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Regional General Permit No. 88 Orange County Parks Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District has issued Regional General Permit No. 88 (RGP 88), which authorizes Orange County Parks (OC Parks) to conduct semi-annual maintenance activities at the ocean outlets of Prima Deshecha Channel (Poche Beach), Aliso Creek, and Capistrano Beach Outlet 1. In addition, OCPW may conduct additional, minor, as-needed maintenance at each of the three outlets. All outlets would be subject to inspections by OC Parks to determine the need for maintenance activities.

Semi-annual maintenance activities would typically occur once before the wet season (autumn) and before the summer recreation season (spring). In general, maintenance activities would consist of removing sand deposits at the end of the outlets, distributing the sand onto the beach above the high tide line, and grading to prepare the adjacent beach area for recreational use. These ocean outlets require routine maintenance to maintain their structural integrity, re-establish proper conveyance of flow, maintain and restore public access to beaches, and allow for flood risk management, with minimization of impacts to coastal resources and recreation. This permit has been issued under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and only applies to OC Parks for maintenance of the three ocean outlets in a manner that is consistent with the terms and conditions of RGP 88. It is anticipated that special circumstances may arise requiring maintenance activities not described in RGP 88. If the need for non-covered activities occurs, separate permit applications would be required.

The Corps issued RGP 88 with an expiration date of May 2, 2024. RGP 88 is available for viewing at: <u>http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/RegionalGeneralPermits.aspx</u>.

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Regulatory Program Goals:

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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