Paseo Del Mar Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

Pedestrian and cyclist access within the already restricted area of Paseo Del Mar will be prohibited beginning tomorrow, Friday, October 7, 2011.

This action is being taken in light of the continuing subsidence of Paseo Del Mar and in response to a potential landslide that is naturally occurring in this area of San Pedro.

Los Angeles Department of Transportation will install barricades to close the sidewalk on the south side of Paseo Del Mar and the walking path on the north side of the street. The road closure for vehicular traffic remains in effect until further notice.

The ground movement has already caused cracks and fissures that have forced the closure of Paseo Del Mar between Weymouth and Western Avenues and agencies are coordinating the rerouting of affected storm drains, sewer and water lines, and utilities in the slide area.

The White Point Nature Preserve and White Point Beach continue to remain open to the public. Sewer lines to both beach and nature preserve restrooms have been capped and the restrooms replaced with portable facilities. No homes or buildings are threatened by the slope failure.

Other agencies currently responding to the incident include the City’s Bureaus of Engineering, Street Services and Sanitation, and Department of Transportation, the County’s Beaches and Harbors Department, Southern California Edison and the Gas Company. Additional City and County resources may be requested if the level of response is elevated.

The partner agencies in this incident have established a link on the Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort (CARE) website to provide details about the unfolding situation.

The Paseo Del Mar Incident link includes up-to-date information about road closures and utility service disruptions, local maps, photographs of current damage, and a brief history of the geographically unstable area that has been prone to past land mass failures. The CARE website was established following the 2009 Station Fire to advise county residents of weather and geographical related incidents. It can be found at www.dpwcare.org.

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