

Ventura LCP

1984

- required a Fairgrounds Master Plan
- improve public access
- oceanfront corridor (250 ft)

1984

Developed by the
City of Ventura
and the Ventura County
Fairgrounds Association

Workshop at Fairgrounds for Surfers

1985

Surfrider Foundation representatives including Tom Pratte

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City of Ventura ammends LCP
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City amends LCP – approved reduced setback for parking lot from 250 ft to 50 ft

* “no structures other than those incidental to general public recreational .. and access.. be permitted within 250 ft of ocean front”

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Shore Protection Study

1987

Moffatt & Nichols Shore Protection Study – paved surfaces within coastal corridor should be considered “temporary”
Coastal Conservancy approves \$250,000 for project,
“sensitively integrating man-made features into the natural coastal environment consistent with Section 31305 by replenishing and revegetating the sand dunes”

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CDP-176

Sep 27

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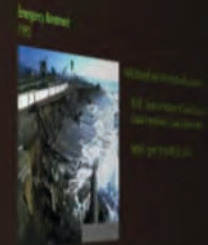
Bike Path Constructed
1989

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Dune Restoration 1991

“Ventura County Fairgrounds Shoreline Resource Management Plan”— this Plan was a requirement of the Coastal Conservancy funding, and although other agencies abandoned the plan, Surfrider has remained the steward of the area since 1991

1991



Emergency Revetment 1992



– rocks dumped near river mouth without permit

ACOE - Notice of Violation of Clean Water Act
Coastal Commission - Cease & Desist Order

Settled – given 18 months for a plan

Working Group

1995 – 2011

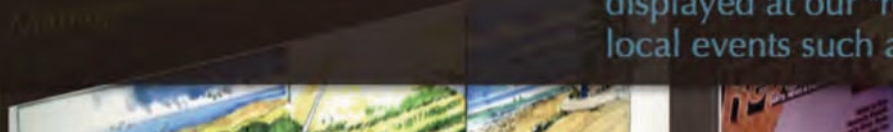
1995 Working Group convened – includes City of Ventura, Coastal Conservancy, State Assembly, State Senate, 31st Agricultural District (Fairgrounds), Coastal Commission, State Parks, Surfrider Foundation

