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**GOLETA BEACH PARK CLOSED DUE TO LOCAL STORM EMERGENCY**

(Santa Barbara, Calif.) – Goleta Beach Park Closed for Emergency Operations

Santa Barbara County has closed public access to Goleta Beach Park at Sandspit Road due to emergency beach nourishment operations. Operations began on January 11 and will continue as needed until facilities have been cleared. Work will occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week for approximately the first ten days. This will help to complete the process sooner, protect the communities below impacted basins and minimize beach closures. Large rocks and debris from basins below the Cave and Thomas Fire burn areas will be sorted from the basin material before it is transferred to the beach.

On Monday, January 9, 2023, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to the January 2023 Storm impacts. Goleta Beach Park is an active emergency response site under this declaration and state and federal emergency declarations. Beach nourishment operations are conducted through emergency permits from state and federal agencies. Flood Control staff will take sediment samples from the debris basins and ocean water samples during operations. Weekly reports with information on sediment sampling results are sent to regulatory agencies. Beach nourishment operations have also protected Goleta Beach Park from further erosion by creating a wide shore near, and adjacent to, the location of the sediment deposit.

For public safety, access to the Oberrn Trail path will be open to commuters. Please do not use the path for recreational use. Commuters should not stop for any reason as they traverse the trail within the park.

For more information on the County's response to the local emergency, visit [readysbc.org](http://readysbc.org).

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