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# W11

## **NORTH CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*For the  
April Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 08, 2014

**TO:** Commissioners and Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Dan Carl, North Central Coast District Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** *Deputy Director's Report*

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the North Central Coast District Office for the April 2014 Coastal Commission hearing. Copies of the applicable items are attached for your review. Each item includes a listing of the applicants involved, a description of the proposed development, and a project location.

Pursuant to the Commission's direction and adopted procedures, appropriate notice materials were sent to all applicants for posting at the project site. Additionally, these items have been posted at the District office and are available for public review and comment.

This report may also contain additional correspondence and/or any additional staff memorandum concerning the items to be heard on today's agenda for the North Central Coast District.

**DETAIL OF ATTACHED MATERIALS**

**REPORT OF DE MINIMIS WAIVERS**

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 30624.7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
2-13-0925-W Attn: Daniel Lockwood & Caitlin Pardo del Zela	Construction of a 1,897-square-foot single-family residence, a 424-square-foot attached garage, and related site improvements (including deck, trash and propane enclosures, septic system, and replacement boat dock (in the man-made Seadrift Lagoon)	213 SEADRIFT RD, STINSON BEACH, CA 94970 06041-195-331-39

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT WAIVER**

**Date:** March 27, 2014  
**To:** All Interested Parties  
**From:** Nancy Cave, North Central Coast District Manager *NC*  
Ethan Lavine, Coastal Planner *EL*  
**Subject:** **Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Waiver 2-13-0925-W**  
Applicants: Daniel Lockwood and Caitlin Pardo de Zela

**Proposed Development**

Construction of a 1,897-square-foot single-family residence, a 424-square-foot attached garage, and related site improvements (including deck, trash and propane enclosures, septic system, and replacement boat dock (in the man-made Seadrift Lagoon)) at 213 Seadrift Road in the Seadrift area of Stinson Beach in Marin County.

**Executive Director's Waiver Determination**

Pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations, and based on project plans and information submitted by the applicants regarding the proposed development, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a CDP for the following reasons:

As proposed, the project will not have any significant adverse impacts on coastal resources, including public views, water quality and marine resources. The project is located along the interior portion of Seadrift fronting the man-made Seadrift Lagoon that is ringed by Seadrift residences, and its siting, design, scale and scope is similar and consistent with that of surrounding development. The project represents infill residential development in an area and of a type for which the Commission has historically waived permit requirements, and it can be found consistent with both the Coastal Act and the Marin County LCP.

**Coastal Commission Review Procedure**

This waiver is not valid until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission on April 9, 2014, in Santa Barbara. If four or more Commissioners object to this waiver at that time, then the application shall be processed as a regular CDP application.

**If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to register an objection, please contact Ethan Lavine in the North Central Coast District office.**

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**Memorandum****April 8, 2014**

To: Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Dan Carl, North Central Coast District Deputy Director  
 North Central Coast District

Re: **Additional Information for Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2014**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Page</u>
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Ms. Stephanie Rexing  
California Coastal Commission  
North Central District Office  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105

W14a

April 4, 2014

Dear Ms. Rexing:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the staff report dated 3/28/2014 for A-2-HMB-14-004. This report's conclusion of no substantial issue rests on an application of the 1999 *Bolsa Chica* decision. More particularly, the report asserts that for the City of Half Moon Bay's project PDP-019-12, the specific Coastal Act section 30236 controls over more general sections 30233 and 30240. The appellate court's decision contemplated a project in an area which was not covered by a certified LCP, whereas the standard of review for A-2-HMB-14-004 is the City of Half Moon Bay certified Local Coastal Program, which balances resource protection with competing interests and resolves overlapping policies in a manner that was certified by the Coastal Commission. (In the attached 2005 letter, Coastal Commission staff rejected the applicability of the interpretive guidelines that were analyzed in *Bolsa Chica* to wetlands policies in areas covered by Half Moon Bay's certified LCP.) Several aspects of PDP-019-12 confound a straightforward application of Coastal Act section 30236 and LCP policy 3-9:

- This analysis considers the more general sections 30240 and 30233, but does not consider the narrowly focused policies of the certified LCP which specifically protect the habitats of rare, endangered, threatened or unique species, and even more specifically to several policies and ordinance sections which protect the habitats of the California Red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. These policies are more narrowly focused than the general policies discussed and discounted in portions of *Bolsa Chica* pertaining to 30233, 30236 and 30240.
- The inclusion in the certified LCP of protections of habitat for listed species, as opposed to protection of only the listed species themselves, makes the LCP consistent with federal law, which is outside the scope of the *Bolsa Chica* holdings. As approved, PDP-019-13 would permit the City's public works department to implement bank stabilization activities, including but not limited to rock lining, at any location within the project area, including areas west of all development except for the Coastal Trail. In addition to interfering with the stream dynamics that are a natural part of the ecosystem in these undeveloped areas, rock-lined banks and other included bank stabilization activities could degrade the habitat of listed species. Similarly, watching for frogs or snakes while project crews remove their protective cover and the habitat in which their micro fauna prey thrives allows biologists to mitigate the risk of direct take, but actually facilitates indirect take through habitat degradation. The USFWS most recently stated the implementation of the project will result in take by harassment, and thus is not consistent with LCP policy 3-4(b), which requires projects to comply with USFWS regulations.
- Policy 1-2 of the certified LCP calls for policy overlaps to be resolved, on balance, in favor of greater protection of coastal resources.

- The flood control projects of Coastal Act section 30236 and LCP Policy 3-9 are permitted only on the conditions that no other method for protecting existing structures in the flood plain is feasible, and where such protection is necessary for public safety or to protect existing development. A significant portion of the PDP-019-13 project area is westward of all development except for the Coastal Trail and the Myrtle Street bubble-up. For the portions of this project on the watercourses<sup>1</sup> in the passive open space between existing the Coastal Trail and closest existing development, there is no evidence supporting a finding that the project of such scope is necessary and the only feasible alternative for protecting public safety or existing development.

Most of the concerns outlined in appeal A-2-HMB-14-0004 could be addressed simply by restricting the project to developed areas, where there the project would arguably contribute to the goals of public safety or protection of existing development. Indeed, I applaud the City's intent to repair the project area's clogged culverts, and the removal of trash and non-native vegetation, particularly invasive species. If the eastern developed portion of the project area is analyzed separately from the western, wide-open portion of the project area, the Bolsa Chica holding for resolving conflicts between specific and general policies conflict are largely moot, and the Hobson's choice between public safety and protection of listed species, riparian and wetland habitat is exposed as a false choice. Otherwise, PDP-019-12 appears to be a template for scoping projects large enough to create a policy conflict that can be ruinously applied to vulnerable areas.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the staff to support a Commission finding of substantial issue to allow the project to be refined to better comply with the City's certified LCP.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to travel to the Commission's April meeting in Santa Barbara, but I ask that you convey these concerns to the members of the Commission, and look forward to your response and the Commission's deliberations.

Thank you for considering my comments, and for your service.

/James Benjamin/

James Benjamin (Appellant)  
400 Pilarcitos Avenue  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019-1475

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<sup>1</sup> The staff report states (pages 4-5) "Most recently, the drainages were maintained by the City pursuant to a 2004 California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 5-year term Streambed Alteration Agreement, but that agreement has since expired." The record should reflect that the expired agreement covered portions of only five of the thirteen drainages that are the subject of this project. A list of the covered drainages appears on pages 558 of the staff report.

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June 9, 2005

Don Dakins  
Senior Planner  
City of Half Moon Bay  
501 Main Street  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

RE: PDP-23-05, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail within Caltrans Right of Way

Dear Mr. Dakins:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail within the Caltrans right of way. We support the City's efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian access and to reduce vehicle dependency and traffic impacts generated by local vehicle trips. The purpose of this letter is to address the biological resources issues regarding the proposed development. Despite conclusions in the biological report that excluded the four drainages found within the project area as LCP jurisdictional wetlands, it is Commission staff's position that sufficient evidence has not been provided to support the dismissal of the drainages as wetlands, and that there is a possibility that the proposed project is within 100 feet of a wetland, and therefore within the Coastal Commission's appeal jurisdiction pursuant to Section 30603(a) of the Coastal Act. At this time, Commission staff has the following comments regarding the proposal:

#### 1. Wetlands

The Biological Review performed by Biotic Resources Group concluded that the four drainage ditches on-site are not LCP jurisdictional wetlands based on the grounds that 1) the Coastal Commission guidelines exempt drainage channels, if constructed in upland areas, from LCP wetland requirements, and that 2) no wetland vegetation were found in the drainage ditches.

With respect to the Commission's Wetland Interpretive Guidelines, Commission staff would like to clarify that the Coastal Commission adopted the Guidelines to serve as a guidance document only for areas in the Coastal Zone without a certified LCP and that they were not intended to be used in post-LCP certified areas. The guidelines do not have the legal status of a statute or a regulation, and they do not define or modify the definition of wetlands under the certified Half Moon Bay LCP. As the Commission's Guidelines cannot be used to provide the wetlands exemptions for the constructed drainage ditches, the drainage ditches would be subject to review under the City's certified LCP wetland policies, if they meet the wetlands definition.