Growing the Beaches slideshow

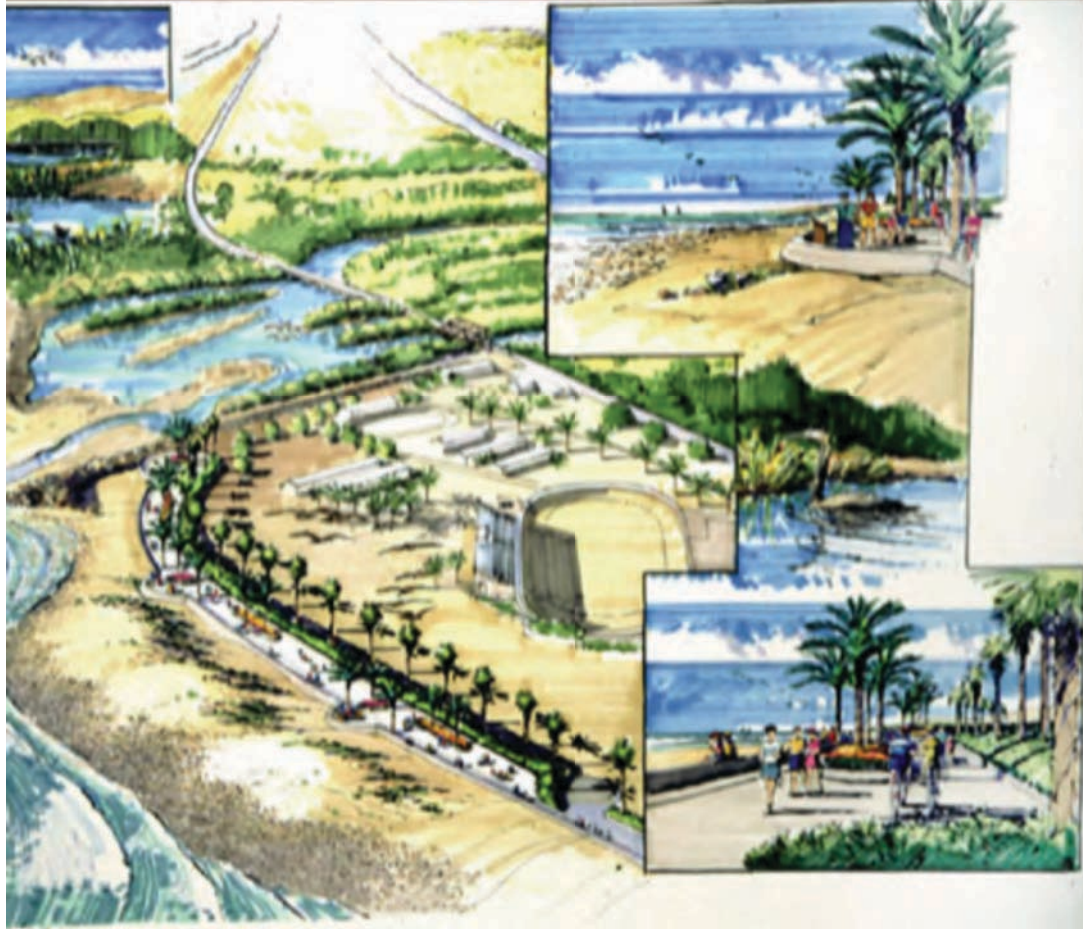
1997 – 2000



a slide show designed to elevate the awareness of coastal erosion problems in Ventura County and to promote a policy of beach restoration rather than continued seawall construction. We know that hard construction causes the loss of the beach, and the City has begun to see the value of the beach at Surfers Point. Paul Jenkin has presented "Growing the Beaches" to the City of Ventura, BEACON (Beach Erosion Authority for Control Operations and Nourishment), and the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA). He also presented at a public forum in San Clemente where residents are concerned with plans for a new bike path along their beach. A public showing at Patagonia in Ventura drew about 40 interested persons, and the website continues to draw comments from concerned people, some of whom have written to the city and/or done research projects for High School or College. Selections of photos and graphics are displayed at our "road show" to educate the public during local events such as the annual Beach Party.



reat proposed



1997

“managed retreat” first p

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Party. ... during

"managed

On the Edge

May 18



article published the Ventura County Reporter



Steelhead Trout? Surfriders Give a Dam

Jan 1



Article following Resolution of Surfrider Foundation in support of Removal of Dams in Coastal Watersheds

City of Ventura takes lead
Oct 1

City has \$874,000 for this project. \$243,000 in State funding and \$531,000 in Federal funding from a TEA-21 transportation grant.



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May 10
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Callejón Generation Park
Oct 1

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City Hires Noble Consultants
Feb 7
Preliminary Engineering Design Contract

Cobble Demonstration Project
Oct 1



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Growing the Beaches video

Mar 30



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Outfit (cont'd) May 10

Public meeting held at the Ventura County
Courthouse in Santa Barbara, California.
Matilija Coalition was formed.
A coalition of people from the area



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Consultants

Engineering Design Contract

Cobble

Shoreline Drive
Fairgrounds fence

64.5 foot setback

Cobble Demonstration Project Oct 1



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Draft EIR circulated
Mar 6

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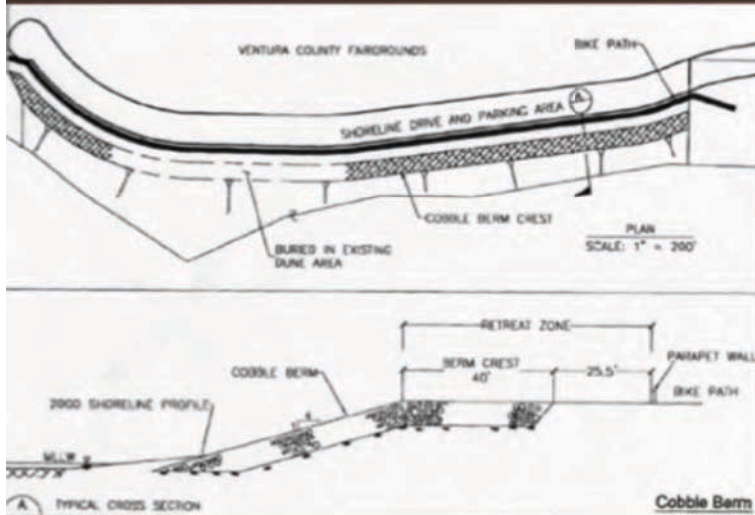
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Draft EIR rewrite
Mar 14

