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Beautification Event Planned for McGrath State Park has moved to a new location: Buenaventura State Park

Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), Friends of Channel Coast State Parks, and California State Parks officials had to regroup and begin planning for a new beautification and maintenance event for Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Buenaventura State Park. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. The McGrath State Park is currently closed due to regular seasonal flooding. Event organizers were hoping the beach would subside naturally, but due to lack of rain the Park is still flooded. Today, the goal of the April event is to beautify the campground at Buenaventura State Park in Ventura.

According to SoCalGas representative Michele Pettes, "Every year Ventura County area employees of our company look for volunteer opportunities to improve our community, especially in April during Earth month. We look forward to beautify State Buenaventura State Park, and cross our fingers that the flood at McGrath subsides before summer."

Supervisor Zaragoza concluded, "I am proud that we were able to work together to keep this event going for Earth Day, and gratified that we will have an opportunity to clean up and beautify the Buenaventura Park as a way to celebrate Earth Day here locally. I thank Supervisor Bennett for partnering with us and being part of such an important cause. We can definitely use the help in getting Buenaventura ready for the summer crowd, and hope that McGrath does breach naturally for visitors during our late summer and early winter season."

For more information on the planned McGrath State Beach Park event, please contact the office of Ventura County Supervisor John C. Zaragoza at (805) 654- 2613 or John.Zaragoza@ventura.org, or Melissa Baffa of Friends of Channel Coast State Parks at (805) 626-0156. To volunteer for the event, phone Baffa or send an email to volunteer@friendsofccsp.org