



# Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 12/7/2021

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**To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**From: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

## **TITLE**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

RECEIVE AND FILE THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Community Development Department received an application from the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors for an Emergency Coastal Development Permit to temporarily close the beach access ramp at Esplanade and Avenue A due to public safety concerns associated with the ramp's degraded condition. The Community Development Director issued the emergency permit for a period of 60 days, subject to Redondo Beach Municipal Code (RBMC) Section 10-5.2228. The Municipal Code requires that the Community Development Director provide a written and verbal report on the action to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors submitted an application to the Planning Division of the City's Community Development Department for an Emergency Coastal Development Permit to temporarily close the beach access ramp on at Esplanade and Avenue A due to public safety concerns. The County recently completed an engineering study that found the existing path, railing, landings, and wall that compose the ramp to be in very poor condition. The study recommended closure of the ramp to protect public safety. Based on the engineering report, the County submitted an application to the City for an emergency permit for temporary closure of the ramp, which will impact beach access at the location.

Subject to RBMC Section 10-5.2228 Emergency Coastal Development Permit, the Community Development Director may grant an emergency permit if an emergency exists the requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for a Coastal Development Permit. Although this action will temporarily affect beach access at this location, it is needed to protect public safety. The emergency permit may be granted for up to 60 days, and requires that the applicant submit for a full

Coastal Development Permit for the corrective work which is expected to take over a year to complete.

A public notice of the emergency permit issuance has been posted at the location.

**COORDINATION**

The issuance of the Emergency Coastal Development Permit falls under the authority of the Community Development Director, per RBMC Section 10-5.2228(a).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The processing of Coastal Development Permit applications is part of the Community Development Department's annual budget and work plan.

**APPROVED BY:**

*Mike Witzansky, City Manager*

**ATTACHMENTS**

Emergency Coastal Development Permit  
Public Notice of Emergency Coastal Development Permit issuance  
Application for Emergency Coastal Development Permit  
RBMC Section 10-5.2228