

Beach & Pier Committee Committee Report for Fall 2021

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The Beach & Pier committee has been busy working on 2 main projects: Expansion of the buoy field and improving the beach access.

Buoy Field Expansion:

The size of our buoy field is limited by the permits we can obtain from TRPA, who had a hold on new buoy permits for years. That changed recently and they announced the availability of 300 new permits over 10 years starting in 2021, specifically for marinas, which is how DPA is classified. With Board approval, we engaged an attorney and are working a specific plan that we believe would be amenable to TRPA that would add 10 more buoys. This remains a long-shot solution and if permitted, will take some number of months or years.

Improving Beach Access:

The grade of the walkway to the beach makes it difficult for all DPA members to easily enjoy the beach and pier facilities. We are also short of paddleboard and kayak storage. So, we have worked with a designer / planner to architect a plan that allows the following:

- Expand the walkway at the base of the pier that allows for an ADA-compliant golf cart turn-around spot to make getting up and down the hill easier in the summer months.
- Provide at a location TBD, an ADA compliant seasonal restroom.
- Look to create more beach by relocating the paddleboard storage along the wood retaining wall.
- Expand the capacity for storage, which is something we could not do today so close to the water. It will be vertical storage for easier use by all.
- Removes the charcoal barbecue. The number of days charcoal barbecues can be used is declining due to administrative rules and red flag days.
- Expand the beach parking, east of the parking that fronts the tennis courts.

The changes remain in the planning stage and have not been approved by the County nor TRPA. Further the Board has only approved funds for the plan at this point in time.