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## NORTH CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*For the  
April 2016 Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

April 12, 2016

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Parties  
**From:** Dan Carl, North Central Coast District Deputy Director *DC*

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the North Central Coast District Office for the April 2016 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.

**IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS**

The Executive Director has determined that there are no changes in circumstances affecting the conformity of the subject development with the California Coastal Act of 1976. No objections to this determination have been received at this office. Therefore, the Executive Director grants the requested Immaterial Amendment, subject to the same conditions, if any, approved by the Commission.

Applicant	Project Description	Project Location
<p><b>2-13-1020-A1</b> City of Pacifica, Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department, Attn: Michael Perez</p>	<p>Amendment to CDP 2-13-1020 allowing seasonal fencing to the Western Snowy Plover to remain up year-round</p>	<p>Pacifica State Beach (near Crespi on Hwy 1), Pacifica, San Mateo County (APN(s): 022130140)</p>

**EXTENSIONS - IMMATERIAL**

Applicant	Project Description	Project Location
<p><b>A-2-PAC-07-022-E7</b> Attn: Simon Weng</p>	<p>for the construction of a nine-unit three story condominium building with a 10,575 square-foot subterranean parking garage at 1567 Beach Boulevard in Pacifica, San Mateo County.</p>	<p>1567 - 0 Beach Blvd, Pacifica (APN(s): 016011190)</p>

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT**

**Date:** March 24, 2016  
**To:** All Interested Parties  
**From:** Nancy Cave, North Central Coast District Manager  
Patrick Foster, Coastal Planner  
*Nancy Cave*  
**Subject: Proposed Amendment to Coastal Development Permit (CDP) 2-13-1020**  
Applicants: City of Pacifica

**Original CDP Approval**

The original permit (CDP No. 2-13-1020, City of Pacifica) was approved by the Coastal Commission on February 13, 2014, allowing for the installation of approximately 1,300 feet of year-round fencing, 930 feet of seasonal symbolic fencing, and associated interpretive signs at Pacifica State Beach as part of a protection plan for western snowy plovers.

**Proposed CDP Amendment**

The City is requesting an amendment to the original permit to allow for the seasonal fencing to remain up year-round, instead of seasonally (August through April), in order to better protect habitat resources and the snowy plovers, a sensitive species. The Commission's reference number for this proposed amendment is 2-13-1020-A1.

**Executive Director's Immateriality Determination**

Pursuant to Title 14, Section 13166(b) of the California Code of Regulations, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has determined that the proposed CDP amendment is immaterial for the following reasons:

Permitting the seasonal symbolic fencing to remain year-round will not impact public access to Pacifica State Beach, as all existing public trails and paths will remain open. Further, the fencing will not only continue to protect snowy plovers, but will also serve to protect coastal dunes, which have required significant restoration. Therefore, consistent with the Coastal Act, the proposed amendment does not have the potential for adverse impacts, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources or public access to and along the shoreline.

**Coastal Commission Review Procedure**

The CDP will be amended as proposed if no written objections are received in the North Central Coast District office within ten working days of the date of this notice. If such an objection is received, the objection and the Executive Director's response to it will be reported to the Commission. If three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's determination of immateriality at that time, then the application shall be processed as a material CDP amendment.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT EXTENSION**

**Date:** March 28, 2016

**To:** All Interested Parties

**From:** Nancy Cave, North Central Coast District Manager *SK*  
Stephanie Rexing, North Central District Supervisor

**Subject:** Proposed Extension to Coastal Development Permit (CDP) A-2-PAC-07-022  
Applicant: Simon Weng

**Original CDP Approval**

CDP A-2-PAC-07-022 was approved by the Coastal Commission on March 7, 2008, and provided for the construction of a nine-unit three story condominium building with a 10,575 square-foot subterranean parking garage at 1567 Beach Boulevard in Pacifica, San Mateo County.

**Proposed CDP Extension**

The expiration date of CDP A-2-PAC-07-022 has been extended by the Commission six times previously (to March 7, 2011, March 7, 2012, March 7, 2013, March 7, 2014, March 7, 2015, and March 7, 2016, respectively), and would be again extended by one year to March 7, 2017. The Commission's reference number for this proposed extension is **A-2-PAC-07-022-E7**.

**Executive Director's Changed Circumstances Determination**

Pursuant to Title 14, Section 13169 of the California Code of Regulations, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has determined that there are no changed circumstances affecting the approved development's consistency with the certified City of Pacifica Local Coastal Program and/or Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, as applicable.

**Coastal Commission Review Procedure**

The Executive Director's determination and any written objections to it will be reported to the Commission on April 13, 2015 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. If three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's changed circumstances determination at that time, then the extension shall be denied and the development shall be set for a full hearing of the Commission.

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

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**Memorandum****April 12, 2016**

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Parties

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

**Re:** *Additional Information for Commission Meeting*  
*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

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# W17a

**Prepared April 12, 2016 for April 13, 2016 Hearing**

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Persons

**From:** Dan Carl, District Director  
Nancy Cave, District Manager *nlc*

**Subject: STAFF REPORT ADDENDUM for W17a**  
**CDP Application Number A-2-SON-13-0219 (State Parks Sonoma Fee Program)**

On April 11, 2016, staff received State Parks' 66-page response to the staff report dated prepared April 1, 2016. Although staff does not have the time to address each point in writing prior to the Wednesday April 13, 2016 hearing, staff would like to quickly address some of the more substantive points raised.

### **Sonoma Coast Access System is Rural and Car-Dependent**

Parks contends that the Commission has found parking fees consistent with the Coastal Act in the past, and this implies that it can again in Sonoma. Staff does not dispute either idea. Rather, staff believes that Parks' current proposed project is inconsistent with the Act and the LCP given the unique attributes of the public access system in Sonoma, and that the project has not adequately identified yet alone mitigated for potential impacts, including expected impacts associated with displaced users and effective low- and moderate- income provisions. Because sandy beach access in Sonoma is generally through Parks' facilities due to the rugged nature of the coast, Parks' proposal to require a fee to park essentially amounts to a proposal to prohibit sandy beach access at these facilities unless you can pay for it. This is fundamentally different from parks where users can easily walk, bike, or bus to the beach. The proposal does not provide a means of adequately addressing that reality.