The Half Moon Bay LCP Zoning Code Sec. 18.38.020.E defines wetlands as follows:

*Wetlands. As defined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a wetland is an area where the water table is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to bring about the formation of hydric soils to support the growth of plants which normally are found to grow in water or wet ground. Such wetlands can include mud flats (barren of vegetation), marshes, and swamps. Such wetlands can be either fresh or saltwater, along streams (riparian), in tidally influenced areas (near the ocean and usually below extreme high water of spring tides), marginal to lakes, ponds, and man-made impoundments. Wetlands do not include areas which in normal rainfall years are permanently submerged (streams, lakes, ponds, and impoundments), nor marine or estuarine areas below extreme low water of spring tides, nor vernal wet areas where the soils are not hydric.*

In addition, Section 18.02.040 states:

*Wetland: The definition of wetland as used and as may be periodically amended by the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. [Emphasis added]*

Accordingly, Section 13577b.1 of the Commission's regulations states:

*Wetland shall be defined as land where the water table is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to promote the formation of hydric soils to support the growth of hydrophytes, and shall also include those types of wetlands where vegetation is lacking and soil is poorly developed or absent as a result of frequent and drastic fluctuations of surface water levels, wave action, water flow, turbidity or high concentrations of salts or other substances in the substrate. Such wetlands can be recognized by the presence of surface water or saturated substrate at some time during each year and their location within, or adjacent to, vegetated wetlands or deep-water habitats.*

The biological report indicates evidence of flow for the drainages but concludes that the drainages are upland habitat due to the absence of wetland vegetation. However, according to the above definitions for wetlands, especially the one in the Commission's regulations, the presence of any one of the three criteria (hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic vegetation) should be used to delineate wetlands, and that the absence of one criteria (vegetation) does not mean that the other criteria are absent as well or that the area does not qualify as a wetland. As the applicant's biological report used vegetation as the sole indicator of wetlands and did not assess hydrology or soils, it has not adequately established the presence/absence of wetlands in the project area based on criteria required by the LCP. To analyze for consistency with applicable LCP wetlands policies, Commission staff recommends that the City request a wetland delineation based on the criteria in the LCP to determine the extent (if any) of wetlands in the project area and the extent (if any) of potential wetland impacts that would result from the proposed project.

If wetlands that meet the LCP definition were found, then construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path that would fill wetlands would not be a permitted use according to Section 18.38.080 of the Zoning Code that states:

### Wetlands

#### A. Permitted uses

1. Education and research.
2. Passive recreation such as bird-watching.
3. Fish and Wildlife management activities.

#### B. Permitted uses with approval of a Use Permit

1. Bridges.
2. Pipelines and stormwater runoff facilities.
3. Improvement, repair or maintenance of roadways.

## 2. ESHA

Your June 9, 2005 staff report states "While there was not any observances of wetland vegetation during the field survey, the recent occurrence of special status species must be assumed during the site analysis of any project that will have the potential to be within a close proximity to drainage watercourses—whether natural or constructed." It is unclear which special-status species is referenced in this statement, however, if any special status species is assumed to be present within and close to the drainages in the project site, then those drainages and any additional areas close to the drainages would qualify as environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) under the City's LCP Policy 3-1:

*Define sensitive habitats as any area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable and as those areas which meet one of the following criteria: (1) habitats containing or supporting "rare and endangered" species ...*

*Such areas include riparian areas, wetlands, sand dunes, marine habitats, sea cliffs, and habitats supporting rare, endangered, and unique species.*

As the assumption of presence of special-status species leads to the designation of the drainages and areas close to the drainages as ESHA, the proposed project must then be reviewed for conformity with the applicable ESHA policies in the City's LCP. Under LCP Policy 3-4 only "resource-dependent or other uses which will not have a significantly adverse impact in sensitive habitat" would be permitted in an ESHA. Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail would not be considered a resource-dependent use and would therefore not be allowable in ESHA under the LCP. Moreover, the California Court of Appeal (*Bolsa Chica Land Trust v. Superior Court* (1999) 83 Cal.Rptr. 850.) has confirmed that impacts to ESHA from non-resource dependent uses are prohibited under the Coastal Act and corresponding LCPs.

If the City does not intend to consider all of the drainages and areas close to the drainages as ESHA, Commission staff then recommends that instead of assuming the presence of special-status species in all of the drainages, that the City request a more precise biological assessment to determine the presence or absence of special-status species in each of the drainages so that the

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extent of ESHA in the project area could be more accurately described and that the proposed development could be adequately evaluated for consistency with the ESHA policies of the LCP.

We hope that these comments are of assistance to your project review. Please contact me at (415) 904-5260 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Yin Dan Zhang  
Coastal Program Analyst  
North Central Coast District

Cc: Paul Nagengast, Half Moon Bay Public Works



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office  
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605  
Sacramento, California 95825-1846

In Reply Refer To:  
08ESMP00-2013-TA-0642

OCT 24 2013

Bruce Ambo  
Planning Manager  
501 Main Street  
Half Moon Bay, California 94019

Subject: Comments on Biological Resource Evaluation for the Citywide  
Drainage Ditch Maintenance Project, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo  
County, California

Dear Mr. Ambo,

This correspondence is in response to your July 3, 2013, memo requesting comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on the July 3, 2013, *Biological Resource Evaluation for the Citywide Drainage Ditch Maintenance Project, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, California* (Creek Maintenance Plan). Based on our review of the document, we are concerned about the the potential effects of the proposed Citywide Drainage Ditch Maintenance Project (project) on the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and the endangered San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*). This letter is issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)(Act).

The purpose of the project is described within the Creek Maintenance Plan as: "to restore drainage features to their originally constructed conditions to maintain water transport capacity; maintain the integrity of existing flood and sediment control structures; minimize potentially hazardous situations such as flooding, bank, culvert, and roadway erosion, and improve visibility of drainage features." Maintenance activities used to achieve the project goal include sediment removal, vegetation trimming and removal, bank protection repair, culvert replacement, and removal of non-native vegetation. Equipment required for this work includes backhoes, dump trucks, mowers, power hand tools (chainsaws and weed trimmers), and manual hand tools.

The Service is concerned that there is a likelihood for presence of the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake within the footprint of the Creek Maintenance Plan:

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~~extent of ESHA in the project area could be more accurately described and that the proposed development could be adequately evaluated for consistency with the ESHA policies of the LCP.~~

We hope that these comments are of assistance to your project review. Please contact me at (415) 904-5260 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

YihDan Zhang  
Coastal Program Analyst  
North Central Coast District

Cc: Paul Nagengast, Half Moon Bay Public Works

- Both the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake are known to occur within the project area and within dispersal distance of several drainages in the project area.
- Suitable habitat for both species is present throughout Half Moon Bay and surrounding properties.
- There are documented breeding ponds for the California red-legged frog within Half Moon Bay and surrounding properties.
- There is a lack of survey data for much of the suitable habitat for both species within the project footprint and surrounding areas.

Given the above facts, it is reasonable for the Service to consider that most drainages identified in the Creek Maintenance Plan are occupied by both the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake.

Due to the likelihood of presence for the California red-legged frog, the San Francisco garter snake, and suitable habitat for both species, the Service has determined it is likely that implementation of the Creek Maintenance Plan will result in take of juvenile and adults of both species, in the form of death, harm, and/or harassment.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the take of any federally listed animal species by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Within the Act, take is defined as "...to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." Harm has been further defined to include habitat destruction when it injures or kills a listed species by interfering with essential behavioral patterns, such as breeding, foraging, or resting. To harass has been defined as "to intentionally or negligently, through act or omission, create the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavior patterns such as breeding, feeding, and sheltering." Thus, not only are the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake protected from such activities as collecting and hunting, but also from actions that cause their death or injury through damage or destruction of their habitat. The term "person" is defined as "...an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other private entity; or any officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the federal government, of any state, municipality, or political subdivision of a state, or any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States."

Take incidental to an otherwise lawful activity may be authorized by one of two procedures. If a federal agency is involved with the permitting, funding, or carrying out of the project and a listed species is going to be adversely affected, then initiation of formal consultation between that agency and the Service pursuant to section 7 of the Act is required. Such consultation could result in a biological opinion addressing the anticipated effects of the project to the listed species and may authorize a limited level of incidental take. If a federal agency is not involved in the project, and federally listed species may be taken as part of the project, then an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act should be obtained. The Service may issue such a permit

Mr. Bruce Ambo

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upon completion of a satisfactory conservation plan for the listed species that would be taken by the project.

The Service recommends that the City enter into discussions with the Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Coastal Commission to discuss ways to implement the Creek Maintenance Plan without violation of the Act, the California Endangered Species Act, and other Federal and State regulations.

The Service looks forward to assisting the City of Half Moon Bay with achieving its project goal in a manner compliant with the Act. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Dan Cordova ([Dan\\_Cordova@fws.gov](mailto:Dan_Cordova@fws.gov)) or Coast Bay Forest Foothills Division Chief, Ryan Olah ([Ryan\\_Olah@fws.gov](mailto:Ryan_Olah@fws.gov)) at (916) 414-6600.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

 Eric Tattersall  
Deputy Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

Suzanne Deleon, California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Cameron Johnson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Karen Geisler, California Coastal Commission

# W15.5a

From: **Michael Russom**

Date: Tue, Apr 1, 2014 at 1:40 PM

Subject: soccer in GG Park

To: Jana Zimmer

A-2-SNF-12-020 (Beach Chalet Soccer Fields)

Please do NOT approve the construction of a toxic field in Golden Gate Park that will create horrible light pollution and threaten wildlife and birds on a major flyway. Watch slow motion replays on TV of soccer or football artificial fields and see players breathing clouds of toxic rubber dust as they slide along the field. I was a soccer coach for years with kids from kindergarten up to 5th grade and we can't stand this idea. Real turf is the best and can be maintained in a socially responsible ecological and green way.