There were several public meetings held on the project. Public meetings of the Surfrider community in Ventura were attended at several intervals. Surfrider was able to voice concerns about the project. There was an opportunity for the public to voice concerns about the project.

City EIR Committee
Aug 29



The dune mitigation issue, combined with the "public discourse", prompted the EIR committee to reject Staff recommendations to approve the Draft EIR. This places the burden on city staff and their consultants to revise the Draft EIR document to address these concerns.

details. Jenkin... does not demonstrate a respect... inherent to the mouth of the Ventura River and the... remaining dune area. The original intent was to relocate the... damaged infrastructure to allow space for the daily ebb and... and cobble. The current design calls for a... solution that may unintentionally... this process."

Project offers an opportunity of state and national significance for its innovative solution to coastal erosion problems. Jenkin concludes, "because this project may serve as an example for other cities experiencing similar problems throughout the country, we want to be sure that the project approved by the City of Ventura achieves a successful long term solution."

EIR to be rewritten

Jan 4

There were officially 101 people signed up at the November Public Workshop at the fairgrounds! According to the city they were almost all surfers (although there were many other local folks who came because of the Surfrider newspaper ad.) There was the impression that there was a lot of support for the "Surfrider Alternative".

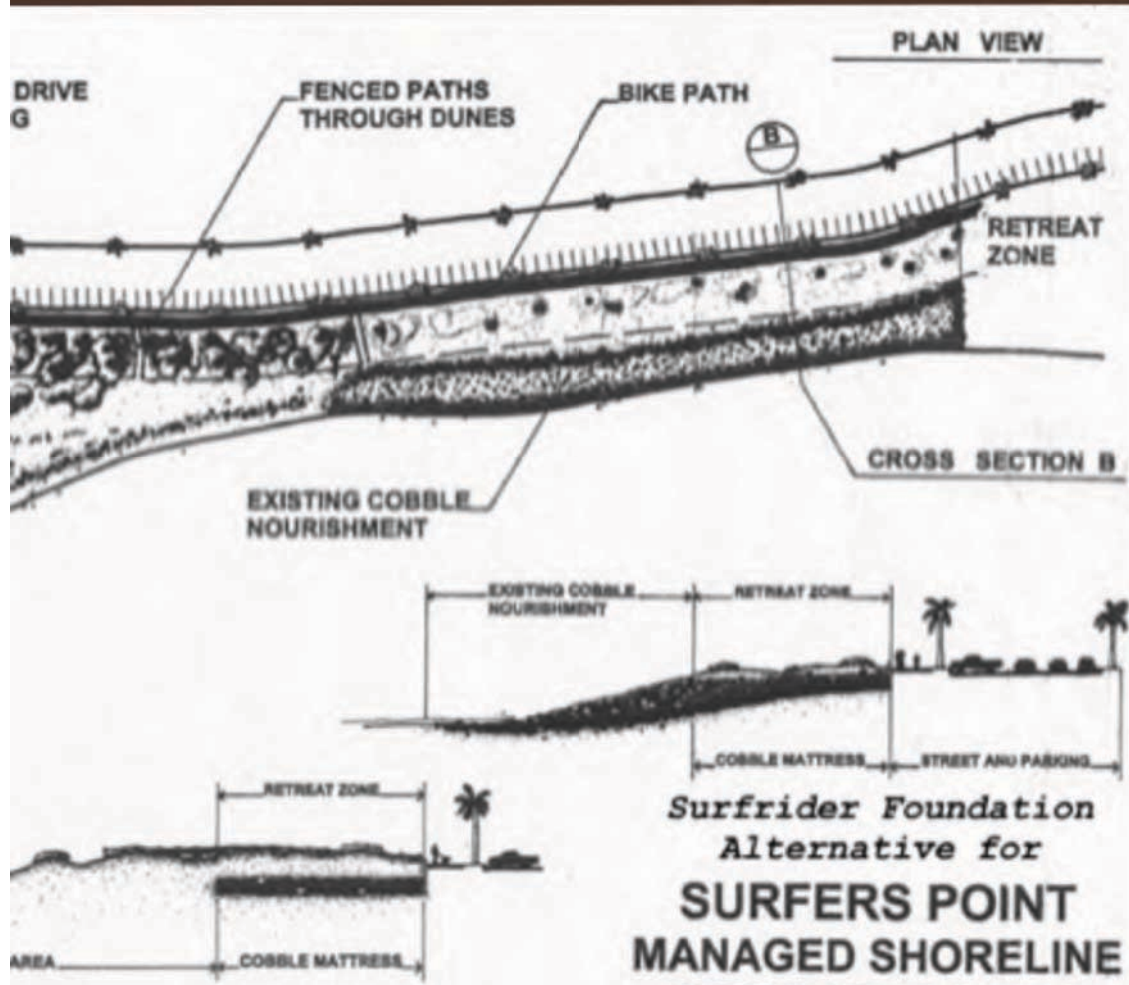
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The Surfrider