In addition, beach and related public access to the Sonoma Coast essentially requires the beach visitor to drive, and thus entry into this particular access system is already more costly than other places in California where there are easy alternatives such as robust public transit or bicycling. The proposed fee program will increase the cost of access to beaches and the coast, and in this case will fall disproportionately on those least able to afford it. On this point, staff agrees with Parks that Section 30213 doesn't require free access, only lower cost facilities (which includes free facilities). However, staff acknowledges the cost already associated with this particular access system, the requirement to access it with a vehicle, as opposed to a free system. Further, there are already existing fees charged at Salt Point State Park and Sonoma Coast State Park parking lots, the majority of which are developed parking lots with associated park amenities, so the existing access system can already be seen as a balance of free and fee facilities within these

two parks. It is this existing low cost system that staff believes Coastal Act Section 30213 requires be protected. State Parks' proposal includes its statewide pass system, but passes do not fully address this issue in context of Sonoma access.

### **Offsite Impact Analysis Missing**

Parks has provided little information regarding expected impacts from users who are displaced because they can't or won't pay, which is critical to the analysis of Coastal Act and LCP consistency. In fact, although Parks points to shoulder and related parking outside of parks as free available parking that will remain, and includes it in their overall parking counts, Parks does not provide any detailed information about current usage patterns and expected changes in such usage patterns at these areas as a result of their proposed fees. This was one of the important pieces of information the Commission asked be provided a year ago. Instead, Parks provided collected traffic count data at a subset of the proposed lots where fees were proposed, but zero information about other areas (See Sections 1.4 and Appendix B of Parks' March 21, 2016 submittal). Without such information, these expected impacts are not clearly defined, nor properly avoided, minimized, and mitigated. Any approvable fee program would need to clearly identify and address these impacts. The current proposal does not.

Parks suggests that the Commission should simply approve the program with monitoring designed to mitigate such impacts in the future, suggesting that previous approvals form a precedent to certify without sufficient data, including approvals in the early 1990s that included fees at three locations in Sonoma County.<sup>1</sup> Monitoring and impact mitigation reports after the fact have proven elusive, including in terms of the Southern California CDPs for which Parks has not fully submitted the required materials.<sup>2</sup> Staff believes it is important for the Commission to learn from the problems inherent in the after the fact model, including that impacts were not and have not been clearly identified and mitigated as required. Staff doesn't see how a proposal to defer monitoring in Sonoma County makes sense given the history. Thus, staff agrees with Parks that the Commission should look to past decisions to help inform this one, but that those past decisions suggest a need for spending the time up front to identify impacts and mitigation.

The Commission, in finding substantial issue a year ago, requested as much of Parks, and that requested information has not been provided. Parks has provided some of the information requested by the Commission (see also below), but this critical piece has been omitted, and Parks does not provide any information about how its project will result in changes in use patterns and

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<sup>1</sup> The early 1990s statewide permit allowed parking fees in multiple locations up and down the state, including three in Sonoma (at Russian Gulch, Campbell Cove, and at one of the four Goat Rock parking lots). The 1995 monitoring report submitted by Parks (Exhibit B) points out that fees in Sonoma were never implemented because at first Sonoma paid an in-lieu fee to ensure free access and when they stopped paying the in lieu fee Parks found it would be economically infeasible to charge fees at these locations. All locations where fees were implemented under Park's statewide approvals in the early 1990s were near larger population centers and major roadways with access to public transit. Therefore, all monitoring results that have been applied by Parks to illustrate impacts relate to a situation on the ground that is very different in reality from the rural, rugged Sonoma coast.

<sup>2</sup> Parks April 11th submittal includes an attached "White Paper" regarding "Conditions of permits pertaining to automated pay machines operated by State Park units within Orange and San Diego Counties" wherein Parks acknowledges as much stating "the District is unable to complete [the requirements of the CDP conditions] and other actions the conditions suggest." Parks also states, "The Orange Coast District was and still is opposed to the conditions set forth by the Coastal Development Permit as it requires the District to provide items which are simply not attainable or unnecessary when demonstrating how visitation and revenue may be analyzed to insure coastal access is provided to all Californians."

impacts. Instead, Parks appears to rely on observations that use of shoulders and pullout areas along Highway 1 and other roads is already a problem, and thus alleges that staff is concerned about an existing situation and not impacts due to Parks' fees. This misses the point. Yes, such problems in Sonoma have been identified for years. However, Parks' proposal will only exacerbate the problem, and lead to more impacts of this sort. This is a reasonably foreseeable outcome associated with Parks' fee proposal, notwithstanding the fact that Parks has not developed information on this critical point, as requested prior to this matter coming back before the Commission.

### **Lack of Information**

With respect to information requests, Parks appears to suggest it has provided all the information that has been requested by the Commission and staff. Staff respectfully disagrees. The requested information was intended to identify (1) baseline data on existing usage (lots and pull outs, both those intended to be fee and free); (2) an evaluation of changes in such usage, and potential mitigation to address potential access reductions; (3) an evaluation of other impacts associated with use changes (ESHA, public safety, ADA accessibility, etc.); (4) the potential to apply fees collected to Sonoma parks; (5) plans for facility and amenity improvements in Sonoma parks; and (6) coordination with the County (including Sheriff), Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and Native American and other user groups to address their input regarding the effect of changes in such usage. First, the information arrived on March 21, 2016, four days before the staff report was to be published, despite it being requested nearly a year ago. The late arrival of such information shortchanges the process and makes it more difficult to understand and evaluate its usefulness. In its submittal, Parks provides much information about facility improvements that could occur if fees are instituted, including indicating that revenues could return to the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District<sup>3</sup> and the fees could lead to other pots of money potentially being available to State Parks for Sonoma County park units, but Parks cannot commit to any of them given budgeting requirements. Although Parks provided substantial information regarding numbers (4) and (5), the fundamental component of each of the other requests was to identify the expected changes in usage, the ways those changes might lead to impacts, and the ways in which those impacts could be addressed, including via understanding key groups' input. That is not what Parks provided.

