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RUMOR OUTRUNS FACT AT SEASCAPE RESORT

Aptos, CA - Recent headlines stated as fact that the unfortunate illness which spread through a group of guests at Seascape Resort last week was caused by employees not washing their hands. The less sensational truth is that the source of the illness is unknown.

Further stories reported that the Santa Cruz County Health Department had ordered the closure of Sanderlings Restaurant at the resort. But the reality is that the restaurant voluntarily closed so that they could work closely with health officials to try and find the source of the illness. As a precaution the resort underwent thorough sanitizing before Sanderlings reopened on Friday. Health officials could not find any problems associated with the restaurant.

The Health Department speculated the likely cause as the very common "Norovirus" also known as the "stomach flu." This virus is spread by person to person contact and could just as easily have been brought in by a guest. "We host hundreds of people each week and it is not hard to imagine that some may arrive ill" noted Jim Maggio, General Manager. "We strive to maintain a sanitary environment and have repeatedly earned high marks for the cleanliness of our kitchens and food prep areas."

"The rush to judgment has caused real harm," stated resort managing general partner Mark Holcomb. "The Seascape Resort employs more than 300 people and contributes over one million dollars in annual hotel transient occupancy tax to Santa Cruz County." Holcomb went on to add "We have a tremendous amount of pride in our resort setting, the facility, the quality of our catering, and

the fine dining experience at Sanderlings. We also place great value in our 15 year reputation as a Monterey Bay resort destination and are proud of our continuing contribution to the community."

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