**From:** [Adele Framer](#)  
**To:** [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn.Kevin@Coastal)  
**Cc:** [CoastalBeachChaletAppeal](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a  
**Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 12:50:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [HEARING NOTICE A-2-SNF-12-020 SF Rec and Park Dept REVISED FINDINGS .pdf](#)

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I find it incredible that you're holding this hearing in SANTA BARBARA.

Is this a way to discourage San Franciscans from voicing their concerns???

That does it, put me down on record as opposing any scrap of artificial turf, the bright lighting, and tree removal. No compromises.

I'm not going to be able to attend this hearing in SANTA BARBARA.

Sincerely,  
Adele Framer  
183 Parnassus Ave. #4  
San Francisco CA 94117

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **CoastalBeachChaletAppeal** <[beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 28, 2014 at 5:55 PM  
**Subject:** Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a  
**To:** CoastalBeachChaletAppeal <[beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov)>

**From:** [Yorkman Lowe](#)  
**To:** [CoastalBeachChaletAppeal](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a  
**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2014 6:18:28 PM

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The meeting is in Santa Barbara, 300 mi from SF!  
Yorkman Lowe  
[YorkmanLowe@comcast.net](mailto:YorkmanLowe@comcast.net)  
1 510 601 9675

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [CoastalBeachChaletAppeal](#)  
**To:** [CoastalBeachChaletAppeal](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 5:55 PM  
**Subject:** Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a

**From:** [Paul McKenzie](#)  
**To:** [CoastalBeachChaletAppeal](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a  
**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2014 7:40:04 PM

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i am not in favor

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**From:** CoastalBeachChaletAppeal <beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Important Public Hearing Notice (Revised Findings) for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (Beach Chalet) A-2-SNF-12-020 Item No. W15.5a  
**Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 12:41:48 PM

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This is being held in SANTA BARBARA????

They don't want any local people to attend!!!

On Fri, Mar 28, 2014 at 5:55 PM, CoastalBeachChaletAppeal <[beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:beachchaletappeal@coastal.ca.gov)> wrote:

**From:** [Andrew Solow \(Gladding & Michel\)](#)  
**To:** [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](#); [mary.shallenberger@coastal.ca.gov](#); [carol.groom@coastal.ca.gov](#)  
**Cc:** [Lester, Charles@Coastal](#); [Carl, Dan@Coastal](#); [Craig, Susan@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Permit #: A-2-SNF-12-020 - Consideration of Findings for the Commission's May 9, 2013 Approval to Renovate Existing Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park  
**Date:** Monday, March 31, 2014 9:57:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Coastal Commission should allow city's plan for soccer fields to proceed 5.2.2013.pdf](#)

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CA Coastal Commission re:  
Permit #: A-2-SNF-12-020  
Consideration of Findings for the Commission's May 9, 2013 Approval to Renovate Existing Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park

Calendared for Consideration: April 9, 2014

Honorable Commissioners and Staff,

The 105 page "revised staff report" for Permit #: A-2-SNF-12-020, dated 3/28/2014 is replete with deletions and additions and is very difficult to read. What it should say is that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields have been in continuous use as athletic fields for more than 75 years. And, all the proposed project does is continue that existing use with a better quality field and field lighting that will at least double the number of playable hours for this facility and dramatically reduce the number of injuries associated with the current uneven and gopher hole ridden grass field.

The report should also say that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are **NOT** a natural area. In fact this portion of what is now Golden Gate Park was formerly covered with sand dunes. So the idea of preserving naturalness or restoring this area to its former natural state means replacing the athletic fields that have been in continuous use at this location for more than 75 years with sand dunes.

I am pleased that the Coastal Commission previously supported organized athletic activities in the middle of San Francisco, population 800,000+. I am equally pleased that the Coastal Commission did not NOT support restoration of sand dunes that were removed more than 100 years ago when Golden Gate Park was constructed to provide increased recreational opportunities for the City's taxpayers.

**I hope the Coastal Commission passes something that approves the Beach Chalet athletic field renovation project that is considerably simpler than the 105 page revised staff report that is now before the Commission.**

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**I hereby request that the CA Coastal Commission again take formal notice of the attached San Francisco Examiner Editorial dated May 2, 2013 - see text of Editorial below.**

**I also request that the CA Coastal Commission again take formal notice of the rendering of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields as previously designed by the CA Coastal Commission Staff shown below.**

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## **Coastal Commission should allow city's plan for soccer fields to proceed**

By: SF Examiner Editorial | 05/02/13 10:46 PM

SF Examiner Editorial .

A recent report by staff members of the state agency that controls development along California's coastline argues against a plan for new playing fields near the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. But the document is flawed in its reasoning and its recommendations should be rejected.

When the California Coastal Commission takes up the issue of the Beach Chalet soccer fields during its Thursday meeting, the members of the agency will have before them a document based on a false understanding of what this portion of the park was, is and should be.

The 9.4-acre playing fields sit on the western side of Golden Gate Park, where athletic fields of some sort have existed for more than 75 years. The fields are among the most used in The City, but poor drainage and wear forces them to be closed roughly half of the time, according to the Recreation and Park Department. One of the four fields is typically closed at all times to allow the grass to regrow.

To extend the playing time at the fields, the parks department has entered into a public-private funding proposal with the City Fields Foundation that would pay to replace the grass with artificial turf. The site would also receive new lights to illuminate the fields for more hours, a new children's playground, new seating and revamped restrooms. These improvements would add more than 9,500 hours of playing time at the fields, which are much needed in a city where field space and time are both at a premium.

The plan has been approved locally, but an appeal to the Coastal Commission prompted the report. In that document, agency staff members erroneously refer to the existing fields as "pastoral landscape," arguing that features of the playing field, including the lines that mark the athletic fields, could be harmful to wildlife.

Opponents of this plan and now the Coastal Commission's staff make it appear as though the Recreation and Park Department is clear-cutting virgin forest in an isolated area to make way for a mega development. The truth is that the site, which comprises less than 1 percent of the total space in Golden Gate Park, is already a playing field with marked lines. The arguments against lighting range from the light pollution it could cause to the impacts the lights would have on migrating birds. The report even objects to the sideline seating from which parents would be able to watch their children play sports. Oh, yes, and the new soccer fields are too rectangular!

The report's main is that the area should remain natural, as is called for in a Golden Gate Park master plan. But, of course, a truly natural Golden Gate Park would consist of the sand dunes that used to dominate the area before the park was created. Others argue that the area should consist of trees and walking paths. However the Coastal Commission staff argues that nine acres of mowed grass — but not artificial turf — would be natural.

This paper has argued before that if there were not already playing fields at this location, this project would be an inappropriate one. But given the history of the past 75 years, this

project wisely upgrades the existing use to make it more usable for the children and adults who need more space for sports in The City. The remaining 99 percent of Golden Gate Park is there for everything else.

Read more at the San Francisco Examiner: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/2013/05/coastal-commission-should-allow-city-s-plan-soccer-fields-proceed#ixzz2SgfaG869>

## Beach Chalet Soccer Fields as designed by the CA Coastal Commission Staff

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April 1, 2014

To: California Coastal Commissioners and Staff

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 hearing

Item W15.5a

Permit Number: A-2- SNF-12-020

Gary Browd

Request for Postponement to May 2014

In opposition to project

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San Francisco



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**Request for Postponement/Continuance to May, 2014**

Via US Mail and email

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Attn: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - request for postponement

Dear Kevin,

The Golden Gate Audubon Society requests that the hearing on the Revised Findings and Memorandums regarding Park Improvement Status, Light Monitoring, and Avian Monitory for the Beach Chalet project be continued to the May, 2014 California Coastal Commission hearing in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks have outlined a program to conduct evaluations on potential neighborhood impacts of the project. The San Francisco residents should have the opportunity to hear this presentation and to comment on these proposals in person. Travelling over 300 miles to Santa Barbara is not an option for many San Francisco residents. It seems only fair that the hearing be held in Northern California, giving more residents the opportunity to participate in person.

The City project construction schedule shows a start date in late June. Therefore, delaying this permit hearing until May should not have a negative impact on the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
*Noreen Weeden*

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Charlotte Hennessy  
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Cc: Kevin Kahn

I am asking that agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet be postponed to the May California Coastal Commission meeting in Northern California because the residents of the area should have the right to address their concerns about the “proposed mitigations.” Having the meeting so far away will not allow this as easily, forcing many voices to go unheard.

Since the Rec & Park’s plans show a June construction for the project, May would not be too late for a hearing.

I am reiterating here (after writing to you about this previously), that going forward with the Beach Chalet project will cause major disruption to the wildlife (and human life) in the area. The night sky will be drastically disrupted, with lights burning for too many hours, for too many days. Please refer to other letters I’ve written about the other concerns I’ve had regarding the negative effects that the project will bring, but at least for now, please focus on postponing the hearing until May.