The Surfrider Foundation is a national organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the world's beaches and coastal resources. In Ventura, the Surfrider Foundation has been instrumental in the development of the Surfrider Alternative, a project that aims to provide a sustainable and innovative solution to coastal erosion problems.





Draft EIR w/ Surfrider proposal re-opens plans 2 more years until EIR and complete – June '04

a fiscal impact of \$39,000. City of San Diego has approved the additional funding. \$281,417 remains to be spent on the project, including beach nourishment.



including the rubble
420,417 remains in existing east landing

New Fair Board January 21, 2003

Directors of Seaside Park voted to honor the prior board's commitment to Managed Retreat, and endorsed the EIR's "Preferred Alternative" originally proposed by the Surfrider Foundation. This move clears the way for final design of the beach restoration project, the consensus solution to more than a decade of discussion on how to solve this coastal erosion problem.

Following a presentation by Ventura City Engineer Rick Raives, and considerable discussion and public comment, the board approved the "Managed Retreat" concept with only one dissenting vote. Originally conceived by a working group of State and Local government agencies and citizen representatives, the retreat concept includes relocation of the erosion damaged bike path and parking lot at Surfers Point, near the mouth of the Ventura River. The preferred alternative provides for comprehensive restoration of the beach and dunes and the excavation and removal of all artificial fill placed beneath the parking lot.



Seaside Park
Consider Managed Retreat
The map shows the location of the parking lot and bike path, and the proposed managed retreat area.

Fairgrounds Master Plan - Consensus
Dec. 4



The Working Group received a unanimous consensus to approve the Fairgrounds Master Plan. The plan is a comprehensive design for the fairgrounds, including parking, buildings, and landscaping. The plan is a result of a public process that included a public hearing and a public comment period. The plan is a key component of the Managed Shoreline Project.

**City Council Approves EIR
Jul 23**

Ventura City Council voted unanimously to certify the EIR and hire a consultant for the final design of the "Surfers Point Managed Shoreline Retreat" project.

2004



an: Illustrative Concept Plan

The Working Group reached a unanimous decision that the Surfers Point Master Plan be revised to reflect the changes in parking areas. This is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Meanwhile the Fairgrounds is seeking their Master Plan EIR. Once these are completed the search for grant funding may be initiated through the Managed Retreat Project.

Design begins

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The consultants presented a design that includes a setback based upon a wave runoff analysis. The runoff analysis used a 50-year wave under worst case conditions (i.e. high tide plus storm surge plus sea level rise) for the proposed beach restoration with the cobble and sand dunes. This analysis moved the bike path back a few feet from the area nearest the rivermouth.

