

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** First District  
**Department No.:** 011  
**For Agenda Of:** January 19, 2010  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 20 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Board Member(s) Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor  
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**SUBJECT: Sandyland Cove - Proposed Restriction on use of Alcohol - Ordinance**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors act as follows:

a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the County Code to restrict the use of alcohol, other than by permit, in the area commonly known as Sandyland Cove located within the First District; and

b) Set hearing on the Administrative Agenda for January 26, 2010, to consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the County Code to restrict the use of alcohol, other than by permit, in the area commonly known as Sandyland Cove located within the First District.

**Summary Text:**

Recently the County was approached by the Sandyland Cove Association regarding ongoing concerns related to the use of alcohol in the Sandyland Cove Area. The County Executive Office in conjunction with Parks, and the Sheriff's Department have determined that based on the calls for service to the area, and requests for increased Sheriff Patrols, combined with the increasing amount of debris associated with the use of alcohol, that the overall health, safety and well being of the area is threatened. Therefore, an amendment to Chapter 36 of the County Code, to restrict alcohol in the Sandyland Cove area, should be considered.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County Sheriff Deputies frequently respond to multiple calls for service to Sandyland Cove. Such calls range from reports of loud subjects on the beach, drug possession, juvenile

disturbance, suspicious subjects, and disturbance of the peace. Given the prohibition of alcohol in the neighboring City of Carpinteria beaches, visitors and residents of the area have moved westward to Sandyland Cove Beach.

In this instance, given that the City of Carpinteria beach is immediately adjacent to the subject area, the restriction has unfortunately forced those desiring to use alcohol westward to Sandyland Cove where use of alcohol is not restricted. The area now set forth for consideration for alcohol restriction at Sandyland Cove includes Ash Avenue on the east to the estuary or the mouth of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh on the west. The estuary on the western boundary serves as a physical barrier clearly delineating the proposed enforcement area and will serve to lessen the likelihood of forcing such alcohol related incidents further west. Sandyland Cove is a public beach area where enforcement of the proposed ordinance can occur. The attached map indicates the proposed area of restriction.

Previously, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the use of alcohol by permit only in various parks, beaches, and open spaces including: Butterfly Beach, Hammonds Meadow, Orcutt Community Park, and Isla Vista Parks, beaches and access ways. With the exception of Orcutt Community Park, such action was taken as a result of similar findings of increased deleterious activity due to use of alcohol. While such findings are significant, it should be noted that overwhelmingly a number of beach communities ban the use of alcohol on beaches. Many agencies cite increased maintenance concerns as a result of alcohol use including the additional cost of removal of trash and debris, safety issue related to public intoxication, vandalism, public health concerns when restroom facilities are not immediately available, and an overall desire to make beaches as safe as possible for such regulation.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Attachments:

1. Ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the County Code
2. Map of Sandyland Cove Area

**Authored by:**

cc: Sheriff Bill Brown  
Dan Hernandez, Director, Parks Dept.