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# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach) Closure**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – Pacifica State Beach (Linda Mar Beach) was closed Sunday evening, October 24, 2021, due to the significant impacts the City experienced from the recent weekend rainstorm. The storm dropped approximately 6 inches of rain, reaching levels close to the magnitude of a 100-year storm event. Due to the amount of rain received, the City's sanitary sewer system was overwhelmed with Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) which caused a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)/bypass at the Linda Mar Pump Station. The bypass sent untreated effluent into the Pacific Ocean which triggered the City to close the beach. During these types of events, the City is required to keep the beach area closed for a minimum of three days and provide testing of the water to the San Mateo County Health Department. The beach will remain closed until San Mateo County Health receives satisfactory water sample results and approves the beach re-opening.

The City's recently constructed Wet Weather Equalization Basin (EQ Basin) performed successfully during the storm, despite reaching full capacity due to the size of the storm. The EQ Basin contained over 2 million gallons of sewer effluent from the storm, preventing this effluent from flowing onto City streets or into the waterways. By having the EQ Basin available, the City did not experience widespread SSO flooding as it has in the past, even with the unprecedented amount of rainfall received.

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