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NEW PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTE TO THE COAST IS ESTABLISHED

The location at Huntington Harbour will be managed by Orange County Coastkeeper

Ocean-goers now have a new access route to the coast along Huntington Harbour, Orange County Coastkeeper announced this week.

A public access sidewalk to the seawall has been established at Portofino Circle off Sparkler Drive. A gate at the access point near the Portofino Cove condominiums will be unlocked at sunrise and locked at dusk.

The California Coastal Conservancy has contracted with Orange County Coastkeeper to manage the Portofino Public Access Boardwalk in Huntington Harbour, where public access has been closed for years due to management issues.

“The state of California has determined that all coastal areas are open to the public,” said Garry Brown, director of Orange County Coastkeeper. “Any resident of California should have access to the beach.”

As part of the contract, Coastkeeper has upgraded the boardwalk with new public access signs, park benches, trash cans and an automatic lock system to keep the route open to the public during the day.

Public parking near the access route is available at Seabridge Park, located on Countess Avenue near the end of Edinger Avenue.

Orange County Coastkeeper is a nonprofit organization founded in 1999 to protect and preserve Orange County’s marine habitats and watersheds through education, advocacy, restoration and enforcement. For information, visit www.coastkeeper.org.

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