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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Hidden Beach County Park Restroom

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, along with District 2 Supervisor Kimberly De Serpa, are pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hidden Beach County Park for a new restroom.

Join the ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Hidden Beach County Park, 660 Cliff Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

Hidden Beach County Park is a gem of a park in the heart of Aptos. The park doubles as extraordinary coastal access leading guests and visitors out into the beautiful California coast. This popular 1.2-acre neighborhood park provides a recently updated play structure and new play surfacing, a project that was spearheaded by former Supervisor Zach Friend and the non-profit County Park Friends. Along with the newly renovated play area in the park, there are picnic tables, a turf play area and immediate access to the adjacent beach. With the parks growing popularity, the need for a permanent restroom was identified and grants for the project were received from the California Coastal Conservancy.

“County Parks is excited to open the new restroom at Hidden Beach County Park. It will be much nicer for families to have access to a brick-and-mortar restroom when visiting the park or beach. We are so happy to be able to provide such a tremendous upgrade and are thankful to the California Coastal Conservancy for the grant funds they have provided to make this a realization” said Parks Director Jeff Gaffney.

In October of 2020, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the application submission for a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy. Since then, the Board has approved multiple items to continue the work with the bathroom project.

“Big congratulations to our Hidden Beach community on the completion of this long-awaited and much needed restroom! This new facility is a game changer for the families, children, and beachgoers who frequent our wonderful playground and the beach. Huge thanks to Supervisor Friend, our hardworking County staff, County Park Friends and everyone who made this happen.” said Supervisor De Serpa.

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