NEW BASIN SEDIMENT TO BE TAKEN TO GOLETA BEACH COUNTY PARK

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) - Due to an increase in debris basin material this past weekend from below the Thomas and Cave Fire burn areas, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District (District) will resume beach deposit operations at Goleta Beach County Park. Operations could begin as soon as April 6, 2020. The District recently finished a beach deposit operation at the park just west of the entrance that lasted from March 20 through March 31, 2020. The new operation will occur at the same location.

Public Works Director Scott McGolpin said, “We had just finished up our work at Goleta Beach County Park last week. But the storm on Sunday and this morning brought down a lot of additional material that could not make it through the community’s Flood Control system and to the beach beyond.”

The District collects sediment and ocean water samples before and during deposit operations. Water quality testing results from March 31, 2020 did not exceed State and County Public Health standards. Sediment samples taken from the debris basins are tested for grain size, gasoline/diesel, pesticides, and metals. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department also monitors the ocean water to ensure it meets water quality standards for recreation.

The District has different gauges and methods for analyzing rainfall and reservoir data. Some of this information is easily accessible to the public, including cameras above some of our debris basins. For camera feed and rainfall and stream flow information, visit rain.cosbpw.net.

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