

Pertinent Info. re Dockweiler Beach and Will Rogers State Beach

Ownership, operations, plans:

These beaches are owned by the State but operated by the County pursuant to an operating agreement originally entered into in 1975:

“The [State Parks & Recreation Dept. handed over jurisdiction to both Dockweiler and Will Rogers state beaches to Los Angeles County in 1975.”

<https://www.dailybreeze.com/2015/07/10/despite-california-state-edict-la-county-beaches-will-not-turn-off-showers/>

See more info. about beach history: http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dbh/docs/149602_BeachHistory100708.pdf

The County Beaches & Harbors Dept. stated in 2017:

“Our duty is to protect public access to the beach, the parking lots, the restrooms, the concession stands. So that people who can’t afford to live on the beach can still enjoy the beach,” Kelly [former Dep. Director of B&H] said. “That’s why this is important.”

<https://lacounty.gov/newsroom/winter-wallop-erosion-takes-toll-on-l-a-county-beaches/>

See Beaches & Harbors “Strategic Plan”/Express Vision for Los Angeles beaches:

“Vision: To preserve and enhance Los Angeles County’s beaches and marina as choice destinations for current and future generations.”

http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dbh/docs/231374_StrategicPlanInternetrev072315.pdf

Operating Rules for the Beaches --LA County Municipal Code:

17.12.030 - Beach.

"Beach" means a public beach or shoreline area, inclusive of all appurtenant areas such as, by way of illustration and not by limitation, beach facilities, bicycle paths, promenades, service and emergency roads, parking lots, pedestrian stairways and accessways, landscaping, slopes, jetties, creek beds, revetments, drains, and all navigable waters within one thousand feet from the public beach or shoreline area, bordering the Pacific Ocean owned, controlled, or managed by the County, in incorporated or unincorporated territory.

17.12.232 - Motor vehicle parking.

H. Parking Only. All beach public parking lots, and all other areas designated for public parking, are for parking purposes only, unless an exemption is granted by the Director. No person shall inhabit any area of any beach public parking lot, nor shall any person place or store any property, personal belongings, or belongings of others, on any beach public parking lot.

17.12.260 - Tents and other shelters—Permitted when.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Director with a license or otherwise, a person shall not erect, construct, build, create, maintain, use, or occupy on a beach any canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure unless such canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure shall be less than 10 feet by 10 feet and have two

sides thereof entirely open, and unless there shall be an unobstructed view into such canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure from the outside thereof on at least two sides thereof. Under no circumstance shall any canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure be used as a dwelling place or for habitation, or be left overnight on any beach.

17.12.270 - Tents and other shelters—Guy wires and supports.

A person shall not fasten or maintain any guy wire, guy rope, or exterior bracing or support of any canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure between it or any portion thereof, and any structure, stake, rock, or thing outside of such canopy, tent, lodge, shelter, or structure.

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