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**CAMINO PESCADERO BEACH STAIRWAY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place to commemorate the re-opening of a newly reconstructed beach access stairway at the end of Camino Pescadero in Isla Vista at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 14. The Camino Pescadero beach access stairway is located near the intersection of Del Playa Drive and Camino Pescadero and is the central and most integral beach access point in Isla Vista.

The new stairway is 100 feet long and 20 feet high with four concrete landings and a wood sitting bench. Concrete walkways and landscaping was also replaced. The beach access stairway sustained damage during the 2015-2016 El Niño season and was replaced for improved public safety.

A local civil engineer, Bret Foster, formerly of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., designed the beach access stairway with construction completed by Cushman Contracting Corporation of Santa Barbara. The project cost of \$670,000 was funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), UCSB Coastal Fund Grant and County park maintenance funds.

Third District County Supervisor Joan Hartmann, who is scheduled to speak at the ceremony, said, “California’s coast and beaches belong to everyone. I’m thrilled this project has improved coastal access in Isla Vista so residents can continue to enjoy our beautiful beaches.”

For more information on County parks, visit [www.sbparks.org](http://www.sbparks.org).

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Camino Pescadero beach access stairway – view from park level



Camino Pescadero beach access stairway – view from beach level

