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance.
- Find that the project is consistent with the County's Certified Local Coastal Program.
- Find that the Public Works Permit is Categorically Exempt from CEQA.
- Approve the Public Works Permit.
- Authorize the Harbor Department to submit a Coastal Development Permit to the California Coastal Commission.
- Specify the Clerk of the Board as custodian of record of the proceedings.





THANK YOU

