



## U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE GRANT FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

### 1. Project Information:

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department, Parks Division</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ocean Park Boardwalk</b>
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Lompoc, California</b>
<b>Project Completion Date</b>	<b>June 30, 2013</b>

### 2. Project Point of Contact – person completing this form (*please note, point of contact has changed*).

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### 3. Final Project Performance Report:

<b><i>Project Summary:</i></b>
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Ocean Beach Park is a 36-acre park owned by the County of Santa Barbara. The park provides coastal access to the public, particularly the residents of the Lompoc Valley. Visitor servicing facilities at the park include picnic tables, barbeques, a small marine-themed playground, ADA accessible bathrooms, and an ADA accessible ramp under the railroad tracks to the beach. Since 2000, access to the beach has been prohibited from March 1 through September 30 to protect nesting western snowy plovers; installation of an ADA accessible boardwalk to allow the public to view and appreciate the large variety of natural wildlife that make the estuary home serves to greatly enhance the park for all

visitors.

Grants for financial support of the project were secured through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department and Coastal Resource Enhancement Funds (CREF). Once the design was approved by the California Coastal Commission, the County of Santa Barbara commenced construction of the boardwalk in 2011, and construction was completed in June of 2013. The boardwalk includes a gazebo, an ADA compliant viewing telescope, an interpretive / education kiosk and panels providing information relating to environmental concerns, sea bird identification and natural habitats.

The boardwalk and gazebo were built with pressure treated wood and topped with "TREX", a wood alternative product that although slightly more expensive than wood, is made from 95% recycled products, never requires painting or staining, and resists warping and insects which results in minimal future maintenance.

Interpretive panels providing information about the ecosystem and the diverse flora and fauna in the estuary were designed as a collaborative effort with the County of Santa Barbara's two naturalists, Liz Gaspar and Melissa Kelly, and Gaia Graphics in Santa Maria.

The telescope is ideal for viewing the many species of ducks and other wildlife in the estuary including Wood Ducks, Mallards and Cinnamon Teals.

Thank you for continuing to join efforts to ensure Santa Barbara County can continue to provide memorable and safe recreation, educational and environmental experiences for current as well as future generations

Sincerely,

Jill Van Wie

**4. Attachments: Three (3) total pdf files (Interpretive Panels)**

**5. Project Photos: Five (5) total (Photos of Boardwalk)**

**PHOTO 1**



**PHOTO 2**



**PHOTO 3**



**PHOTO 4**



**PHOTO 5**