### **Impact Analysis**

With respect to numbers (1) through (3), Parks provided estimates on the number of free and fee parking at developed and informal lots along the coast and traffic count data for two of the lots proposed to have fees, but did not provide any data about exiting usage patterns or changes in

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<sup>3</sup> Parks indicates on Page 7 of its submittal that 50% of revenues could be returned to the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District if the District meets its revenue goals. Staff makes two points here. First, Public Resources Code Section 5010.7(d) requires that the Department allocate 50 percent of the revenues generated above District revenue targets to that District. It does not provide for 50% of all revenue to go to the District. Second, revenue targets are based on revenue capabilities, which would be expected to increase if fees were instituted. According to State Parks' website: "Districts that exceed their annual revenue targets will retain a portion of that increased revenue. Annual revenue targets were developed based on previous year revenue capabilities. Once Districts meet their annual revenue targets, a portion of the additional revenues (revenue earned above the target amount) will be allocated back to that State Parks District. The remainder of the additional revenues generated will be allocated to support the entire State Park System" ([http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25978](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25978)).

usage patterns in relation to the other parking spaces.<sup>4</sup> Parks indicates that it believes, based on its experience in the Orange Coast District, that visitation to the Parks in question will drop by 25% due to the fees and then usage will slowly recover. That estimate does not provide information regarding where those 25% (or the additional one-third of remaining users that Parks also estimates would not pay once fees are instituted) of people would be displaced to, and what the expected impacts from that would be. Again, this was long awaited and requested information, and it is critical for being able to understand and evaluate Parks proposed program. It was not and has not been provided to date.

Roadside pullouts exist along the Sonoma County coast, both within and outside of State Parks' boundaries. State Parks includes an estimate of 507 free public parking spaces in their overall total that are associated with these areas. However, in many instances it is difficult to speculate as to which roadside pullouts might be appropriate for use by the public, given safety considerations and the lack of clarity about which areas might be subject to ticketing by the CHP or local law enforcement. This legal uncertainty would likely exist in the minds of many members of the public as well. Even if dozens of pullouts exist, some may not be legal for the public to use to park, or they may not be safe to use, and those that are safe may still be avoided by the public when there is no visible sign indicating that parking is allowed. State Parks indicated to the County that "[w]ith cooperation from local jurisdictions and Caltrans to make sure that visitors do not park illegally along adjacent roads, which is already part of each jurisdiction's responsibility, Parks believes that the transition can occur without major effects."

Upon inquiry from Commission staff, Caltrans staff indicated that increased public use of pullouts currently located along Highway 1 might conceivably cause concerns related to ongoing traffic operations, conflicts with bicyclists, and potentially conflicts for Caltrans when planning and enacting future Caltrans roadway maintenance or improvement projects. These effects associated with changes in use of these areas due to the proposed project, and how such changes could lead to impacts, is not clearly understood, and to date Parks has not yet developed this information as part of its supporting materials. Rather, Parks states in its submittal that it has "developed effective mitigation to avoid spill over impacts" (p. 13 of Parks' April 11 response). However, there is no such mitigation associated with the project, including because the actual impacts have yet to be identified, as discussed above. In addition, Parks mistakenly states that only the Stump Beach location is located adjacent to Highway One, and thus concludes that fees at the other locations "are unlikely to impact the highway." This is incorrect. The Goat Rock and Shell Beach facilities are also located directly next to Highway 1, and offsite impacts are expected there as well. Parks' mitigation program is essentially a proposed adaptive management program to use barriers and programmatic changes to redirect visitors. It is only hypothetical as expected use pattern changes on the ground are not identified in ways that could allow evaluation and mitigation measure development.

### ***Other Agency Consultations***

With respect to requested consultations, Parks initiated contact with the County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol one month ago on March 10 and March 11, 2016. The results of those

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<sup>4</sup> This is discussed under item 6 of Parks' response letter received April 11, 2016, in which Parks also refers to Sections 1.4 and Appendix B of its March 21, 2016 submittal.

consultations are provided in Parks' response to the staff report. However, the consultations were generally framed in terms of the proposed project, and not in terms of the requested information about offsite expected impacts (including, presumably, because that information was not developed as requested – see above). As a result, the CHP and Sheriff responses appear to be of the same general nature, namely that there would be expected offsite impacts. Staff's intent was to frame those impacts and to understand law enforcement agencies' perspectives and concerns about those impacts. In any case, both CHP and County Sherriff identify existing issues associated with people avoiding fees, by parking on Highway 1 and in residential neighborhoods. Communication with CHP indicates parking on the coast has worsened over the years due to various park facility closures within the two Coastal parks. Specifically, CHP discusses the dangers of people parking in the gravel parking area across from Stump Beach, and proposes potential mitigation to improve safety. Parks did not consider this potential impact or incorporate appropriate mitigation for the impact; therefore safety mitigation is not part of the current proposal. Similarly, Parks indicates that its staff met with Caltrans, but that Caltrans did not provide any written comments. Staff's own consultation with Caltrans indicated that Caltrans had concerns about increased use of the Highway 1 right of way. The intent of the information requests was to meaningfully engage with these parties to understand their perspective on the parking use changes that would be attributable to Parks' proposed project, and to incorporate proposed measures within the proposal to address those impacts.

#### ***Native American Consultations***

With respect to Native American consultations, Parks notes ongoing consultation with the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Parks states that Native American consultation for the proposed project has failed to identify any previously recorded or identified tribal cultural resources within the project areas. However, Parks has not provided any actual input from the tribes, possibly because consultation was initiated only about a month ago (i.e., Parks' identical letters to the tribes in the response are dated February 26, 2016). In addition, in its letters Parks describes a prior version of the proposed project, and notes that the project is slated to undergo CEQA review with an initial study/mitigated negative declaration planned to be prepared in March. The project has now changed and Parks does not intend to pursue any additional CEQA review, and it is important to engage the tribes on potential issues with the current proposal. Staff notes that the public has identified tribal concerns regarding free access to sacred spaces like Goat Rock and there is no clear indication that such concerns for this specific project have been addressed. To this effect, on April 12, 2016, staff received a letter from Greg Sarris, Tribal Chairman for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Tribal Chairman Sarris indicates that the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria are opposed to Parks' current proposal. That letter is included in the North Central Coast District Director's report on pages 238-239.

