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DECEASED WHALES ON SHARP PARK BEACH TO BE BURIED

PACIFICA, CA- In a highly unusual occurrence, two deceased whales washed onto Sharp Park Beach during a three week period; the first on April 14th, and the second on May 5th. It was determined that while these whales washed onto what is commonly known to the public as a Pacífica beach, the area is actually under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. The Sharp Park Golf Course, located just east of the beach, is also in the jurisdiction of San Francisco.

The decision was initially made by San Francisco to allow the whales to decompose, a method echoed as appropriate by marine biologists studying the whales. Given the quality of life issue present for residents and visitors due to the odor emanating from the whales, the City of Pacífica entered into discussions with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department regarding a more desirable disposition.

Late last week, the City of Pacífica and the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department agreed to work together to bury the whales. A timeline for completion of the burial is pending.

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