I am also requesting that the original staff report be reinstated.

Thank you,

Charlotte Hennessy

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**Attn: Commission Staff**

Re: REVISED FINDINGS  
HEARING DATE April 9, 2014  
ITEM NUMBER W15.5a

PERMIT NUMBER A-2-SNF-12-020

APPLICANT(S) – San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, attn. Dan Mauer

PROJECT DESCRIPTION – Consideration of the findings for Commission’s May 9, 2013 approval of coastal permit with conditions to renovate existing Beach Chalet athletic fields in Golden Gate Park.

AREA OF CONCERN –

The Revised Finding is not in conformance with the Local Coastal Program (LCP) in that it allows the project to introduce **over 400 tons of loose uncovered toxic styrene butadiene particles** into the coastal zone.

SUBMITTER’S POSITION – The following staff recommended initial finding was deleted and should be reinstated as originally written,

“SPECIAL CONDITION - This permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

a. Synthetic Turf Replaced With Natural Turf. All synthetic turf shall be eliminated from the project and in its place natural grass turf shall be used. The natural grass turf area shall include replacement of the existing turf with new turf, and installation of an underlying turf foundation system designed to provide enhanced stability, including in terms of enhanced drainage, to the maximum extent feasible (e.g., regrading, placement of drainage materials and systems, gopher wire, etc.)”

BASIS OF CONCERN –

• ***What is styrene butadiene?***

Styrene butadiene, (sometimes called styrene butadiene rubber or SBR) is derived from tires. You may have seen it in particulate form fly up when athletes play in it on a synthetic field or perhaps when shaken out of children’s hair and clothes.

Hundreds of under-regulated chemicals and metals constitute a tire, including lead, PAHs, and carbon black.<sup>1</sup> **Over 20% of a tire’s chemical makeup is listed as causing cancer by the State of California’s Office of Environmental and Health Hazard Assessment, OEHHA,**<sup>2</sup> based on the findings of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

<sup>1</sup> Tire manufacturers are not required by law to disclose their proprietary “formulas”. The chemical composition of each tire depends on country of origin, manufacturer, production date, type of tire, model of tire, tire’s exposure to the environment, etc. The San Francisco Synthetic Turf Standards reporting requirements do not require the synthetic turf supplier to disclose the chemical composition of the styrene butadiene particles. The requirements only address the plastic blades.

<sup>2</sup> Over 20% of a tire is carbon black. According to the Beach Chalet Project’s Environmental Impact Report, “SBR material contains carbon black, an industrial chemical used in the manufacturing of automobile tires. It is composed of nanoparticles that are much smaller than PM10 and PM2.5 (nanoparticles vary in size from 1 to 100 nanometers, with a billion nanometers forming a meter).” - State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005

- **How much styrene butadiene particulate material will be used in the project?**

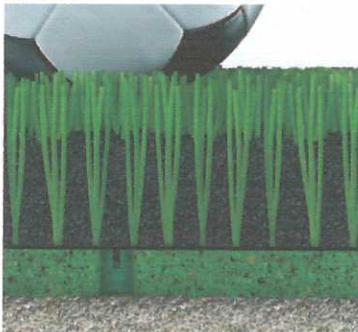
According to the leading supplier of San Francisco's styrene butadiene synthetic fields, one single football sized installation contains over 35,000 pulverized tires.

If you stacked 35,000 tires side by side as we commonly see them done at tire dealers then the stack would reach 3.86 miles high, (or 16 Empire State buildings).<sup>3</sup> The total amount of tire material used in the 7 acre Beach Chalet conversion project would create a stack well over 7 times more, (well over 25 miles high).

- **How exposed will the styrene butadiene particulates be to the coastal environment?**

Contrary to a common misconception, the styrene butadiene particles will *not be covered* by a plastic layer but will instead be *on top of* a plastic "carpet" sitting loose among the blades.

The fact that one can hardly see the particles on a synthetic field illustrates how ultra-finely pulverized the tire particulates will be.<sup>4</sup> The particles are barely visible on a plastic "carpet" with a 1.75 inch blade height. The particles' small size creates a migratory inevitability throughout the coastal zone environment.



The following YouTube video clips illustrate styrene butadiene environmental impacts:

1) a compilation of news clips and accounts with a Bay Area presence. It contains multiple San Francisco and Bay Area synthetic turf installations with styrene butadiene infill.

"YouTube [Synthetic Turf Particles - SFPARKS](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2USPTy_wVM)" [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2USPTy\\_wVM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2USPTy_wVM)

2) a compilation of statements from medical doctors, pediatricians, and toxicologists addressing the potential health risks of exposure from styrene butadiene to children and pregnant women,

"YouTube [Children & Synthetic Turf - SFPARKS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlu7jV69qo0)" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlu7jV69qo0>

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Carbon Black is listed as a CA Prop 65 carcinogen based on the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). [http://www.oehha.org/prop65/prop65\\_list/022103not.html](http://www.oehha.org/prop65/prop65_list/022103not.html)

<sup>3</sup> The average tire is 7 inches wide. 35,000 tires x 7 inches = 245,000 inches/12= 20,417 feet/5280= 3.86 miles = 16 Empire State buildings.

<sup>4</sup> Styrene butadiene particles used on synthetic fields are type A, (100% passing 100-mm sieve) and type B, (100% smaller than 450-mm max. dimension).

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Dear Members of the Commission and Staff,

I respectfully request that Agenda Item W15.5a Beach Chalet be postponed to the May 2014 Northern California meeting for the convenience of San Francisco residents to attend and respond to the mitigation measures proposed by the S.F. Recreation and Parks Department. Having just received the Public Hearing Notice on Saturday, I have not had adequate time to draft a comprehensive response to this issue but offer the following remarks.

Last May I was perplexed and disappointed when the Costal Commission rejected a recommendation from its own staff that the Athletic Fields Renovations be rejected given the comprehensiveness and persuasiveness of the staff's objections. I agree with many points in the Historic Resources Evaluation Report (ESA/D210585 dated July 2011) but rather than reiterate them point by point, I will address three of my major concerns: stadium seating for 1000, artificial lighting consisting of ten 60-ft. tall steel lamp poles, and the replacement of natural grass for artificial turf.

Golden Gate Park was listed on the National Register as a historic district in 2004. Under the Secretary of Interior's Standard with Guidelines for Treatment of Historic Landscapes (NPS, 1996) the stadium seating and light poles would not be recommended since they add new features that detract from or alter spatial organization and land patterns. Further the artificial turf would replace existing historic vegetation when rejuvenation is recommended. The site lies in the less developed Western part of the park, envisioned as an place for recreational activities that include walking in a natural wooded area. This bucolic setting has been serving the public since the 1930's. It would be destroyed by an influx of cars, hundreds of people, stadium lighting, and the bulk of this renovation.

Beyond historical grounds, I have environmental concerns. Golden Gate Park is home to 70 species of birds. How will the birds and other creatures that live in this area fare when this project is complete. I understand that the S.F. Recreation & Parks Department has proposed a study to be made three months after the renovated fields reopen to measure avian and other impacts. The biologist they propose to employ will only be measuring bird mortality, hardly a comprehensive indicator of the effect this project will have on birds. The study will also record residents' complaints. More to the point would be to poll San Francisco residents now whether they object to this project.

Finally, I would like to point out the health hazards of artificial turf. The proposed turf exceeds the safety thresholds for toxic chemicals set by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) by 200%. This poses a safety risk to the children who use these fields and the surrounding wildlife.

Given the environmental and safety risks associated with this project and the fact that it will destroy this pastoral, historic recreational setting, I ask you to respectfully reconsider your ruling. This project is flawed and should not be allowed to move forward.

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Kim Linden, San Francisco, CA

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In opposition to project.

March 31, 2014

Dear Coastal Commissioners & Staff,

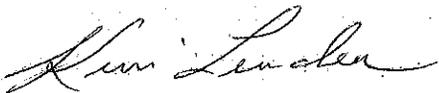
I am requesting that you hold this meeting in May 2014 in San Francisco, CA where the project is and where interested participants live.

I am aware that you are actively attempting to censor public comment on this project, both in meeting participation, location, and document.

This is unacceptable. The Beach Chalet project has the potential to be destructive to the coastal area and species.

You are acting irresponsibly.

Sincerely,



Kim Linden, San Francisco, CA

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**Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst**

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Dear Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing to request that the vote that the agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet be **postponed to the May CCC meeting in Northern California, so that local residents who will be most affected by the project may have a chance to attend the meeting.** The Rec and Park Department is proposing mitigations and impact monitoring programs to satisfy concerns of residents. These mitigations should be discussed in a meeting held near where everyone lives who will be impacted by this project! Furthermore, Last May most of the project opponents were denied the right to speak -- at least this time, the proposed mitigations report should be discussed at a meeting in Northern California, so that those previously denied can have the right to speak to the issues. Rec and Park's own schedule show the construction starting in late June -- therefore, there is plenty of time for the CCC to hear the topics and issues in May and to issue the permits that RPD needs.

