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Agencies Recognized for Beach Hazard and Open Space Clean Up

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The California State Lands Commission was acknowledged for funding and removing several types of historic hazardous oil and gas structures from Ellwood Beach and Haskell's Beach.

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Additionally the State Department of Conservation was recognized for its work on the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve. Once the site of extensive oil and gas production, the Department of Conservation funded the plugging and re-abandonment of three historic wells known as "Doty 4", "Doty 5" and "Ellwood 1" to prevent a surface hazard and public nuisance. Work was completed during June 2011.

Derek Chernow, Acting Director, Department of Conservation, Pat Abel, District Deputy, Division of Oil and Gas, and Jeremiah Hill, Energy and Mineral

Resources Engineer, Division of Oil and Gas, accepted the proclamation on behalf of their department.

Both organizations were commended for protecting the environment and citizens of Goleta, thus ensuring the health, safety, comfort, and quality of life of Goleta residents and visitors.

Former Assemblymember Pedro Nava was also recognized for his role in securing assistance from these two agencies.

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