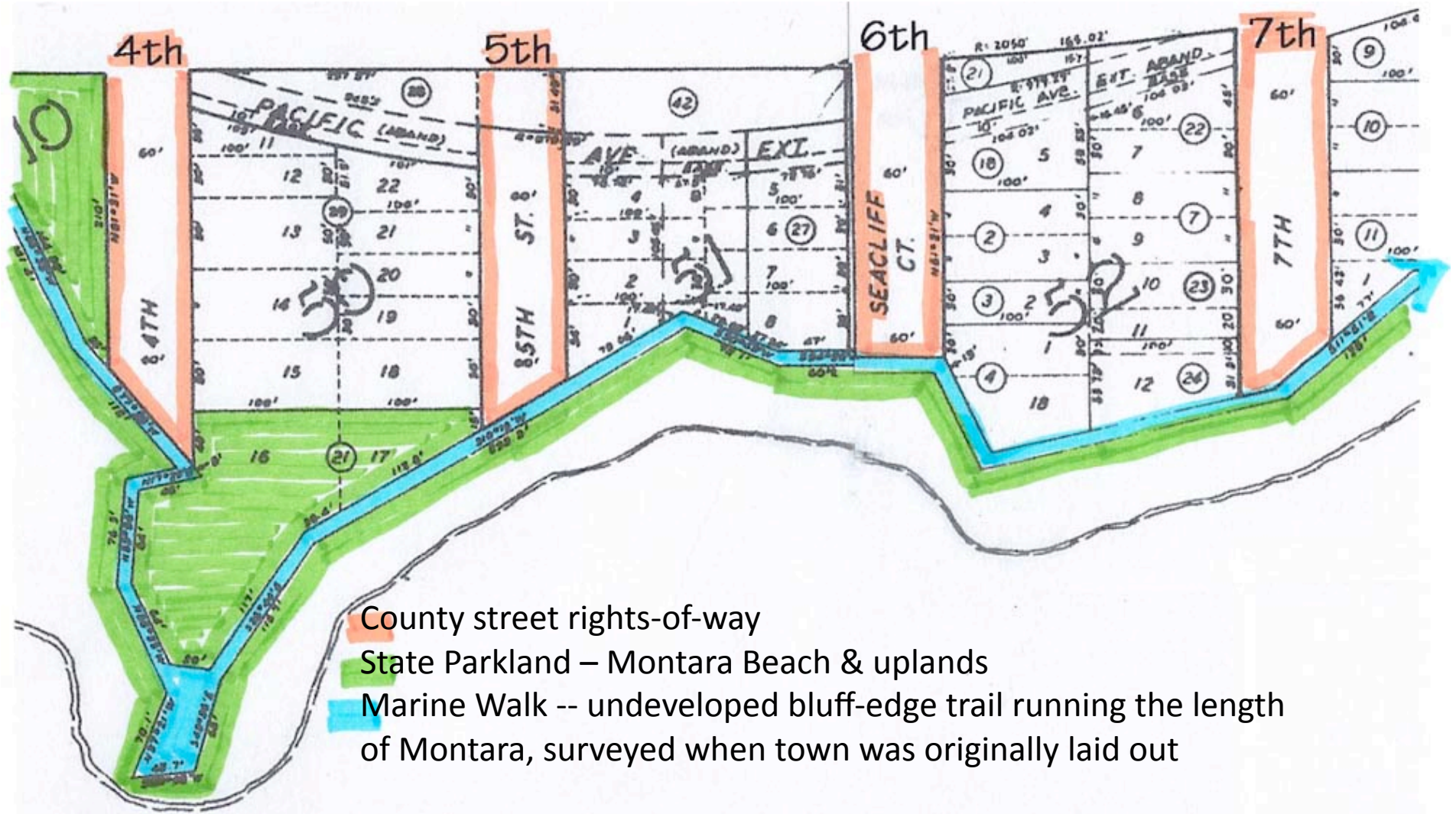


Montara Coast - Public Access & Views



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The coastline of Montara is varied and spectacular, with each coastal street-end offering unique views. This public access must be preserved. This report covers 7th Street north to Montara Beach (4th Street).



7th Street

40 or more years ago, the County allowed 101 7th St. property owner to fence off the end of 7th Street.



