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Malibu City Manager Works with State Parks to Close Malibu Pier to Address Crowding

(Malibu, CA) – The Malibu Pier, including shops and restaurants on it, and the parking lot, will be closed to the public effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in order to prevent crowding amidst the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to help slow the spread of the virus and protect vulnerable groups.

“Crowding on beaches and trails or anywhere right now is not acceptable, it does not help us to slow the spread of coronavirus and it puts seniors and vulnerable groups at risk,” Mayor Karen Farrer. “I know how difficult it is have to stay home, and getting outdoors, getting exercise and enjoying nature are an important part of physical and mental wellness. But we all must come together and practice social distancing at all times to overcome this challenge.”

Malibu City Manager Reva Feldman coordinated with California State Parks to have the Malibu Pier, which is a State Parks facility, closed until further notice after the Pier and Malibu area beaches and trails were crowded with visitors during the weekend of March 21.

The Governor's stay at home order requires all people statewide to stay home except for essential business, and to practice social distancing while outdoors or in essential stores or businesses that remain open. Seniors and those with underlying health conditions must stay home.

The City Manager also coordinated with State and County elected officials to close Malibu area beach parking lots. On March 24, state official responded to crowding on beaches and trails and on March 24, California State Parks closed most of its park parking lots, although many parks and trails remain open, as long as people practice social distancing. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) closed all of its trails and parks on March 24.

For more information about the City of Malibu's coronavirus response, visit www.MalibuCity.org/coronavirus.

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