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To: Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services
From: Charity Dean MD, MPH, Santa Barbara County Public Health Officer
Date: January 11, 2018
Re: Health Officer Order to Close Beach Ocean Waters

Order

Pursuant to Health Officer authority under California Health & Safety Code §101040, and in order to protect the public's health, I hereby order the following beach ocean waters closed for public use until further notice: Gaviota Beach down the coast to the County line at Rincon Point. This includes, but is not limited to, Gaviota, Refugio, El Capitan, Sands at Coal Point, Goleta State Beach, Hope Ranch, Arroyo Burro, Leadbetter, East Beach at Mission, East Beach at Sycamore, Butterfly, Hammond's, Summerland, Carpinteria State Beach. This order applies specifically to the ocean waters; no swimming or recreational activity shall take place in these ocean water locations. This order does not include the sandy beaches themselves.

Background Information

Ocean water testing at these beaches highly exceeds standard levels for bacteria. All ocean water at these locations should be considered contaminated. Future ocean water testing results will inform the decision to re-open these beach ocean waters for public use. In addition, hazardous materials as a result of the recent storms have been washing up in these beach ocean waters and contain unknown amounts of potential chemical contaminants that could pose further threats to the public's health.

Signed:

Handwritten signature of Charity Dean in blue ink.

Charity Dean, MD, MPH
Health Officer
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

Handwritten date "1-11-18" in blue ink.

Date