7th Street fence



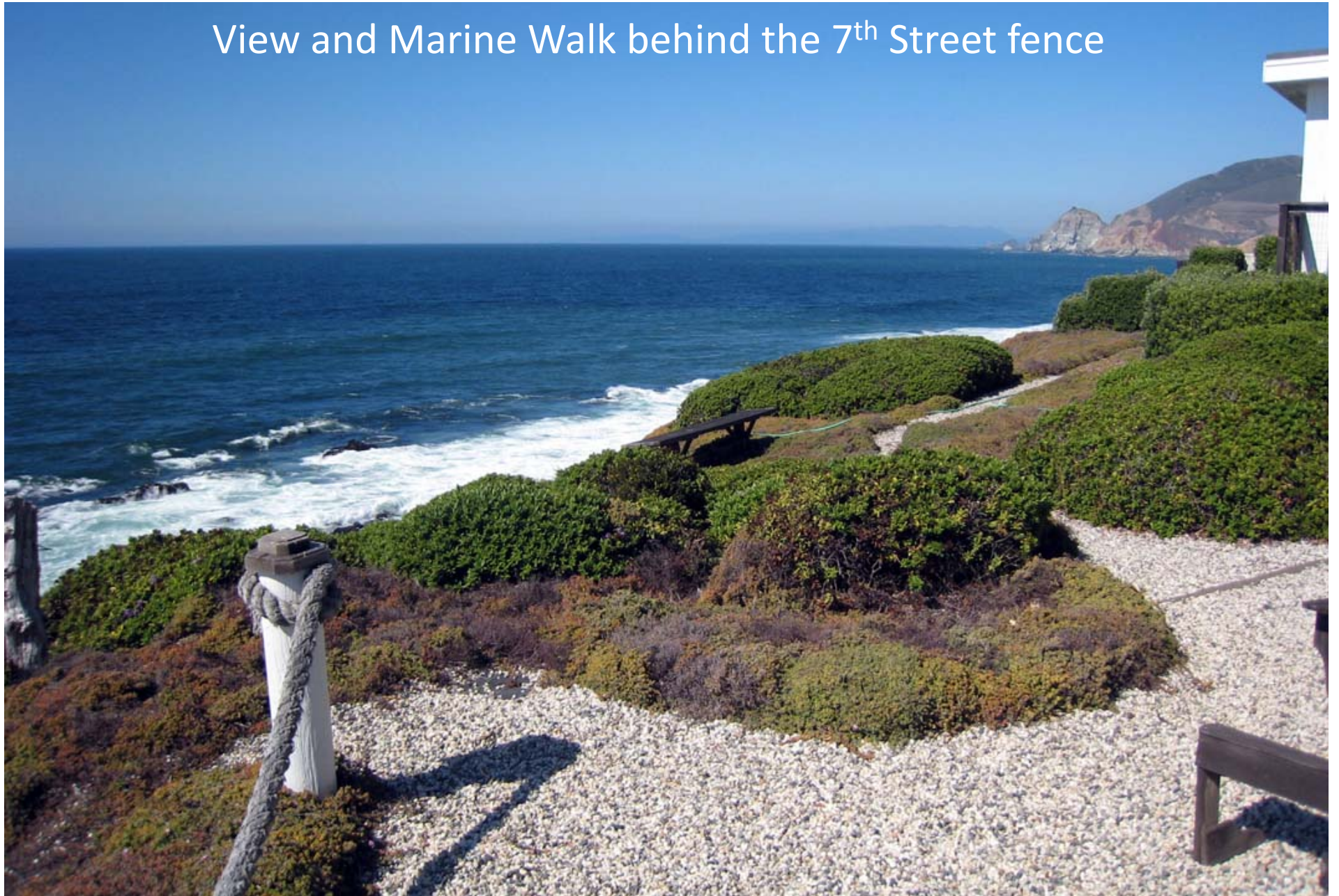
There was no public process when DPW allowed this encroachment.

What is county policy regarding revocation of encroachment permits?

Do all residents of a tract with streets laid out have a permanent right of easement to use those streets?

Is it practical to allow public access where activities are hidden by the fence?

View and Marine Walk behind the 7th Street fence



Along the back of 7th Street fence in public vista area –
Could the county require removal of this unsightly open storage?



7th Street hedge blocks shoreline view and is heavily entwined with barbed wire.



View behind the hedge

Could the county remove the hedge and barbed wire and replace with more appropriate non-view-blocking guard rail?

Seacliff Court

5-ft-tall solid wood fence blocks view of shoreline.

Who built this fence and why? Can we get it removed?

A simple guard rail would be more useful and appropriate, and native plantings instead of pampas grass.



An aerial photograph of a residential property in Seacliff. A prominent 5-foot wood fence runs along the edge of the property, separating it from a grassy area. To the right, a house with a grey roof and a blue porch is visible. A utility pole with power lines stands near the center. The word "Seacliff" is overlaid in white text in the upper middle section of the image.

Seacliff

5-ft wood fence blocks views and access to Marine Walk and bench on point.

