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**Port San Luis Harbor District Announces Propane Fire Pits Pilot Program on Avila and Olde Port Beaches**

**Avila Beach, CA – July 10, 2024** – The Port San Luis Harbor District is pleased to announce the launch of a new Propane Fire Pits Pilot Program for Avila Beach and Olde Port Beach. The program will run from July 15 through September 15, 2024, allowing beachgoers to enjoy propane fire pits in designated areas.

The pilot program aims to enhance the beach experience while ensuring safety and environmental stewardship. Traditional wood-burning fires have been known to cause air quality issues and pose fire hazards. Propane fire pits offer a cleaner, safer alternative for beach gatherings.

**Key Details of the Propane Fire Pits Pilot Program:**

- **Locations:** Avila Beach (between San Francisco and San Juan Streets) and Olde Port Beach (from the base of the launch ramp extending to the West and ending at the rocky outcrop).
- **Duration:** July 15 - September 15, 2024.
- **Permitted Equipment:** Only hand carried, made-for-purpose propane fire pits are allowed; wood-burning fires remain prohibited.
- **Monitoring:** Harbor Patrol and Condor Security will be actively monitoring the program to ensure compliance and track any infractions.

Signs will be posted on the beaches to inform the public about the new regulations. The Harbor District encourages all beachgoers to familiarize themselves with the guidelines and help make this pilot program a success.