#### **Lack of Public Engagement**

The public engagement process following the substantial issue hearing a year ago has been inadequate. Because Parks changed the project significantly once it was appealed to the Commission, and thus the County and interested parties did not have a chance to participate in local deliberations on it, staff originally suggested to Parks following the hearing that it withdraw its CDP application and go back through a County process as a means of addressing the information needs and the concerns expressed about the need for a public engagement process at the Commission hearing. Parks ultimately decided that it wanted to continue through the

Commission's de novo process, and ultimately took charge of its own public engagement strategy and process. That process included only one opportunity for the general public to weigh in, on February 17, 2016, and that one opportunity was not realized due to the structure of the session, as discussed in the staff report. Parks has now significantly changed the project again, and it would maximize public participation at this juncture for Parks to take a step back and work with the County and other potential partners, including local non-profits and Caltrans, as well as engage the general public, to create a proposal that makes sense for Sonoma County. . The fact that Parks its response now identifies *potential* County park passes and the need for better integration with County park programs, like the low income pass program, is a good sign and an indication that Parks is prepared to move forward with such discussions with the County. But such efforts take time, and for now, this proposal cannot and should not be approved.

### **Lack of Clarity/Accuracy**

#### ***Demographics***

State Parks relies on significantly different demographic user profiles than does the County. Parks estimates that household incomes for visitors are relatively high, with 57% earning over \$75,000 annually and only 15% earning less than \$40,000, with a majority of visitors from the Sacramento area and North San Joaquin Valley. The County indicates that many of the visitors to the Sonoma Coast are County residents from inland population centers, including Santa Rosa and Petaluma. The County estimates that 11.3% of its population lives below the poverty line, with Latinos making up 26% of that demographic. Put another way, the County says nearly 20% of Latinos live below the poverty line. The County indicates that approximately 23% of the school population is learning English and 48% of Sonoma County public education students are socio-economically disadvantaged, with 43% of the school children eligible to receive free and/or reduced lunch (and almost 28% doing so). Many interested parties indicate that they are of limited income and the fees will mean that they are financially unable to visit these beaches (see Staff Report Exhibit 11).

In their current form, the eight parking areas represent affordable recreational opportunity for the price of a tank of gas. Families currently travel from inland Sonoma to the coast for a day at the beach. It generally requires a 50-60 mile roundtrip for a day at the beach from Santa Rosa or Petaluma. Park facilities are essential for continuing lower cost access to the coast for many economically disadvantaged groups, including the significant Latino population centers located near and within the City of Santa Rosa. The question of whether to charge fees is a question of social justice.

#### ***DPR Suggested Findings and Conditions***

State Parks response received on April 11, 2016 includes a proposed set of findings and conditions for the Commission to adopt. Staff notes that these findings and conditions appear to mimic the staff report in form, but are inadequate, and cautions the Commission and the public to understand that these are State Parks' suggestions, and not staff's. Also, staff notes that the conditions provided are similar in form and content to those approved in the Orange County Districts. However, as discussed above, those conditions are still objected to by Parks, and Parks has admitted it has not complied with them. The 'White Paper' that is part of Parks response (Exhibit G) indicates as much. Further, the findings fail to consider LCP policies, which are part of the standard of review for this appeal. Again, staff believes that the Commission needs to

learn from implementation of those permits as well as others, and that it does not make sense to continue suggesting that impacts be identified after fees are implemented, and mitigations developed at that time. As has been demonstrated, that allows the fees to go forward, but the corresponding quantification of impact and proposed appropriate mitigations would lag behind, or simply not occur.

### ***30-Minute Free Parking Unclear***

State Parks proposed project includes allowing a 30-minute free parking period, or a “surf check.” In discussions with Parks’ staff, it was not exactly clear how this was to be implemented, but it was hypothesized that it would take the form of a free pass that the APMs could provide that users could put on their dash boards. Staff understood the proposal in that way, and that is the analysis in the staff report. In its April 11 response, Parks for the first time indicates that instead of allowing for a blanket 30-minute free parking period, the 30-minute parking would be provided in specific and undetermined areas of the parking lots.<sup>5</sup> In other words, such 30-minute free parking would be substantially more limited than originally advertised and understood. If such free parking is limited to special parking stalls, and they are occupied, there would be no more free 30-minute parking available in that lot. Staff notes that this is a much reduced form of allowing for some free parking in these lots.

### ***Peak Time Fees***

Parks also indicates in its response received April 11, 2016 that fees would not be necessarily charged all the time, but possibly only in peak times, and that fees could be reduced or eliminated in non-peak times or other low demand periods.<sup>6</sup> This, too, is a new component from Parks. Parks also identifies that “peak days may be any day from March 1 to November 31[sic], or any day where the temperature reaches or is projected to reach 68 degrees. Peak days may also include Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter.”<sup>7</sup> There are several issues with this language that make it unclear. First, it identifies that peak days “may be” and “may also include” certain days, but that implies there “may be” other times as well. Second, it identifies a criteria of days “where the temperature reaches or is projected to reach 68 degrees,” but it doesn't specify where and when that would be measured. Staff commends Parks for identifying a potential peak versus non-peak (and no fee) period, but it requires further clarity in order to understand the ramifications.

### ***Existing Fees***

The Coastal Parking Fees figure in Parks’ response received April 11, 2016 is incomplete. It does not even include the existing fees charged at Sonoma Coast park facilities. Further, all parks listed are developed with some form of amenities beyond a parking lot and a restroom. The majority have campgrounds, RV access and hookups, picnic areas, restrooms, and showers.