In addition, I am asking that the original staff report on this project be reinstated, as I have serious concerns about the project. I am a San Francisco soccer mom who has watched several games at Beach Chalet. It is true that the grass is uneven and needs improvement, but turf is not the answer. As a parent watching a game, it is much more comfortable and enjoyable to sit on real

grass rather than on plastic covered tire crumbs. I do not understand why soccer is now being equated with artificial turf. It seems to me that we have a failure of imagination when it comes to providing soccer fields for our children. I am urging you to support a win-win alternative, which would renovate the existing grass fields without adding lights. I have many reasons for this:

1. Although we are a soccer-obsessed family, we also love Golden Gate Park, especially the less developed western end. We love to look at the night sky at Ocean Beach, and the proposed lighting would ruin this experience. There are so few dark places in the city; this project would bring urban light pollution all the way to the ocean! Also, as a city family, we would be sad to lose seven acres of Golden Gate Park open space to an urbanized single-use development.
2. We are not big fans of artificial turf. After soccer practice and games, we come home with tire crumbs in our clothes and hair. It sometimes ends up in players' mouths and eyes and in the mouths of younger siblings. When the temperature exceeds a mere 70 degrees, the surface becomes too hot to touch and we can see the heat currents radiating off the surface. I have burned my feet running barefoot on artificial turf on an ordinary summer day. Some days the chemical smell is terrible and I worry about the kids breathing in these gases while exercising intensely. I also worry about bacteria, viruses, and fungi that become trapped in the plastic grass and cannot break down. The EPA has even reversed its earlier statement on artificial turf and no longer considers it a safe playing surface. Furthermore, old tires are considered too toxic to dispose of in landfill. Why then do we use them to create children's playing fields? Our favorite fields are the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park — decently maintained grass fields that lend themselves to multiple uses.
3. According to SFUSD, most of the city's children live in the southern and eastern parts of the city. Therefore, I feel it makes more sense to focus on renovating or creating new fields in the neighborhoods where most of the children are. Some seasons we have had to drive for an hour to get across town to soccer games. We have tried to recruit players who simply cannot make it to the fields to which we are assigned. Furthermore, many of our neighborhood fields are in terrible disrepair. My son practices at Franklin Square in the Mission District. The field is a tire crumb sand pit and is full of sinkholes when it rains; it poses a greater health and safety hazard than Beach Chalet. We would much prefer that some of the funds be used to repair existing turf fields rather than to create new ones.
4. Why do we believe that our playing surface should be perfectly even and manicured? In most of the world, children play on less than perfect grass and even bare dirt. My son's former teammate recently moved to France and sent back video of himself and his new team in Paris playing on dirt. In France! A much more soccer obsessed society than ours.
5. If we can maintain grass on golf courses, why can't we maintain grass on soccer fields? It seems to me a matter of will.
6. We love that San Francisco prides itself on being a green city. If we destroy the open space at Beach Chalet, we take a step backwards.
7. According to my son's coach, we have more than enough fields in the city -- we just don't have access to them. The city could easily contract with public and private schools to allow recreational teams access to these fields when the schools are not using them. The coach also noted that the youth soccer lobby is powerful and well-funded.

We can do better by our children than to put artificial turf in Golden Gate Park. I urge you to reinstate the staff report and postpone the vote on the agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet, so that the people most impacted by the project can weigh in on it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - request for postponement

Dear Kevin,

Please postpone to the May CCC meeting in Northern California because:

- Rec and Park (RPD) is proposing mitigations and impact monitoring programs to satisfy concerns of the residents. (See "Mitigations" document.) These mitigations should be discussed in a meeting held near where everyone lives who will be impacted by this project! Therefore, the topic should be discussed in Northern California.
- Last May most of the project opponents were denied the right to speak—at least this time, the proposed mitigations report should be discussed at a meeting in Northern California, so that those folks can have the right to speak to the issues.
- Rec and Park's own schedule shows the construction starting in late June—therefore, there is plenty of time for the CCC to hear the topics and issues in May and to issue the permits that RPD needs.

In addition, I am asking that the original Staff Reports be reinstated. Please see my concerns about this project.

I am a native Sunset District resident and a frequent user of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach. I am OPPOSED to the renovation of the Beach Chalet

Soccer Fields by the City and County of San Francisco as they have proposed which is resulting in this appeal.

I am opposed to the proposed installation of synthetic turf in the playing fields for at least 3 reasons:

1. The synthetic material will be ingested by persons of all ages, especially young people and disrupt their health.
2. The synthetic material will be absorbed into the ground water system and contaminate the water supply and harm all life forms.
3. The synthetic material will leach into the ocean waters getting into the natural food chain contaminating all wildlife, marine animals large and small and moving up the food chain.

I am opposed to the proposed installation of the 60 foot tall sets of field lighting that is planned for this project.

1. The proposed lighting will detract from the natural beauty of San Francisco's Ocean Beach.
2. The proposed lighting will take away the night sky and our ability to see the stars at night.
3. The proposed lighting will disorient the flight patterns of migrating birds.
4. The proposed lighting may have an effect on the fish that swim next to our shore line.

I am opposed to this project as it will result in the loss of 55 trees that will affect wildlife habitat for all species.

I am opposed to this project as it will increase traffic and create more pollution in this area.

I am opposed to this project as it will take away the natural link between the park and the beach.

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Diane M. Rivera  
Native Sunset District Resident



## SF Ocean Edge ❖

Where Golden Gate Park meets Ocean Beach . . .  
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April 2, 2014

Copies to: California Coastal Commissioners and Staff  
April 9th, 2014 hearing, Item W15.5a  
Permit Number: A-2-SNF-12-020  
Request for Postponement/Continuance to May 2014

Mr. Steve Kinsey, Chair  
California Coastal Commission (CCC)  
c/o County of Marin Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Dr # 329  
San Rafael, CA 94903-4193

Attn: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT TO MAY: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields

Dear Mr. Kinsey,

As part of the revised findings on the Beach Chalet, the CCC is considering new policies regarding Park Improvement Status, Light Monitoring, and Avian Monitoring. These policies were first briefly discussed last year by the project proponents at the end of the hearing on this project; however, your current package is the first detailed presentation of these proposals that has been made available for the public.

In order to let the public fully participate in the decisions about these new, important policies, we request that the hearing on the Revised Findings and these Memorandums be postponed to the May 2014 California Coastal Commission hearing in Northern California.

The California Coastal Act states:

" . . .The Legislature further finds and declares that the *public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning, conservation, and development*; that achievement of sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support; and that *the continuing planning and implementation of programs* for coastal conservation and development should include *the widest opportunity for public participation.*" (Section 30006, *italics added.*)

However, the process followed for the April 2014 CCC hearing has not allowed for the widest opportunity for public participation. In particular:

- Information about the hearing and staff support have not been made available in a timely manner to the public. Notices were mailed on Friday March 28th, arriving for some on a Saturday and for others not until the next week. The noticing period has overlapped with a state holiday, Cesar Chavez day, March 31st. Kevin Kahn, the staff person who is listed on the legal notice as handling this issue is apparently not in the San Francisco office. The public, when calling him - was told there was no one there of that name. At least a few of our supporters have let us know that they tried to contact your offices to find out more information on how to submit materials for this hearing. Here is what one person emailed to us:
  - " . . . I called both numbers on the hearing notice to no avail. The mailbox was full on one. The office of the Coastal Commission was closed [Monday, a state holiday] and I couldn't

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even leave a message for Kevin Kahn. When I put in the first three letters of his first name as directed, I got a message that there was nobody there by that name. . . "

- The San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks (RPD) has outlined to the CCC a program to conduct evaluations on potential neighborhood impacts of the project. However, despite having almost one year to reach out to the community, the RPD has not consulted the residents about what the residents would like to see happen as part of this monitoring program. Therefore, the local San Francisco residents are depending on the CCC giving the neighbors the opportunity to weigh in on these monitoring programs in person.
- The residents of the local neighborhoods should have the opportunity to hear this presentation and to comment on these proposals *in person*. Travelling down to Santa Barbara is not an option for many residents; it seems only fair that the hearing be held in Northern California, giving elderly and disabled residents the opportunity to participate *in person*.
- The RPD monitoring program does not even mention consulting the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, SF Ocean Edge, GGNRA, Friends of Lands End, the Amateur Astronomers, the 48-member Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, or the Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance and the many others who appealed this project. These and other groups may wish to weigh in on the lighting and avian monitoring *in person* at a CCC hearing.
- This project is highly controversial even now in San Francisco and the Bay Area. You may recall that over 200 individuals appealed this project; opponents submitted over 6,000 hand-signed cards to the Commission at public hearings. In addition, hundreds of personal letters have been written about the damage that this project will do to the environment and to the beauty of Golden Gate Park. We are aware that you are not hearing this issue again; however, please understand that there are still many, many people who are concerned with this project. They need to be given the opportunity to weigh in on the monitoring programs in person.