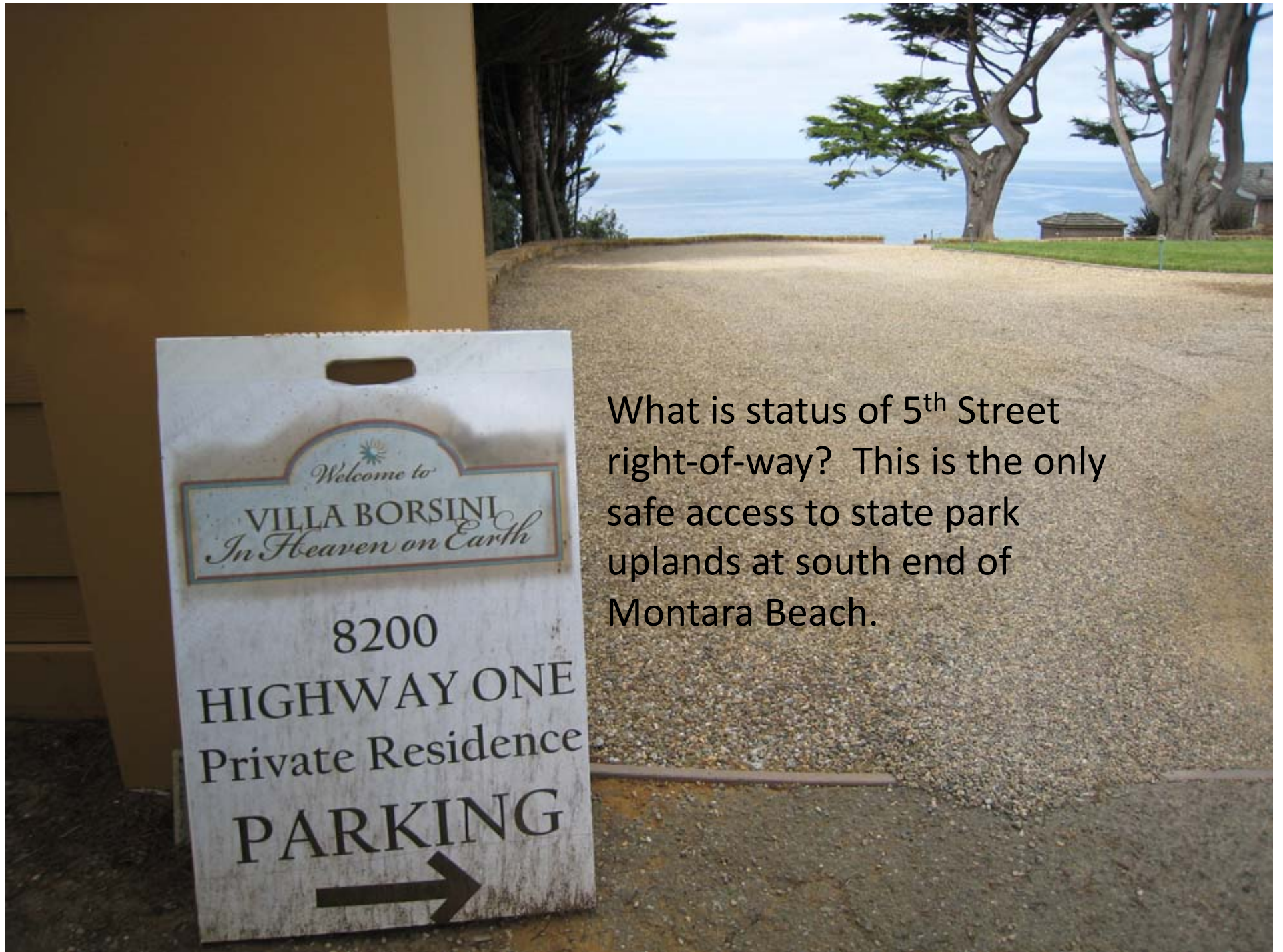
Seacliff view over top of fence.

Do property line fence and distant masonry wall at 5th St encroach on Marine Walk & State parkland?



4th & 5th are not county-improved streets, but these public rights-of-way must be preserved for non-motorized coastal access.





What is status of 5th Street right-of-way? This is the only safe access to state park uplands at south end of Montara Beach.

Upper 5th St coastal views are disappearing behind cypress trees planted in the highway right-of-way and tall new wall from 4th to 5th St. Screening shrubs planted across 4th St right-of-way to the edge of the picture will grow up to hide the rest of the beach. What can be done?



Upper 4th Street coastal views – red outline indicates expected growth of non-native plantings in front of the wall and encroaching across 4th St right-of-way and onto state parkland, with accompanying drip and spray irrigation system. What can be done?

