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Join Hands Across the Sand at Cowell Beach on June 25 to say NO to Offshore Oil Drilling

(June 9, 2011) Santa Cruz, CA – [Save Our Shores](http://www.saveourshores.org) and the [Surfrider Foundation Santa Cruz Chapter](http://www.surfrider.org) announce the Hands Across The Sand protest event on Saturday, June 25, at Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz community and all those in favor of clean energy, a healthy marine environment, and the end to offshore oil drilling are encouraged to attend this worldwide, annual event.

Hands Across the Sand in Santa Cruz begins at 11am on Saturday, June 25th, at Cowell Beach. Participants will gather at 11:30 to form a line in the sand and join hands at 12:00pm to unite against offshore oil drilling. This action will send a clear message to our legislators that we support CLEAN ENERGY NOW, and say NO TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING.

Hands Across The Sand 2010 was the largest international protest against offshore oil drilling in the history of the world, where participants gathered in all 50 states and in 43 countries to support clean energy. This is not a political movement; it is about the protection of our coastal economies, our oceans, our marine wildlife and fisheries. The accidents that continue to happen in offshore oil drilling are a threat to the future of all life on this planet, and expanding offshore oil drilling is not the answer. The time for clean energy is now.

Join Hands Across The Sand at 11:30am on Saturday, June 25th on Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz to take part in history in the making. Unite against offshore oil drilling with Save Our Shores and Surfrider Santa Cruz.

About Save Our Shores:

Save Our Shores is the Central Coast leader in caring for the marine environment through ocean awareness, advocacy and citizen action. Our core initiatives are Plastic Pollution, Clean Boating, and Ocean Awareness. Save Our Shores helped to establish the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, prevent offshore oil drilling and cruise ship pollution, and today focuses on educating youth about our local watersheds, tackling pollution on our beaches and rivers, running DockWalkers, and providing our community with Sanctuary Stewards. For information visit: www.saveourshores.org.

About the Surfrider Foundation:

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 90 chapters worldwide. For more information on the Surfrider Foundation, go to www.surfrider.org. For an overview of the Santa Cruz Chapter's current programs and events, log on to our website at www.surfridersantacruz.org.

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