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SAFETY OF OCEAN WATER AND BEACHES

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Ocean water samples taken on Friday, January 12 were tested for bacteria levels on Saturday, January 13. Test results reveal that levels of bacteria exceed standard levels in ocean water. Ocean water at the following beaches will remain closed:

- East Beach at Mission Creek
- East Beach at Sycamore Creek
- El Capitan State Beach
- Goleta Beach

In addition, ocean waters at the following beaches remain closed until further notice:

- Butterfly Beach
- Hammond Beach
- Carpinteria State Beach
- Rincon Beach

People should not enter the water when levels of bacteria highly exceed standard levels. The Public Health Department will continue to test ocean water for microbial contaminants.

Based on test results, ocean water at the following beaches will be open:

- Guadalupe Dunes
- Jalama Beach
- Arroyo Burro Beach
- Gaviota State Beach
- Refugio State Beach
- Leadbetter Beach
- Sands Beach at Coal Oil Point
- Hope Ranch Beach

Out of an abundance of caution, in support the recovery and mitigation process, the Public Health Department established of a buffer zone of 400 feet of beach area on both sides where sediment from the mud flows are being placed at Goleta Beach. The public is asked to avoid this buffer zone.

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This order applies specifically to the ocean waters; no swimming or other recreational activities shall take place in these ocean water locations. This order does not include the sandy beaches.

The Thomas Fire followed by the significant rainfall and resulting flood is an unprecedented event. There are unknown amounts of untreated sewage and possible chemical contaminants in the water and sand. If the sand or water look or smell out of the ordinary, avoid contact.

Ocean Water testing results are listed below. The standard for each category is listed in black. The test results are listed in red.

Sites	Total Coliform (MPN*)	Total Coliform State Health Standard (MPN*)	Fecal Coliform (MPN*)	Fecal Coliform State Health Standard (MPN*)	Enterococcus (MPN*)	Enterococcus State Health Standard (MPN*)
East Beach @ Sycamore Creek	2247	10,000	41	400	121	104
East Beach @ Mission Creek	3448	10,000	199	400	223	104
Leadbetter Beach	1789	10,000	41	400	73	104
Arroyo Burro Beach	309	10,000	10	400	10	104
Hope Ranch Beach	1236	10,000	20	400	10	104
Goleta Beach	24192	10,000	1211	400	8664	104
El Capitan	24192	10,000	538	400	11199	104
Refugio State Beach	146	10,000	10	400	10	104
Gaviota State Beach	41	10,000	10	400	10	104