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Torrance Madrona Marsh Preserve Closed Due to Storm Water Runoff

Torrance, Calif., February 20, 2009 – The City of Torrance’s Madrona Marsh Preserve will be closed for a period of time as a health precaution due to the collection of urban storm water runoff as a result of recent storms.

Because of recent weather conditions, some contaminants were deposited into the Madrona Marsh Preserve located at 3201 Plaza del Amo. Tests are being conducted to determine the exact nature of the contaminants. Once determined and if necessary, the City will take remediation measures. The City’s goal is to reopen the Preserve as soon as possible without compromising the health and safety of visitors.

The City asks for and appreciates the cooperation and patience of visitors and residents as staff addresses this issue. The community will be advised upon the Preserve’s reopening.

For more information please contact the Madrona Marsh Nature Center at (310) 782-3989.

About the Madrona Marsh Preserve

The Madrona Marsh is one of the last remaining vernal marshes in Los Angeles County. A vernal marsh is a depression in the land flooded by runoff water from surrounding upland slopes. Vernal means spring, thus by connotation the marsh is fed by winter and spring storms. The Preserve is a back dune habitat within the greater El Segundo Sand Dune System. The fine sand particles of this ancient dune system have been carried from the coastal dunes by winds for thousands of years.

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