



March 31, 2020

**Submitted Electronically**

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director California Coastal Commission  
ExecutiveStaff@coastal.ca.gov

**Subject: Temporary Closure of City Parks and Nature Preserve**

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

On March 23, 2020, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes issued a press release (enclosed) announcing the closure of City parks, beaches, community centers, amenities and trails, out of abundance of caution and in accordance with guidance from state and local health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19. The closures are also in accordance with a local emergency proclamation adopted as Resolution No. 2020-11 by the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council on March 17, 2020, and come after City Staff and Park Rangers have observed high volumes of visitors to City parks and the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve despite the "Safer at Home" Public Health Officer Order calling for social distancing.

Additionally, all public trails and public parking lots at Terranea Resort and Trump National Golf Club have also been temporarily closed. Parking restrictions in public streets within the City's Coastal Zone are also being observed. These temporary closures and restrictions are in-effect until the local declaration of emergency is lifted.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 30611, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes requests a waiver of the requirement to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for the development described below. This waiver is requested on the basis that immediate action, as described below, was necessary for the purpose of protecting public health from imminent danger in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. This development is necessary to preserve social distancing requirements and slow the spread of the virus. The emergency work consists of the following:

- **Place:** Please see enclosure.
- **Development to be undertaken:** Fencing, blockades, signs restricting hours of access or promoting social distancing, closure of a specific beach, parking lot, park, or access way.

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The City of Rancho Palos Verdes understands and acknowledges this development is the minimum that applicable health departments or agencies believe is required to protect life and public property from imminent danger, that the waiver does not authorize the permanent erection of any structure, and that this waiver is only in effect while City Council-adopted Resolution No. 2020-11 is in effect consistent with section 30611 and requires that people exercise social distancing. Every effort will be taken to preserve public access for all members of the public where recreational users are few enough in number or are otherwise practicing safe social distancing, where there is no evidence of increased risk to public health, or if other measures are deemed sufficient in the area.

If you have any questions, or need additional information regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 544-5227 or via email at [Trodrique@rpvca.gov](mailto:Trodrique@rpvca.gov) or Octavio Silva, Interim Deputy Community Development Director at (310) 544-5234 or via email at [Octavios@rpvca.gov](mailto:Octavios@rpvca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of Community Development

*Encl: City Press Release dated March 23, 2020  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes Closures and Parking Restrictions in the City's Coastal Zone*

*Cc: Ara Mihranian, AICP, City Manager  
Kit Fox, AICP, Interim Deputy City Manager  
Octavio Silva, Interim Deputy Director of Community Development*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **RANCHO PALOS VERDES CLOSES PARKS AND PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE TO HELP SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**Rancho Palos Verdes (March 23, 2020)** — Out of an abundance of caution and in accordance with guidance from state and local health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes today announced the closure of all City parks, beaches, community centers, amenities and trails until further notice.

The closures are in accordance with a local emergency proclamation adopted by the City Council last week. Over the weekend, City Staff and Park Rangers observed a high volume of visitors to City parks and the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve despite the “Safer at Home” Public Health Officer Order calling for social distancing. The Nature Preserve was closed early this morning due to rain, and will remain closed as a result of today’s announcement. All park buildings, playgrounds, parking lots, restrooms, game courts, and fields are closed. A full list of closures includes:

**Parks:**

- Abalone Cove Park
- Abalone Cove Beach (including Sacred and Portuguese Coves)
- Clovercliff Park
- Del Cerro Park
- Eastview Park
- Founders Park
- Frank A. Vanderlip Park
- Fred Hesse, Jr. Community Park
- Grandview Park
- Ladera Linda Community Center
- Marilyn Ryan-Sunset Point Park
- Martingale Trailhead Park
- Pelican Cove Park
- Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Point Vicente Park/Civic Center
- Rancho Palos Verdes Beach
- Ocean Trails Beach
- Robert E. Ryan Community Park
- Vista Catalina Park

**Dog Parks:**

- Rancho Caninos Dog Park
- Eastview Dog Park

**Palos Verdes Nature Preserve:**

- Abalone Cove Reserve
- Agua Amarga Reserve
- Alta Vicente Reserve
- Filiorum Reserve
- Forrestal Reserve
- Ocean Trails Reserve
- Portuguese Bend Reserve
- San Ramon Reserve
- Three Sisters Reserve
- Vicente Bluffs Reserve
- Vista Del Norte Reserve
- Malaga Canyon trails

All park programming has been canceled until further notice. This includes all recreational activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, instructional courses, and group sessions/private events.

The City recognizes the health and well-being of our residents and employees as a top priority, and is committed to keeping them safe. We urge all residents to follow the “Safer at Home” Public Health Officer Order and only leave their homes for essential activities. We also urge the public to diligently practice social distancing, as it is the most effective tool we have to fight this pandemic. We all must do our part to “flatten the curve.”



**City of Rancho Palos Verdes Closures and Parking Restrictions in the City's Coastal Zone**

**Parks:**

Abalone Cove Park

Abalone Cove Beach (including Abalone, Sacred and Portuguese Coves)

Founders Park

Ocean Trails Beach

Pelican Cove Park

Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Rancho Palos Verdes Beach

Frank A. Vanderlip Park

Marilyn Ryan-Sunset Point Park

Vista Catalina Park

**Palos Verdes Nature Preserve:**

Abalone Cove Reserve

Ocean Trails Reserve

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

**Streets (Parking Restrictions):**

Beachview Drive

Calle Entradero

Calle Cortada

Calle Viento

Cape Point Drive

Coastside Drive (public portion)

Emerald View Drive

Laurel Drive

La Rotonda Drive

Marguerite Drive

Nantasket Drive

Seahill Drive

Seawolf Drive

Sea View Drive (6400-6600 block)

Paseo Del La Luz

Pacifica Del Mar

Via Vicente

Via Del Cielo

Isthmus View Drive

Twin Harbors View Drive

Trump National Drive

PVDS (6100 block)

**Parking Lots and Turnouts (Parking Restrictions)**

Oceanfront Estates/Golden Cove

PVDW/Rue Beaupre

Pelican Cove/Terranea Blufftop Park

Abalone Cove/Wayfarers Chapel

Marilyn Ryan-Sunset Point Park

PVDS/San Ramon Reserve Access

**Other Public Coastal Access (Private Developments)**

Terranea Resort (public parking lot, trails and beach access)

Trump National Golf Club (Clubhouse and La Rotonda public parking lots, trails and beach access)