The design for the relocated parking lot has been refined to include 148 standard paved spaces and 171 "GrassPurf" spaces for reduced frequency use. This is intended to enhance the "park-like" makeover for the fairgrounds, which should be an improvement over the current asphalt parking lots. The new parking lot will be "Pay Parking" as it is currently.

Also, since Shoreline Drive will be modified and partially removed, the design includes a turn around before entering the pay lot and 25 "surf check" parking spaces along the road. This will allow continued "drive-by" surf check as well as a new 20 minute short-term free parking area. The process is moving forward, albeit very slowly, but the city engineer expects the final design to be completed by 2005.

Federal TEA grant

Mar 29

the Ventura City Council earmarked \$1 million in transportation funding for the reconstruction of the Surfer's Point bike path that was damaged in 1991 by beach erosion. Federal grants will provide money for the bike path portion of the "Managed Retreat" beach restoration project. The final design will be completed this year, and the total construction cost is estimated to be \$3.8 million. The city is actively seeking grant money for the remaining construction costs, most likely through parks and clean water funding sources.

The majority of the over \$500,000 design costs for the city-led Surfer's Point project came through the federal Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Since 1991, the city of Ventura has received \$15,445,327 in Federal Transportation Act Funding.

New Fair Board questions project March 27, 2006

\$5 million plan to relocate trail raises questions - Despite several formal Fair Board approvals over the years, including the development of a new Fairgrounds Master Plan, newly appointed Fair Board members have now expressed concerns regarding losing the public street (Shoreline Dr.) that separates the beach from the Fairgrounds. There is the perception that the State Coastal Act allows protection of a public street without needing a coastal permit if waves ever eroded up to a public street, but an emergency permit would be required to protect the area if it was a parking lot or any other improvement. The meeting will discuss ways to afford a "level of comfort" to the new Fair Board without making changes to the current design, as well as other issues related to the project.

Fairgrounds criticized for lack of action

September 27, 2006

Despite repeated pleas for support of the project, the Fair Board voted unanimously Tuesday to postpone a decision until its October meeting.

The board's staff offered little explanation for the delay, saying only that more time was needed to better understand how the project, now estimated at \$4 million, would impact the fairgrounds.

As a result, an October request for a critical construction permit from the California Coastal Commission must be withdrawn and requested later, possibly as early as November or early next year. A coastal permit is needed to move the trail on the seaward side of Shoreline Drive about 65 feet inland.

Meanwhile, the pedestrian and bike trail continues to disintegrate, leaving behind an unsightly hazard on the widely used Ventura waterfront.

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Fair Board approves project

October 25, 2006

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November 17, 2006

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"This is a huge milestone," said Paul Jenkin

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Ventura council approves more funds

April 10, 2007

additional \$130,000 to complete designs

The project has an estimated cost of \$5.5 million, but that could grow higher due to rising material costs. The city has about \$2 million for the project and has applied for federal and state grants to fill the gap.

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Ventura OK's Surfers' Point Project August 5, 2008

The passage of the state budget allows the previously earmarked grant funding to be released in time to break ground this year. Construction of the first phase of the project should begin in November 2009.

2009

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Federal Highway Administration approves TEA grant
October 2, 2009

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Caltrans denies funding
May 11, 2009
Federal TEA Grant requires CalTrans signoff, which is refused

City approves cattle landing
February 22, 2010

City Council approved the purchase of the cattle permit (M&E) 003. The permit will be for the 7-year, 40-acre Iron Pointe Creek project in which neither is being received here for discussion.



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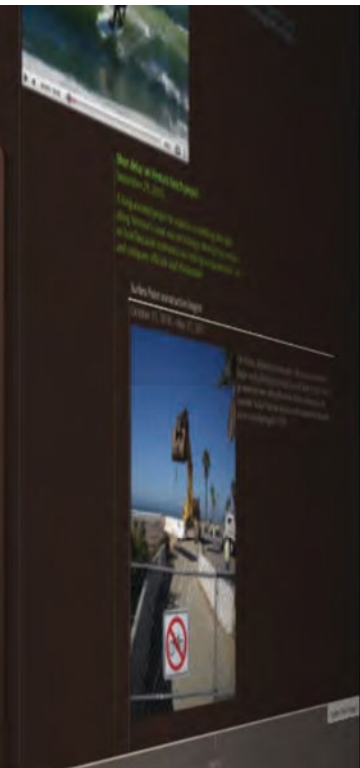
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Many thanks to Congresswoman Lois Capps, everyone who wrote letters, State Assemblyman Pedro Nava, and all the state and local staff and political representatives who weighed in on this!