We note that the City project construction schedule (attached) shows a start date in late June. Therefore, delaying this one permit until May should not have a negative impact on the construction of this project.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Howard, ASLA  
Member, Steering Committee

cc: Kevin Kahn, CCC Staff  
cc: California Commissioners

Attachment: RPD construction schedule

# Coalition for San Francisco

## Neighborhoods

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**Re: Request for postponement to May CCC meeting — Beach Chalet Soccer Fields**

Dear Mr Kinsey,

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods represents over 48 neighborhood organizations citywide in San Francisco. Our membership has been deeply involved in trying to modify the impacts of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project since this project was introduced to the public almost 5 years ago. During that time we have had to fight for an Environmental Impact Report and to get the facts out to the public about the damage that this project will do to Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach. Naturally, we were deeply disappointed that the California Coastal Commission did not value the environment or San Francisco's precious parkland in its decision of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

We are now dismayed to learn that the CCC hearing on the Memorandums regarding Park Improvement Status, Light Monitoring, and Avian Monitory for the Beach Chalet project is scheduled to be held in Southern California in April. **It would better serve the public if this hearing were postponed just one month later so that it could be heard in Northern California near the actual location of the project.**

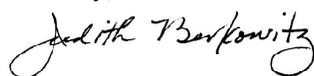
Golden Gate Park is important to ALL San Franciscans. Therefore, it is vital to public participation in the hearing process that San Franciscans, young and old, physically able or disabled have the opportunity to attend a local presentation and to comment on these proposals *in person*. This access will be denied to many of our residents if the hearing is held in Santa Barbara.

We would further like to point out that the San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks has not consulted San Francisco residents about what the residents would like to see happen as part of this monitoring program. We are frankly shocked that CSFN is not even included in their list of organizations to contact during this monitoring program.

San Francisco and Bay Area residents are depending on the CCC giving the neighbors the opportunity to fully participate in the planning for our beach and park by being given the opportunity to weigh in on these monitoring programs as required in the California Coastal Commission legislation. This starts with moving the CCC hearing up to the Bay Area CCC meeting in May.

We hope that you will take these concerns into consideration and bring a motion to continue this item until the CCC May meeting

Sincerely,



President

cc: Chair Steve Kinsey, Vice Chair Jana Zimmer, California Coastal Commissioners Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Wendy Mitchell, Dayna Bochco, Mary K. Schallenger, Mark Vargas, Martha McClure, Carole Groom, Erik Howell, Dr Robert Garcia, Gregory Cox, John Laird, Secretary Janelle Beland, Jennifer Lucchesi, Cy Oggins, Brian P. Kelly, Secretary, Dale Jones, Belinda Faustinos, Terri Bowman, Steve Kram, Randy Pestor, Dr Paul Song, Sarah Glade Gurney, Mariciela Morales, Jeff Duclos, Olga Diaz, Executive Director Charles Lester  
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Sunset-Parkside Education & Action Committee  
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*(Letter has been copied to staff)*

# **SPEAK**

## **SUNSET PARKSIDE EDUCATION AND ACTION COMMITTEE**

1329 7th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122-2507 [speaksanfrancisco@yahoo.com](mailto:speaksanfrancisco@yahoo.com)

Mr. Steve Kinsey, Chair

California Coastal Commission

Re: Request for change-of-venue and postponement

Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, San Francisco

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Dear Mr. Kinsey:

SPEAK requests a change of venue and postponement so that the hearing on Revised Findings and the proposed Monitoring Programs may be heard in a location closer to San Francisco. The location scheduled is Santa Barbara and it is unlikely that any of our members could attend. Since there is no urgency in the date because the Recreation and Park Department does not intend to begin construction until June, we request a postponement until next month when the hearing will be nearby.

It is notable that the final Revised Findings are a 180-degree turn from the Staff Findings that were recommended to the Commission last May. We believe that the members of our coalition have a right to greater accessibility for their testimony that would bear on this great change.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Miller, President, SPEAK

Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee

cc: Kevin Kahn

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Harvey Milk Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Democratic Club  
Request for Postponement to May 2014  
In opposition to project

To the California Coastal Commission:

The Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club has been involved in the debate concerning the Beach Chalet Soccer Field Project for over three years. We understand that the California Coastal Commission's April 9 meeting in Santa Barbara will include a vote on the Revised Findings for the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields as agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet. Please postpone this item and hold a meeting in May in Northern California so that the issue can be decided with local residents present. This is only fair and just.

We ask for this because the April 9 agenda includes San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department's proposed mitigations and impact monitoring programs. We believe that these programs, prepared in response to the concerns of San Francisco residents, should be discussed by those residents. Many of us cannot make the journey to Santa Barbara but want to be part of this conversation.

Last May, opponents of the Beach Chalet Fields were not allowed to speak. Postponing this discussion and vote will allow those of us who have questions or reservations about the project to air them.

Finally, construction on the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields is not scheduled to begin until late June. Allowing us to be included by a postponement of this discussion until May will not affect the start time of construction and still preserve the democratic process.

The Harvey Milk Club stands behind the original findings of the Coastal Commission's Staff Report, and, ideally would like that report reinstated. However, most of all, we would like to see that this process maintain a focus on community concerns as San Franciscans will have to live with this sports complex.

Please postpone agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet so that those of us who want to be involved in this decision can have our say.

Sincerely,

Harvey Milk Club

NANCY WUERFEL, 2516 23<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116

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California Coastal Commission  
Att: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst  
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RE: April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Agenda item W 15.5a  
Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Commissioners:

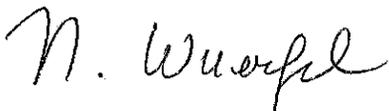
On behalf of the thousands of individuals who signed postcards protesting the approval of this project submitted to you last May, I am requesting that you postpone your consideration of revisions to the Staff report and mitigation approvals until your May meeting held in northern California. It would be unjust to deliberate on this controversial issue without allowing a proper hearing to be held at a meeting site that is geographically close to the project. This request can be accomplished by simply waiting till May to agendaize this item.

To be clear, I am not suggesting that thousands of people would appear at your meeting in May if you agree to this request. I am interested in providing the Commission with the benefit of comments from speakers who were denied permission to speak last May. It is your job to consider all sides of an issue. People do wish to be heard on the remaining issues that are before the Commission. This can best be done at a meeting location closer to San Francisco.

My own personal objections on the proposed agenda item include the changes to the original staff report which should stand as first submitted (without political influence) and to the "impact monitoring programs" process that is highly flawed.

Thank you for considering my comments

Sincerely,



Nancy Wuerfel  
2516 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
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Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst  
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**PERMIT # A-2-SNF-12-020**  
**AGENDA ITEM W15.5a Beach Chalet Project**

I am requesting that the above agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet be postponed until the May 2014 CCC meeting in Northern California because:

- 1) The SFRPD is proposing to change the plans they already submitted to your group. The proposed mitigations and impact monitoring programs should be presented to the impacted community which is located in Northern California.
- 2) I think the SFRPD lowered their specifications to change from the already toxic Trivalent chromium to the more toxic Hexavalent chromium.
- 3) Has the PUC, whose plans to mix the aquifer water with our drinking water, been made aware of the changes?
- 4) Why has the SFRPD not wanted to adhere to the standards they already set?

In closing I want to stress to you the importance of keeping the fields and restoring them to their natural state, supporting your staff reports that "Wt. Sunset.....is an environmentally superior alternative" and listening to the over 50 people who were denied their civil rights to speech at your May 2013 hearing.

Your committee was appointed to keep politics out of very important matters protecting the most beautiful coast in the world remember why you were appointed.

**POSTPONE THE APRIL MEETING UNTIL MAY 2014.**

Shawna McGrew  
1522-32n Ave  
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April 1, 2014

Dear Commissioners

I am writing this letter to request that you change the hearing date of **agenda item W15.5a, Permit # A-2-SNF-12-020**. From April 9<sup>th</sup> to May 2014 in Northern California. I have been informed that the SFRPD has proposed mitigations to its existing plans and I want a chance to speak against what I consider intentionally lowering their first plans and using more toxic products.

A case that directly affects me and my children and our standard of living in a clean environment in San Francisco should be heard in the San Francisco/Bay area.

I also urge you to go back and review the recommendations that your staff strongly supported.

The 13,000 people who signed the petition to renovate the fields and keep them healthy and natural should not be sold out by a few politicians.

I should be given my right under the Constitution to speak to the Coastal Commission which I was not allowed to do in May 2013.

Lynne Whiteside  
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April 9th, 2014 hearing, Item W15.5a  
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Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst  
North Central Coast District Office  
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Attn: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - request for postponement

Dear Kevin,

Please postpone to the May CCC meeting in Northern California because:

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- Last May most of the project opponents were denied the right to speak—at least this time, the proposed mitigations report should be discussed at a meeting in Northern California, so that those folks can have the right to speak to the issues.
- Rec and Park's own schedule shows the construction starting in late June—therefore, there is plenty of time for the CCC to hear the topics and issues in May and to issue the permits that RPD needs.

In addition, I am asking that the original Staff Reports be reinstated. Please see my concerns about this project.

I am a native Sunset District resident and a frequent user of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach. I am OPPOSED to the renovation of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields by the City and County of San Francisco as they have proposed which is resulting in this appeal.

I am opposed to the proposed installation of synthetic turf in the playing fields for at least 3 reasons:

1. The synthetic material will be ingested by persons of all ages, especially young people and disrupt their health.
2. The synthetic material will be absorbed into the ground water system and contaminate the water supply and harm all life forms.
3. The synthetic material will leach into the ocean waters getting into the natural food chain contaminating all wildlife, marine animals large and small and moving up the food chain.

I am opposed to the proposed installation of the 60 foot tall sets of field lighting that is planned for this project.

1. The proposed lighting will detract from the natural beauty of San Francisco's Ocean Beach.
2. The proposed lighting will take away the night sky and our ability to see the stars at night.
3. The proposed lighting will disorient the flight patterns of migrating birds.
4. The proposed lighting may have an effect on the fish that swim next to our shore line.

