

2. Proposed County Shoreline Park

This proposal has been put forward by Dick Fitzgerald, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches.

County with matching Federal funds would be used to purchase the shoreline land south of PV. drive between the Portuguese Bend Club and our own community.

At least a year would elapse between funding approval and factual realization of the Park.

Access would be limited to about 140 cars, so that the number of people in the Park area at one time could be considerably less than with the Private Development.

If put into effect, the Park would be left in as natural a state as possible. Existing parking areas in the present shore club areas would be used, restrooms would be provided and eventually a small rustic refreshment area created. This would be the limit of improvements.

The area would be supervised during all hours the park would be open and beyond the closing time until midnight. There would be someone on call 24 hours a day.

Questioned about what would happen to wildlife in this area both above and below water, the Dept. of Beaches wish to see created an Underwater Preserve. Tidepools are now protected by law, but there has to be someone present to "educate" people. The Dept. of Beaches lifeguards are well trained in this respect. Any private development would provide no one to protect the tidepools.

The Park would be kept clean at all times. In this respect, the Dept. of Beaches appears to have a very good record.

At a recent meeting of the Homeowners, a group of four of your neighbors agreed to form a committee to find out some more about the proposed Park and try to answer some questions that are of interest.

In following this through, we have spoken to many people as follows:

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| Mr. Dick Fitzgerald | Director of County Beach Department |
| Mr. John Prescott | Director of Marineland and a member of the Underwater Parks Advisory Board |
| Mr. Duffey | Dept. of Fish and Game |
| Dr. Glenn Egstrom | U.C.L.A. Director of research into underwater life along the California coastline |
| Dr. R. F. Rooney | Cal Tech. Director of Environmental Study Group to Long Beach |
| Dr. Weaver North | Organizer of kelp planting project in Abalone cove |