### ***County Fees***

Parks response received April 11, 2016 incorrectly indicates that Sonoma County parks charges at seven areas, whereas the County only charges at five areas and all these areas have amenities.

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<sup>5</sup> See proposed Special Condition 1c in Parks’ response.

<sup>6</sup> See proposed Special Condition 1b in Parks’ response.

<sup>7</sup> See proposed Special Condition 1c in Parks’ response.

***Requests for Data***

Parks incorrectly alleges that staff is unfairly requiring more robust baseline and monitoring data in this case than it has in other cases. In Southern California parking fee matters, robust data has been consistently required of proposals like this one, including from Parks and from local entities. In particular, local entities have begun the application process with baseline usage data in hand, and its permits have been approved with conditions for detailed monitoring. (See, e.g., City of Newport Beach, Corona del Mar State Beach, CDP No. 5-13-0507.)

**Conclusion**

In short, staff stands by its recommendation to deny the de novo permit.

04/08/16

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(A-2-PAC-15-0046) - Item 16

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### **COMMENTS ON STAFF REPORT W16a**

#### **RECAP**

Starting in the mid 1990s and culminating in the 2006 California Coastal Commission decision (A-2-PAC-05-018) we have been attempting to preserve an undeveloped coastal zone known as the 'Fish and Bowl'. A 2006 Coastal Commission decision blocked a 43 unit development in the Bowl portion. The primary reason for that decision was to that several isolated wetlands in and around the 4.3 acre Bowl parcel would be damaged by such a development. Aside from its value as natural habitat containing wetlands and examples of intact indigenous prairie coastal scrub plant communities, the Fish and Bowl provides a sweeping greenbelt down from the Hwy 1 grade meeting at a protected and popular area known as the Northern Dunes. It is the last undeveloped coastal space in the West Fairmont District of Pacifica. Unfortunately the Bowl is zoned for intense development - medium density residential (MDR) and the intersecting Fish parcels are zoned as low density residential (LDR) making the Fish and Bowl together very valuable properties - if development permission can be obtained.

This present appeal (A-2-PAC-15-0046) involves a much smaller but no less important development than the 2006 project. On a 0.42 acre site (part of original Bowl parcel but not part of the 2006 project) another project has been proposed . Originally four small detached units were proposed (but a revised plan now calls for a single larger structure). Two appeals were filed with the Coastal Commission based among other issues the following:

- Adverse in impact to biological resources
- Coastal hazards not adequately analyzed
- Traffic and parking issues exist
- Public access and recreation impacted
- Scenic and visual character of area adversely affected
- Cumulative impact

Coastal Commission staff found 'substantive issues' with regard to three issues: biological resources, coast hazards and traffic. As part of the process further analysis was required including a wetland delineation based on Coastal Commission criteria, a design level geotechnical investigation of adjacent coastal area and an independent traffic study.

## PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF

The latest (A-2-PAC-15-0046) Appeal Staff Report dated 3/30/16 has recommended approval of a project on the site but with a revised design. Instead of four 450 sq ft studio size units, a much larger three story structure containing four one to two bedroom/ two bath units is proposed.

The acceptance of the redesigned project by staff was based on several factors:

- By removing the parking area and driveway and building instead of four small detached structures over the entire parcel, one large structures would be placed at the extreme north end of the parcel, therefore the wetland *on the property* would presumably be protected.
- Coastal hazard issues were discounted.
- Increased traffic was deemed insignificant.
- And the size and scale of this structure although much larger was deemed not to adversely affect the scenic and visual character of area .

## BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The original Coastal Development Plan was approved by the City of Pacifica. This was even after we pointed out to the City that several wetland areas identified by prior studies were immediately adjacent to the property. Coastal Commission staff did however take note that a wetland indicator willow patch existed right on the property and requested a second biological survey. A further study by the developer's biological consultants was conducted as part of the 'substantive issues' determination. And in fact a facultative wetland species, Arroyo Willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) and Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) were identified which qualified the area as a wetland. This meant the developer had inadvertently purchased coastal zone property with a wetland right on it.

Normally this would have been a 'show stopper'. The 2006 43 unit project was halted because of a wetland within 100' of the project. It was determined at the time that damage to this sensitive biological habitat would probably occur during the construction phase of the project. The 100' buffer is considered the minimum distance by the Coastal Commission. However in some cases even greater amounts are required (see Pg 10, para 4 of the 2006 staff report on Appeal No. A-2-PAC-05-018). Yet when this new wetland was verified as actually on the developer's property as well two more close by (see Exhibits A, B and C attached) well within the 100' buffer zone, the 100' standard was suddenly abandoned and a new 50' buffer zone was authorized. The justification was that "Due to the small size of the subject parcel, a larger buffer requirement would essentially render the lot undevelopable". This is crucial. Had we known that the buffer zone was adjustable based on economic circumstances, we

probably would not have pursued this appeal. The developers purchased this small 0.42 parcel voluntarily. No one forced it on them. It was totally *caveat emptor* decision. The entire Fish and Bowl is interpenetrated with a number of wetland areas and no overall hydrological study has ever been done. By reducing the buffer zone standard to 50' the feasibility (and inevitability) of further larger and more intrusive projects will be greatly increased – 'cumulative impact'.

## COASTAL HAZARDS

The deep ravine (see Exhibits D and E attached) that is adjacent to the proposed project nearly reaches Palmetto Ave. If the head of that ravine moves any farther east Palmetto Ave will be severed. The only alternative re-routing lies right where the new project is to be placed. The geotechnic studies seem to concentrate on everything but that key factor, the rate of erosion of the head of the canyon. They discuss the nearby coastal bluffs, the sides of the ravine but very minimally the head of the ravine. It must be composed of the same soft sandstone that is being rapidly eroded all along the coast of Pacifica and Daly City.

In fact the whole question of the drainage of the Fish and Bowl is never really addressed in a forthright way. And the culverts under Palmetto Ave draining the lowest point of the Fish and Bowl remain a mystery. Recently we photographed two active additional drainage pipes previously unknown and unmentioned in the two geotech reports commissioned by the the developer. These pipes extrude from the head of the ravine (see Exhibit F attached) and no doubt the water coming out contributes to erosion.

