

# *Surfers Beach Pilot Restoration Project Planning and Permitting Overview*



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# Existing Conditions Pillar Point Harbor





# Existing Conditions at Surfers Beach



January 2023



# Existing Conditions at Surfers Beach



Erosion at Mirada Surf West Park



# Pillar Point Harbor Project Location Map



# **Overview of Planning/Permitting Process**

## **October 2015 – July 2017**

- **Phase 1:** Initial Funding/Planning Efforts –

## **July 2017 – November 2019**

- **Phase 2:** Feasibility Assessment, Scoping and Early Planning

## **December 2019 – February 2022**

- **Phase 3:** Environmental Review, Mitigation Planning and Permit Pre-Application Coordination

## **February 2022 – April 2025**

- **Phase 4:** Permit Application Review and Agency Consultations



# Eelgrass Survey Completed in November 2019



# PPH Harbor-Wide Eelgrass Management and Mitigation Plan V1 & V2

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## Pillar Point Harbor-Wide Eelgrass Management and Mitigation Plan

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July 27, 2020

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- **V1 was finalized in September 2020.**
- **V2 was revised October 2023.**



# Permitting Overview

- CEQA completed late 2022, Permits completed July 2024
- **Permitting/approval process included:**
  - **Army Corps**
  - **California Coastal Commission,**
  - **Regional Water Quality Control Board**
  - **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**
  - **Greater Farallones NMS,**
  - **National Marine Fisheries Service**
  - **US Fish and Wildlife Service**
  - **County of San Mateo, and City of HMB.**
  - **Caltrans**
- Sensitive habitat and endangered species present in project area.



# Surfers Beach Pilot Project Construction Timeline

## **Key Dates:**

- Bid Opening: **May 6, 2025**
- District signs contract with Vortex Marine Construction, Inc.: **May 27**
- **Construction start date: July 29**
- **Construction Completion Date: October 18**
- Demobilization Complete: **November 3, 2025**



# Project Information Available

<https://www.smharbor.com/surfers-beach-pilot-restoration-project>

- **Construction Updates**
- **Project Description.**
- **Preliminary Design Report**
- **Final Plans and Technical Specification**
- **CEQA Final IS-MND.**
- **Harbor-wide Eelgrass Mitigation and Management Plan.**
- **Sediment Sampling and Analysis Report.**
- **Biological Assessment.**
- **Federal/State Wetland Delineation Reports.**
- **Permits**
- **Detailed Permitting Overview & Permit Compliance Matrix.**
- **Bid Documents, Addenda and attachments (Final plans, specs).**



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