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PRESS RELEASE

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Continued Pacifica Municipal Pier Closure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – For the public’s safety, the Pacifica Pier will continue to be closed until February 14, 2024, when it is anticipated a partial opening of the main pier will be feasible.

On December 28, 2023, a combination of high tides and large waves damaged a section of the Pacifica Municipal Pier’s L-section (parallel to shoreline), concrete railing and far west piles. The City’s Public Works Engineering Division closed the pier until a structural assessment could be performed on an expedited basis.

Following an expedited review of the pier, the structural engineers determined that the pier suffered new damage from the December 28th event, including areas of the piles and handrails. The engineers noted that a complete assessment of the damage will not be completed until the March 2024 timeframe, after the end of the winter storm season, since additional damage may occur from other storms this winter. Because of this, the engineers have recommended limiting public access on the pier to approximately half of the main pier deck (section that is perpendicular to the beach). The City of Pacifica will need to construct a barrier to allow for this partial opening and must address railing damage within the partially opened area. It is anticipated that the City will be able to complete this work to allow for the partial opening by February 14, 2024. The City will issue another press release when the exact date of the partial opening is known. Due to the damage sustained by the pier, once the pier is partially opened, the City will need to continue to monitor the pier condition and temporarily close the pier should any adverse weather conditions, including high tide and large wave events, occur.

In 2023, the City commissioned a full Pier assessment study, the 2023 Pier Condition Assessment Report. This report now has been finalized and is able to be viewed at www.cityofpacifica.org/pier. This report does not include the new damage sustained during the Dec. 28, 2023, high tide/big wave event. In summary, the 2023 report notes that the western end of the main pier and L-section of the pier is in serious condition and should be fixed within

the next two years. The remaining area of the main pier is considered in poor condition and should be repaired within four years. This report also recommends continued assessments after storm events and annual assessments. The likely cost for completing structural repairs to the pier noted in the 2023 report, plus the pier handrails, project design and construction management is estimated to be \$19M.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Department of Public Works Engineering Division at (650) 738-3767 or email engineering@pacifica.gov. Thank you for your cooperation, and your patience while the City works diligently to ensure the Pier is safe and can continue to be an important public amenity.

For updates on the Pacifica Pier, please visit: www.cityofpacifica.org/pier.

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