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## **CA Residents to Coastal Commission: Protect Public Access to Coastal Parks!**

*June 5, 2009*

**On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission will hold a hearing that will decide the fate of public access to coastal parks in Malibu.** Park, youth and disability rights advocates are invited to show their support for public access by attending the hearing at **10:30 a.m. at the Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey, 90292.**

In 2006, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) presented the City of Malibu its Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan to (1) maximize public access to five coastal parks managed by the SMMC and the National Park Service and (2) to improve the trails that connect these parks to one another and local beaches. When the City of Malibu rejected that plan, the SMMC decided to take its case to the Coastal Commission to protect all Californians.

The City of Malibu submitted a competing plan for the Commission's consideration. Malibu's plan puts taxpayer-owned coastal parkland at risk of being closed to public use by banning all camping at coastal parks, prohibiting new and disabled parking, and eliminating developer requirements for trail dedications.

SMMC's plan ensures taxpayer-owned coastal parkland is accessible and open for public use by:

- Providing park facilities and public access while protecting the coastal environment.
- Giving ALL California residents—regardless of socioeconomic status or physical ability—the right to use and have easy access to coastal parkland—not just Malibu residents.
- Providing camping facilities specifically for disabled persons.
- Finishing the Coastal Slope Trail that links five coastal parks and beaches.
- Giving California kids a chance to explore nature, follow a trail, and sleep under the stars.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

1. **Attend the California Coastal Commission hearing at 10:30 a.m., June 10, 2009, at the Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13543 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292.**
2. **Testify at the hearing:** On Item 16(a) urge the Commission to DENY the Malibu's request MAL-MAJ-3-07. **On Item 16(b) urge the Commission to APPROVE the SMMC request MAL-MAJ-1-08.** Use the bulleted items above and personalized experiences with these coastal parks as talking points.
3. **Stay for lunch** - provided by a private citizen who supports the SMMC plan.

**TRANSPORTATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES RIVER CENTER:** Round-trip bus transportation will be provided from the Los Angeles River Center, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, CA, 90065. **Buses leave at 9 a.m.** from the Center parking lot; it will return after the items are heard.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE MARINA DEL REY HOTEL:** 13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey, CA, 90292.

1. Take the 405 Freeway going NORTH or SOUTH;
2. Exit onto the 90 Freeway – going WEST;
3. Turn left on Lincoln Blvd.;
4. Right on Bali Way, pass Admiralty; the hotel is at the end of Bali Way.

**For more information call Miguel Luna at 818-568-9139 or Elva Yañez at 323-397-1554.**