I am opposed to this project as it will result in the loss of 55 trees that will affect wildlife habitat for all species.

I am opposed to this project as it will increase traffic and create more pollution in this area.

I am opposed to this project as it will take away the natural link between the park and the beach.

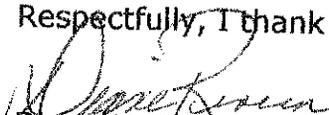
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Native Sunset District Resident

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March 31, 2014

TO: Ca. Coastal Commission

Requesting that Project # A-2-SNF-12-020  
Agenda item # W15.5a

Be postponed and moved to May 2014 to San Francisco/Bay Area/Northern  
California

WHY: 1) the plans submitted by the Rec/Park dept. of San Francisco "is proposing  
mitigation & impact monitoring" on the Beach Chalet project.

2) I was denied the right to speak at the CCC May 2013 hearing.

3) there is plenty of time to hear this project before June 2014

4) it will give the Commission more time to exam the more toxic chemicals  
they want to use and see the adverse effect on the aquifer

5) to reassess and reinstate the original Staff Report.

I have grandchildren that want to play soccer but not on toxic tire crumb.

POSTPONE & MOVE the April hearing in So. Cal to May in North California

Steve Kamena  
1423 Plymouth  
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California Coastal Commissioners and Staff  
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**Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst**  
North Central Coast District Office  
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Dear Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing to request that the vote that the agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet be **postponed to the May CCC meeting in Northern California, so that local residents who will be most affected by the project may have a chance to attend the meeting.** The Rec and Park Department is proposing mitigations and impact monitoring programs to satisfy concerns of residents. These mitigations should be discussed in a meeting held near where everyone lives who will be impacted by this project! Furthermore, Last May most of the project opponents were denied the right to speak -- at least this time, the proposed mitigations report should be discussed at a meeting in Northern California, so that those previously denied can have the right to speak to the issues. Rec and Park's own schedule show the construction starting in late June -- therefore, there is plenty of time for the CCC to hear the topics and issues in May and to issue the permits that RPD needs.

In addition, I am asking that the original staff report on this project be reinstated, as I have serious concerns about the project. I am a San Francisco soccer mom who has watched several games at Beach Chalet. It is true that the grass is uneven and needs improvement, but turf is not the answer. As a parent watching a game, it is much more comfortable and enjoyable to sit on real grass rather than on plastic covered tire crumbs. I do not understand why soccer is now being equated with artificial turf. It seems to me that we have a failure of imagination when it comes to providing soccer fields for our children. I am urging you to support a win-win alternative, which would renovate the existing grass fields without adding lights. I have many reasons for this:

1. Although we are a soccer-obsessed family, we also love Golden Gate Park, especially the less developed western end. We love to look at the night sky at Ocean Beach, and the proposed lighting would ruin this experience. There are so few dark places in the city; this project would bring urban light pollution all the way to the ocean! Also, as a city family, we would be sad to lose seven acres of Golden Gate Park open space to an urbanized single-use development.
2. We are not big fans of artificial turf. After soccer practice and games, we come home with tire crumbs in our clothes and hair. It sometimes ends up in players' mouths and eyes and in the mouths of younger siblings. When the temperature exceeds a mere 70 degrees, the surface becomes too hot to touch and we can see the heat currents radiating off the surface. I have burned my feet running barefoot on artificial turf on an ordinary summer day. Some days the chemical smell is terrible and I worry about the kids breathing in these gases while exercising intensely. I also worry about bacteria, viruses, and fungi that become trapped in the plastic grass and cannot break down. The EPA has even reversed its earlier statement on artificial turf and no longer considers it a safe playing surface. Furthermore, old tires are considered too toxic to dispose of in landfill. Why then do we use them to create children's playing fields? Our favorite fields are the

Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park — decently maintained grass fields that lend themselves to multiple uses.

3. According to SFUSD, most of the city's children live in the southern and eastern parts of the city. Therefore, I feel it makes more sense to focus on renovating or creating new fields in the neighborhoods where most of the children are. Some seasons we have had to drive for an hour to get across town to soccer games. We have tried to recruit players who simply cannot make it to the fields to which we are assigned. Furthermore, many of our neighborhood fields are in terrible disrepair. My son practices at Franklin Square in the Mission District. The field is a tire crumb sand pit and is full of sinkholes when it rains; it poses a greater health and safety hazard than Beach Chalet. We would much prefer that some of the funds be used to repair existing turf fields rather than to create new ones.

4. Why do we believe that our playing surface should be perfectly even and manicured? In most of the world, children play on less than perfect grass and even bare dirt. My son's former teammate recently moved to France and sent back video of himself and his new team in Paris playing on dirt. In France! A much more soccer obsessed society than ours.

5. If we can maintain grass on golf courses, why can't we maintain grass on soccer fields? It seems to me a matter of will.

6. We love that San Francisco prides itself on being a green city. If we destroy the open space at Beach Chalet, we take a step backwards.

7. According to my son's coach, we have more than enough fields in the city -- we just don't have access to them. The city could easily contract with public and private schools to allow recreational teams access to these fields when the schools are not using them. The coach also noted that the youth soccer lobby is powerful and well-funded.

We can do better by our children than to put artificial turf in Golden Gate Park. I urge you to reinstate the staff report and postpone the vote on the agenda item W15.5a Beach Chalet, so that the people most impacted by the project can weigh in on it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tehmina Khan

Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst  
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April 2, 2014

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

# A-2-SNF-12-020  
AGENDA # W15.5a  
BEACH CHALET PROJECT

The SFRPD is proposing mitigations to their plans that were submitted to you at your May 2013 to be heard in Southern California. I must ask WHY in So Cal when it is a Northern California issue that greatly effects where I live.

I am asking, since the project will not start until summer 2014, that you postpone and move this topic to your May hearing in Northern California.

At your May 2013 meeting I was on the Sierra Club bus, with 30 other people, to speak against this horrible environmental disaster but was denied my right to speak. Please let me speak now.

I understand that some of the products that are being introduced now are more toxic then before.

Please revisit your own staff recommendations that there are better places for this project.

Carli Fullerton  
2690-45<sup>th</sup> Ave  
San Francisco, Ca. 94116

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Commissioners Ca. Coastal

The San Francisco Rec. & Park Dept. has changed its plans to put in a higher toxic product that will drain right into my aquifer which the City wants to mix with the Hetch Hetchy water for me to drink.

I as a tax payer I feel that these changes necessitate a hearing that I can attend. Since I live and work in San Francisco, where the project is I request a change of venue and date to May 2013 in Northern California.

Please review your support for this horrible plan and listen to the excellent Staff Report and change the date and place to May 2014 in Northern California.

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April 3, 2014

California Coastal Commissioners and Staff  
North Central Coast District Office  
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

**Re: April 9th, 2014 Hearing, Item W15.5a, Beach Chalet Soccer Fields**  
**Permit Number: A-2-SNF-12-020**

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

I am writing to urge you to postpone the above hearing regarding the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields Project, currently scheduled for April 9, 2014, in Santa Barbara until May 16, 2014, when the Commission will be meeting in Northern California. It is important that you reschedule this meeting for the following reasons:

- 1) The project under consideration is in San Francisco. Therefore, a meeting to discuss a project impacting San Francisco should be held as close to the project site as possible. This is especially important since many residents have expressed concerns about the project, and they should be given an opportunity to attend this important meeting. Travelling to a meeting in Santa Barbara nearly impossible for most of these people.
- 2) The San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks has proposed numerous project mitigations. It is important that residents who will be directly impacted by this project have an opportunity to comment on these proposed mitigations. Again, travelling to Santa Barbara makes it nearly impossible for these stakeholders to have a voice in the process.
- 3) Last May most of the project opponents were denied the right to speak at the Commission hearing when the permit for this project was considered. The proposed mitigations should be considered and discussed at a meeting in Northern California, not Santa Barbara, so that stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate in a discussion about them.
- 4) According to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, construction will not start until June. Therefore, postponing this agenda item until May will not delay the start of construction.

The Beach Chalet Soccer Fields Project poses significant environmental risks to delicate coastal ecosystems. I urge the Commission to reinstate the original Staff Report that detailed the significant Local Coastal Plan conformance issues this project raises. This project will permanently alter this area of the Coastal Zone, affecting its historical nature, the local wildlife, and the night sky. These and other nonconformance issues warrant the Commission's approval of the Staff's original recommendations and reconsideration of the grant of the coastal permit.

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Thousands of residents and other concerned citizens from around the world have signed petitions, written letters and spoken out against this misguided project. Your own Staff has stated the appeals raise substantial LCP conformance issues and recommended that the Commission approve a CDP for a modified renovation project to address LCP requirements for the site.

The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of urban San Francisco. Destroying a grass field in a treasured natural park and replacing it with synthetic turf is both short-sighted and wrong. Our children deserve to have Golden Gate Park protected for their enjoyment and their children's enjoyment.

Please keep San Francisco green by protecting birds and wildlife habitat, the trees that form a windbreak around the existing meadow, and the natural beauty of Golden Gate Park.

