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County to Construct Sand Berm at Goleta Beach

(Santa Barbara County, CA) – In preparation for the forecasted significantly strong storm season, the California Coastal Commission approved an Emergency Permit for the County of Santa Barbara to construct a winter sand berm along approximately 2,400 feet of Goleta Beach. The berm will run from Goleta Beach Pier to the west end of the beach. Construction will start the first week of December and will be complete by the end of December. The berm will help prevent major flooding and damage to park infrastructure, including sanitary sewer, electrical and water lines, recreational facilities, restaurant, two restrooms, BBQ pits, picnic areas, and play structures. At least three public access ramps will be installed and clearly marked along the berm to permit ongoing access to the beach.

The primary sand source for the berm will come from the existing sand embankment in front of the Goleta Slough. Tierra Contracting will construct the berm and environmental consultants Amec Foster Wheeler and Storrer Environmental will monitor the construction for protection of biological resources. The project is funded by a federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) grant.

Goleta Beach County Park is an extremely popular public park that hosts over 1.5 million visitors each year. This park provides many amenities including generous coastal access, a restaurant, fishing and recreational pier, barbecue and recreational park areas, and free parking. For more information on Goleta Beach County Park and other County parks, visit www.sbparks.org.

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