Yet all parties concerned seem sanguine as to the possibility of damage to Palmetto Ave, categorizing the possibility as 'low to moderate'. To quote the latest staff report (underlines added):

*Pacifica's coast regularly experiences erosion, flooding, and significant storm events, and sea level rise will only exacerbate these natural forces. Therefore, sea level rise and coastal bluff erosion may require inland realignment of Palmetto Avenue to maintain the roadway as a viable transportation route, and may ultimately result in the project needing access via another route, such as the existing Edgemar right-of-way. Therefore, this approval is conditioned upon an assumption of risk regarding coastal hazards (Special Condition 8), as well as an obligation on the part of the Applicants to provide alternate access to the development if and when Palmetto Avenue becomes degraded (Special Condition 7.d).*

This agreement (Special Condition 7.d) is only about new ingress and egress to the development being the responsibility of the developer not about any rerouting of Palmetto Ave in which the new structure would be right in the way of the any logical rerouting path.

With Pacifica's Esplanade Avenue apartment buildings being dramatically lost to recent coastal erosion along with problems with extensive damage incurred to the Beach Blvd promenade, and to the north the collapse in Daly City's Avalon Canyon, one would think the Coastal Commission would take a more prescient view especially with every worsening forecasts of sea level rise.

## **SCENIC AND VISUAL CHARACTER ADVERSELY AFFECTED**

Originally this issue was deemed not to be 'substantive' due mainly to the minimal scale and height of the structures as well their other 'natural' characteristics (like their ever appealing earthen roofs). However in making the case for 'adverse effect to scenic and visual character of the area' it was pointed in Hal Bohner's appeal that the development would not be contiguous north, south, and east and west and would adversely affect views of adjacent coastal resources to the west (Northern Dunes). Also it asserted, rightly, that adding buildings could not possibly improve the open space nature of the area. Staff disagreed and agreed with the developer who said they took "care in protecting the visual qualities of the area". Yet now that the original design has been altered drastically from four small diminutive structures to one large obtrusive one, that argument no longer holds. Yet according to staff the project still passes muster as to not adversely affect the scenic and visual character of the area. Mentioning set back and lower elevation relative to the surrounding ridgeline of now a 35 ft high., three story building seems like begging the question. It will stand out more than the four little ones would have. And it will certainly do nothing for the open space ambiance that once existed.

## **SUMMARY**

We urge the Commissioners resist staff's recommendation to move forward with a CDP on this project. Once this project goes in it will set in motion an inexorable process leading to total loss of this mosaic of wetlands interspersed with wild open space. Once it's gone, it's gone for forever.