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City approves cobble funding February 22, 2010

City Council approved the purchase of the cobble and sand (\$600,000). The source will be the Corps of Engineers Santa Paula Creek project, in which sediment is being excavated from the streambed.

Chico Point construction begins
October 11, 2009 - May 27, 2010

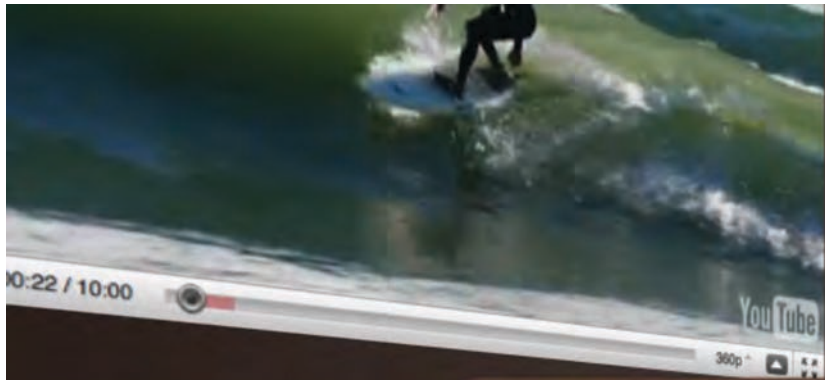


On Friday, January 15, 2010, the City Council approved the purchase of cobble and sand for the Chico Point project. The purchase is for \$600,000. The cobble and sand will be used for the construction of the Chico Point project.

City of Ventura



Surfrider produced 'Restoring the Shore' video describing the Surfers Point



Surfers Point Managed Retreat Project.

Short delay on Ventura beach project September 29, 2010

A long-awaited project to replace a crumbling bike path along Ventura's coast was set to begin Monday but remains on hold because contractors are ironing out paperwork, city and company officials said Wednesday.

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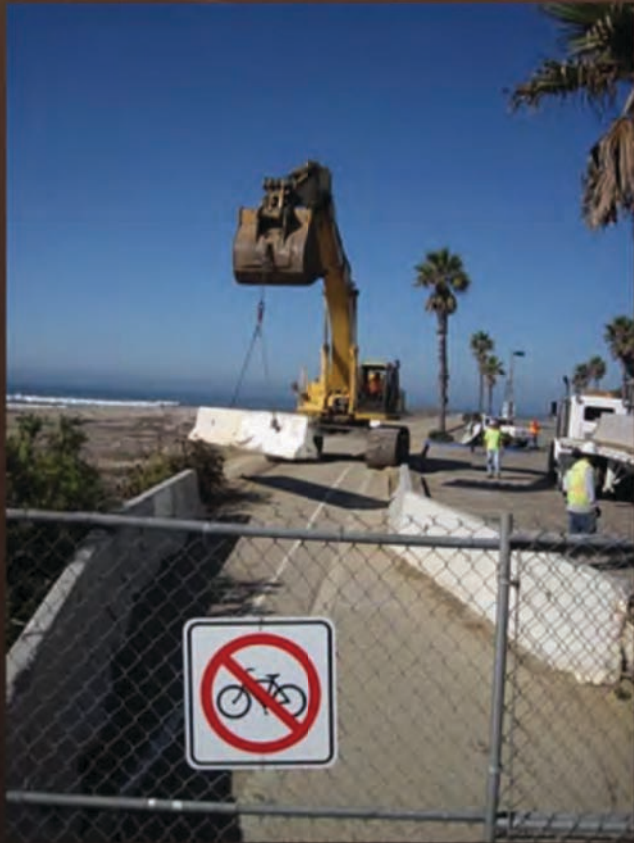


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