For the foregoing reasons I repeat my request that you reschedule this agenda item for the May meeting in Northern California. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean B Barish, Esq., MS

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4434 Fulton St., Apt 8  
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April 1, 2014

CALIFORNIA COSTAL COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF  
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Dear Members of the Commission and Staff,

I respectfully request that Agenda Item W15.5a Beach Chalet be postponed to the May 2014 Northern California meeting for the convenience of San Francisco residents to attend and respond to the mitigation measures proposed by the S.F. Recreation and Parks Department. Having just received the Public Hearing Notice on Saturday, I have not had adequate time to draft a comprehensive response to this issue but offer the following remarks.

Last May I was perplexed and disappointed when the Coastal Commission rejected a recommendation from its own staff that the Athletic Fields Renovations be rejected given the comprehensiveness and persuasiveness of the staff's objections. I agree with many points in the Historic Resources Evaluation Report (ESA/D210585 dated July 2011) but rather than reiterate them point by point, I will address three of my major concerns: stadium seating for 1000, artificial lighting consisting of ten 60-ft. tall steel lamp poles, and the replacement of natural grass for artificial turf.

Golden Gate Park was listed on the National Register as a historic district in 2004. Under the Secretary of Interior's Standard with Guidelines for Treatment of Historic Landscapes (NPS, 1996) the stadium seating and light poles would not be recommended since they add new features that detract from or alter spatial organization and land patterns. Further the artificial turf would replace existing historic vegetation when rejuvenation is recommended. The site lies in the less developed Western part of the park, envisioned as a place for recreational activities that include walking in a natural wooded area. This bucolic setting has been serving the public since the 1930's. It would be destroyed by an influx of cars, hundreds of people, stadium lighting, and the bulk of this renovation.

Beyond historical grounds, I have environmental concerns. Golden Gate Park is home to 70 species of birds. How will the birds and other creatures that live in this area fare when this project is complete. I understand that the S.F. Recreation & Parks Department has proposed a study to be made three months after the renovated fields reopen to measure avian and other impacts. The biologist they propose to employ will only be measuring bird mortality, hardly a comprehensive indicator of the effect this project will have on birds. The study will also record residents' complaints. More to the point would be to poll San Francisco residents now whether they object to this project.

Finally, I would like to point out the health hazards of artificial turf. The proposed turf exceeds the safety thresholds for toxic chemicals set by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) by 200%. This poses a safety risk to the children who use these fields and the surrounding wildlife.

Given the environmental and safety risks associated with this project and the fact that it will destroy this pastoral, historic recreational setting, I ask you to respectfully reconsider your ruling. This project is flawed and should not be allowed to move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Cira Marie Curri

cc: Ocean Edge  
Kevin Kahn, Program Analyst

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Attention Calif. Coastal Commissioners

**PLEASE POSTPONE and MOVE YOUR HEARING ON THE BEACH  
CHALET TO THE BAY AREA**

**PERMIT NUMBER A-2-SNF – 12-020**

**AGENDA ITEM W15.5a**

The citizens of San Francisco deserve a chance to hear the drastic changes that the Recreation and Park Dept. has made to their original plans for the fields at the Beach Chalet.

Those of us that work can not just take off and get to Santa Barbara to speak and the last time this matter was heard in May of 2013 we were denied our right to speak.

**POSTPONE & RELOCATE YOUR APRIL MEETING TO MAY TO NO.  
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Sincerely,

Susan Englander  
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The SFRPD is proposing mitigations and impact monitoring programs that the citizens of San Francisco, impacted by this project, again will have no say on this, since most of us will not be able to travel to Santa Barbara, Ca., to hear the change to the standards they already presented. Did the RPD intentionally lower their standards? And why?

In view of the above comments as a community resident who lives in the Sunset and will be greatly impacted by a huge sports venue I should have the right to listen & comment on this. So I am asking that you respect my request to postpone and move your April 9, 2014 hearing to May 2014 to Northern California.

I also ask WHY you did not accept your own staff reports and locate the project to West Sunset a much better place than the very fragile Golden Gate Park.

Jonathon Farrell  
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REQUESTING THAT YOU CHANGE THE DATE OF THE  
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item W15.5a

To

MAY 2014 in NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

I believe it is my right to speak at a hearing that will hurt me, wildlife, the  
environment and to suggest you reevaluate the Staff Report of May 2013 stating  
that West Sunset was the environmentally superior alternative.

Ms. J. Matechek  
1176 Fernadnez Way  
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Charlotte Hennessy 1125 Hollywood Ave. Oakland, CA 94602

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Thank you,

Charlotte Hennessy

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ATTENTION California Coastal Commission

Due to the Rec/Park proposing mitigations to what they already submitted. These mitigations report should be discussed at a meeting in Northern California where the surrounding community is greatly affected.

I was at the May 2013 hearing on the issue of the Beach Chalet and I was not allowed to speak but big politicians were.

*"Let me be heard" move the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting from Southern California to Northern California in May 2014.*

***So many things have changed since May 2013 the City is building 20 more fields for the school dept. but no more big green spaces.***

Listen to your staff report dated April 26, 2013 they were so right on.

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Kevin Kahn, Coastal Program Analyst  
Beach Chalet Soccer Fields  
North Central Coast District Office  
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Ref: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields

Dear Mr. Kahn:

Please postpone the hearing for the Beach Chalet project to May 2014 to be conducted in Northern California. This would ensure that opponents who were denied the right to speak last May would be able voicing their opinions.

Since the RRD's schedule shows that the construction starts in late June, there is sufficient time for the CCC to hear the various issues in May and to issue the required permits to RRD. Additionally, it would be appreciated if the original Staff Report is reinstated.

Yours truly,

Beatrice Wahlbeck

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TO: CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION  
RE: A-2-SNF-12-020  
ITEM # W15.5a Beach Chalet Project

Requesting that you postpone the above item until your meeting in May 2014 in Northern California.

Since the project is located in San Francisco, Ca. the citizens of the City should be able to weigh in on the proposed mitigations.

There is no need to rush to judgment in this case since the project is not expected to start until the summer.

I would also ask you to review your staff recommendations when they told you "The City found that the project would cause significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to the fields area in this respect...".

PLEASE give us a chance to attend a meeting with you. I am unable to take off work to attend a meeting in Southern California.

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Dan Richman  
4229 21<sup>st</sup> St  
San Francisco  
CA 941124

Hello:

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Please postpone the hearing until May so that it may take place where it ought to - here.

Respectfully,

*Daniel Richman*

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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: April 9th, 2014 hearing, Item W15.5a  
Permit Number: A-2-SNF-12-020  
Request for Postponement/Continuance to May 2014

Dear Mr. Kahn,

Coalition to Save Ocean Beach / Friends of Sutro Park requests that the hearing on the Revised Findings and Memorandums regarding Park Improvement Status, Light Monitoring, and Avian Monitory for the Beach Chalet project be postponed/continued to the May 2014 California Coastal Commission hearing .

The San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks has outlined a program to conduct evaluations on potential neighborhood impacts of the project. The residents of those neighborhoods should have the opportunity to hear this presentation and to comment on these proposals in person. Travelling down to Santa Barbara is not an option for many residents; it seems only fair that the hearing be held in Northern California, giving elderly and disabled residents more of a chance to participate in person.

We note that the City project construction schedule shows a start date in late June. Therefore, delaying this one permit until May should not have a negative impact on the construction of this project.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Jason Jungreis**

Jason Jungreis, Officer  
Coalition to Save Ocean Beach / Friends of Sutro Park

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Mr. Steve Kinsey, Chair  
California Coastal Commission  
c/o County of Marin Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Dr # 329  
San Rafael, CA 94903-4193

Attn: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - request for postponement/continuance to May 2014

Dear Mr. Kinsey,

The Beach Chalet project is immediately adjacent to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at Ocean Beach. The GGNRA keeps to a policy of "dark skies" along the western coast of San Francisco because of large numbers of birds who live in and fly through this area. The policy is supported by local residents, institutions, and businesses.

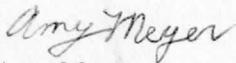
Because of this, I am hoping that the hearing on the Revised Findings and Memorandums regarding Park Improvement Status, Light Monitoring, and Avian Monitory for the Beach Chalet project would be postponed/continued to the May 2014 California Coastal Commission hearing.

The public that uses Ocean Beach and the GGNRA should have the opportunity to hear this presentation and to comment on these proposals in person. Traveling down to Santa Barbara is not an option for many residents; it seems only fair that the hearing be held in Northern California.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Amy Meyer

cc: Kevin Kahn, CCC Staff



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Sincerely,

Michelle Myers  
Chapter Director, Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter

cc: Steve Kinsey, CCC Staff





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Harvey Milk Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Democratic Club

Request for Postponement to May 2014

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To the California Coastal Commission:

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Sincerely,

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Tom Temprano

Charlotte Hennessy 1125 Hollywood Ave. Oakland, CA 94602

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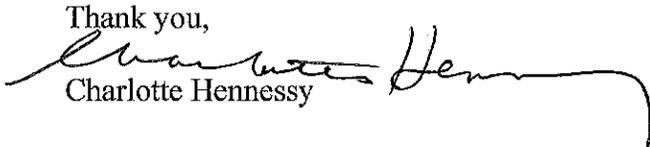
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Charlotte Hennessy

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Daniel Richman

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ATTN: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields – request for postponement

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