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**EMERGENCY PERMIT**

Date: March 9, 2016

Permit No.: G-4-16-0027

Applicant: County of Santa Barbara

Project Location: Goleta Beach, Goleta Beach County Park, Santa Barbara County

Work Proposed: Repair public beach park damaged by wave erosion, including the backfilling of sinkholes within the lawn area with cobble and 1-2 ft. of compacted soils, fill linear erosional features located inland of the gap between the existing rock revetments with cobble and compacted soils, and fill eroded areas (approximately 20-50 linear ft.) behind each of the existing rock revetments immediately on either side of the gap between the two revetments with cobble, a geotextile filter fabric layer and sand. The project includes the placement of approximately 400 cu. yds. of cobble and 400 cu. yds. of soils total.

This letter constitutes approval of the emergency work you have requested to be done at the location listed above. I understand from the submitted information that an unexpected occurrence in the form of wave erosion and high tides has resulted in the removal of fill and collapse of the upland park area into sinkholes and linear erosion features which limits park use, and endangers park visitors. Additionally, a significantly strong El Nino storm season forecasted for the spring of 2016, along with particularly high tides predicted, and low existing sand volumes at Goleta Beach, has a high potential to cause further damage and endanger existing public park infrastructure and facilities, including sanitary sewer, electrical and water lines, and recreational facilities including two restrooms, public access parking, and picnic areas if repairs are not made in a timely fashion. Although there is an existing low-profile rock revetment protecting a portion of the subject beach adequate to withstand normal winter storms and wave action, this occurrence of forecasted unique storm conditions requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property or essential public services. 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13009. The Executive Director hereby finds that:

- (a) An emergency exists which requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for administrative or ordinary permits and the development can and will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of the permit; and
- (b) Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed if time allows.

The work is hereby approved, subject to the conditions listed below.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Interim Executive Director

By: 
Steve Hudson
Deputy Director

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. The enclosed form must be signed by the applicant and returned to our office within fifteen (15) days.
2. Only that work specifically described above, and as more specifically described in the Commission's file for this Emergency CDP Application, is authorized for the specific property listed above, subject to the conditions set forth below. Any additional work requires separate authorization from the Executive Director.
3. The work authorized by this permit must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date of this permit, or as extended by the Executive Director through correspondence, and shall take place in a manner to minimize any potential damages to any resources, including intertidal species, and to minimize impacts to public access.
4. The work authorized by this emergency permit is for the one-time implementation of an emergency project to fill eroded areas within the lawn area, landward of the gap between the revetments, and landward of the existing rock revetments. No additional fill may occur without a new coastal development permit or emergency permit.
5. The County will submit as-built plans for the cobble, geotextile filter fabric and soils installed directly behind the existing rock revetments on either side of the break in the rock revetments. Additionally, all cobble and geotextile filter fabric installed directly behind the existing rock revetments on either side of the break in the rock revetments shall be removed prior to Memorial Day weekend in 2016.
6. Construction materials, equipment, or debris shall not be stored where it will be or could potentially be subject to wave erosion and dispersion.
7. The biological resource monitoring and protection requirements, and the physical and chemical sediment testing requirements for donor sand required pursuant to the provisions of Special Condition 2.D.4-2.D.6 of Coastal Development Permit No. 4-14-0687 (Santa Barbara County) shall be implemented prior to the fill and compaction of soils, sand and cobble.

8. In exercising this permit the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the California Coastal Commission, and its agents and employees, from any liabilities or claims for damage to public or private properties or from personal injury that may result to any party from the project authorized herein.
9. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain necessary authorizations and/or permits from other local, state and federal agencies including, but not limited to, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the State Lands Commission, as applicable.

IMPORTANT

The emergency work is considered to be temporary work done in an emergency situation. If the applicant wishes to have the emergency work become a permanent development, a coastal permit must be obtained. A regular permit would be subject to all of the provisions of the California Coastal Act and may be conditioned accordingly. These conditions may include provisions for public access and/or a requirement that the applicant assume all liability for damages incurred from storm waves.

If you have any questions about the provisions of this emergency permit, please call Megan Sinkula at the Commission Area office (805-585-1800).

Enclosure: Acceptance Form