# EXHIBIT A

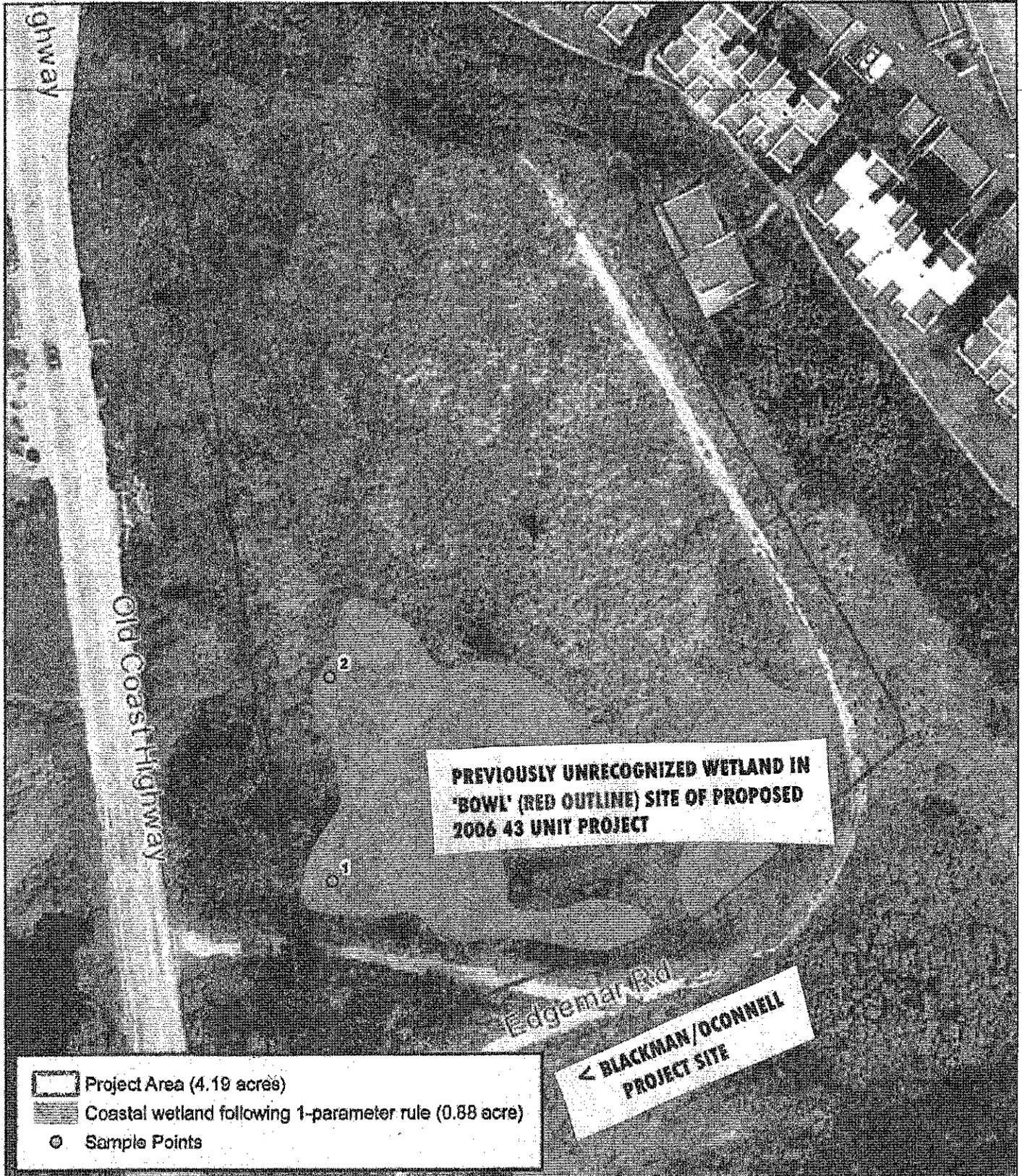


Figure 2. Coastal Commission Jurisdictional Wetland Features

Pacifica Bowl  
San Mateo County, California

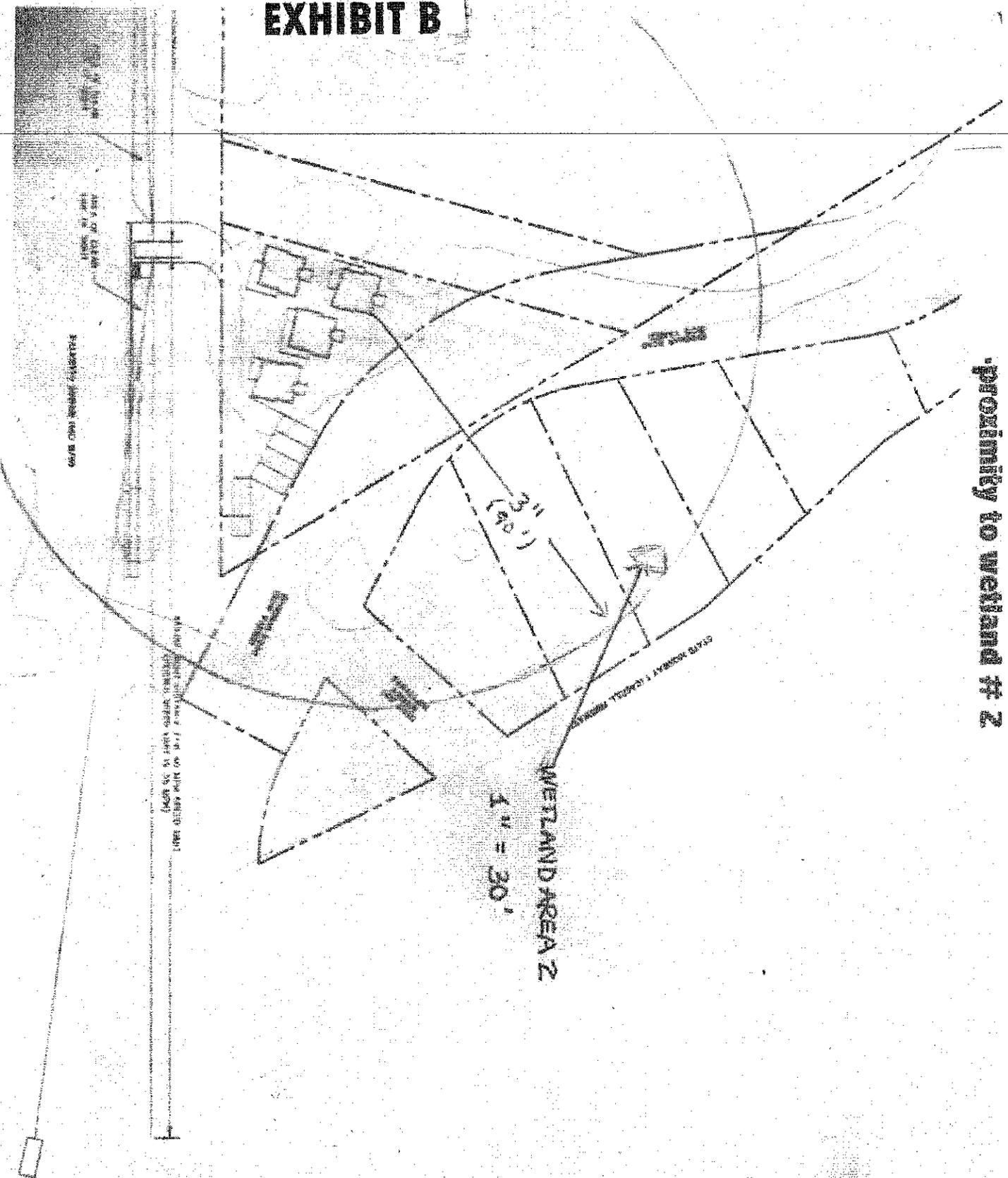


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# EXHIBIT B

