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Dear Commissioners,

I support LAFCO Director Joe Serrano's findings and recommendations regarding the Opal Cliffs Recreation District dissolution. This group has operated for years to prevent free use of public beaches, and has not been transparent about meetings or finances. The exclusive beach use violates the California Coastal Commission mandate that all California beaches belong to the people, and cannot be blocked. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/california-battle-over-access-to-public-beach-santa-cruz/>

It is disconcerting that recent County Public Works actions to implement parking fees in the Pleasure Point beach areas were intended to collect revenue for improvements at the Opal Cliffs Recreation District access to Private's Beach when that is the stated purpose that this Special District has collected property taxes to accomplish.

Please dissolve the Opal Cliffs Recreation District. It is nothing more than an egregious private club that collects fees used to exclude the public from enjoying the public beaches.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner