

Board of Supervisors Response

SILVER STRAND MID-BEACH PUBLIC RESTROOM RECONSTRUCTION

R-01: The Department should continue to notify affected private property owners near a County project which may affect private property values. A formal written procedure of public notification should be added to the Department manual of policies and procedures. Records of notifications and resulting public comments should be maintained. (C-03)

Concur. The Board supports the Harbor Department's continuing efforts to notify the property owners. In addition the Board supports the Harbor Department's current procedures and practices related to such notification and the documentation related thereto.

R-02: The Department should continue to hold public meetings and maintain records of public comments. (C-03)

Concur. As noted in the response to Recommendation 1 the Board supports the Harbor Department's current efforts in these areas.

R-03: Appropriate steps should be taken to assure that all disabled and handicapped members of the public have beach restroom access instead of relying exclusively on County provided balloon-tired wheelchairs. (C-05)

Concur. This recommendation is being accomplished with the construction of the permanent replacement restrooms at Silver Strand Beach. Meanwhile the County will continue to provide fully handicapped accessible temporary restrooms at the parking lot.

R-04: The Department should assist residents to form a type of "Neighborhood Watch" program for the safety issues surrounding public beach restrooms and coordinate efforts with Oxnard Police Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, and the Harbor Patrol which together are responsible for public safety at County beaches. (C-04)

Do Not Concur. Since the Harbor Department is not responsible for law enforcement at the County beaches, this function would more appropriately be handled by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and Oxnard Police Department.

R-05: The Department should inform the public of costs, locations, and construction procedures for similar coastal projects prior to implementation.

Partially Concur. The Board believes that it incumbent upon managers to use any necessary method to properly evaluate County projects. If evaluating costs, locations, and construction procedures for similar coastal projects is deemed appropriate, then the Board would support such analysis.