

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Sunshine Valley to Beach Access Ramp



Prior to 1983 public beach access existed both north and south of the FMR ramp.

1980's armoring rocks placed on the public beach to protect 3 homes – County approvals noted the wide beach and that lateral access would not be blocked.



Historic house at 101 Beach St --

Threatened by bluff erosion in 2002,
instead of armoring the cliff,
the house was moved inland onto
a neighboring parcel.



View north from FMR beach access point, 2012

At high tide, public beach access to the north is completely blocked and the view is marred by coastal armoring.



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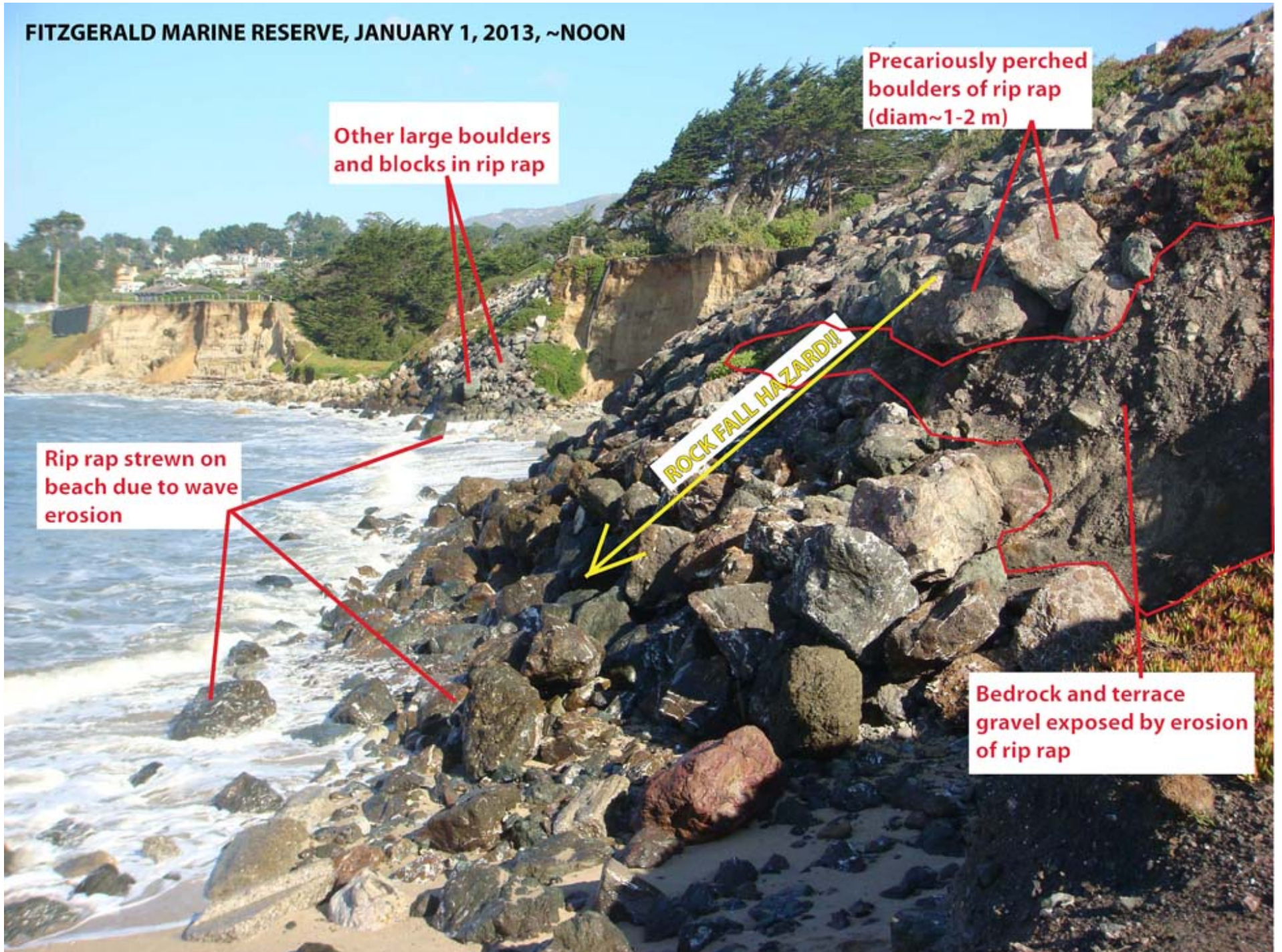
Other large boulders
and blocks in rip rap

Precariously perched
boulders of rip rap
(diam~1-2 m)

Rip rap strewn on
beach due to wave
erosion

ROCK FALL HAZARD!!

Bedrock and terrace
gravel exposed by erosion
of rip rap





2016

Peninsulas of rock expand across the beach at FMR as riprap deteriorates and surrounding cliffs erode naturally.
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