

April 7, 2013

Nick Dreher
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California Coastal Commission

Dear Mr. Dreher and Members of the California Coastal Commission,

I would like to express my concerns and my objection to the proposed waiver to allow the dredging of Pillar Point Harbor and the filling in of an area known as Perched Beach.

Perched Beach is the only public access area within the Harbor that provides safe and easy access to the water and open, non-sandy beach (safe footing) for elderly, families and persons with disabilities that is located next to restrooms, parking, restaurants, and fishing pier. Perched Beach should be preserved for those members of the public who cannot access other areas along the coast.

Thousands of Harbor visitors never go beyond ¼ mile from the parking lot. To take away this valuable and beautiful section of beach for the purpose of landfill (which will require a future seawall to prevent erosion) in order to build more office space is not in the best interest of the public and especially those who have limitations.

Perched Beach is accessible by a trail that gradually slopes down and ends at the water's edge. All other such access is only available a mile or so away at Maverick's parking lot which has limited parking, smelly outhouses and requires a long walk to the water which may be difficult for older people, families with small children and those with disabilities. Access at the southern corner where dredging is proposed again has similar limitations as the Maverick's parking lot.

The proposed dredge and fill of the beach will result in over 200' of beach access lost forever.

I am asking you to please protect public access and to continue to save our beach access for future generations.

Sincerely,
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