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Beach Wheelchair Website Helps All Seaside Visitors Enjoy the Water's Edge

San Francisco, CA—Did you know that ninety California beaches from the Oregon border to Imperial Beach in San Diego County lend out beach wheelchairs free of charge? These chairs feature special large, wide tires that can be pushed across the sand without sinking.

Just in time for summer, the California Coastal Commission has upgraded its beach wheelchair website to include an interactive map where people planning a trip to the coast can quickly find out which beaches offer these chairs. The map also includes phone numbers for further information and notes whether or not the chairs are motorized. **The website can be viewed at www.coastal.ca.gov/access/beach-wheelchairs.html.**

Beach wheelchairs are convenient for people who use regular wheelchairs, as well as others with limited mobility, from teens who have had skating accidents to older relatives who want to attend a wedding on the beach.

Publicizing the availability of these chairs helps further the Coastal Commission's goal of making coastal access possible for all members of the public. The California Coastal Commission was established by voter initiative in 1972 and made permanent by the Legislature in 1976 (the Coastal Act) in order to provide long-term protection for California's 1,100-mile coastline.

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