Proximity to wetland # 2



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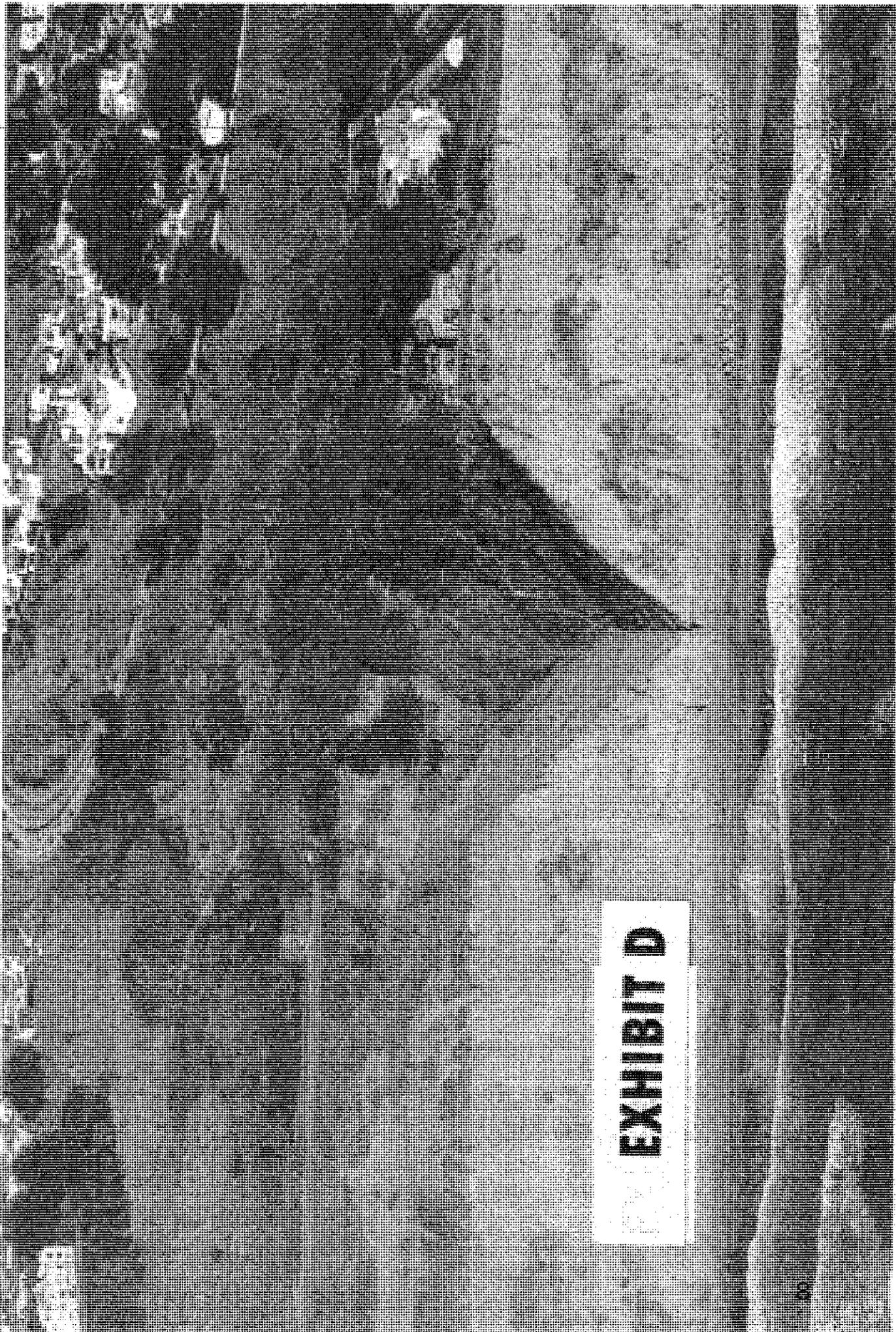
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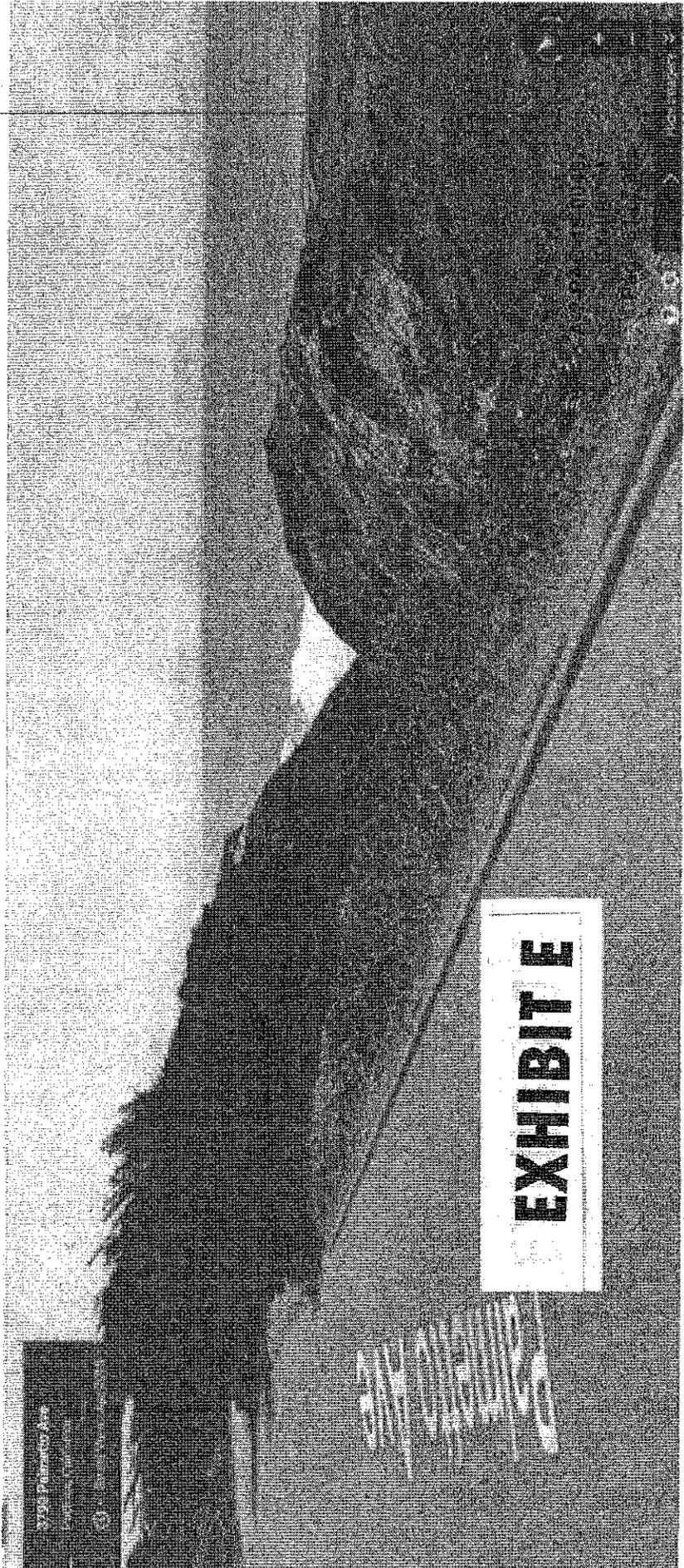
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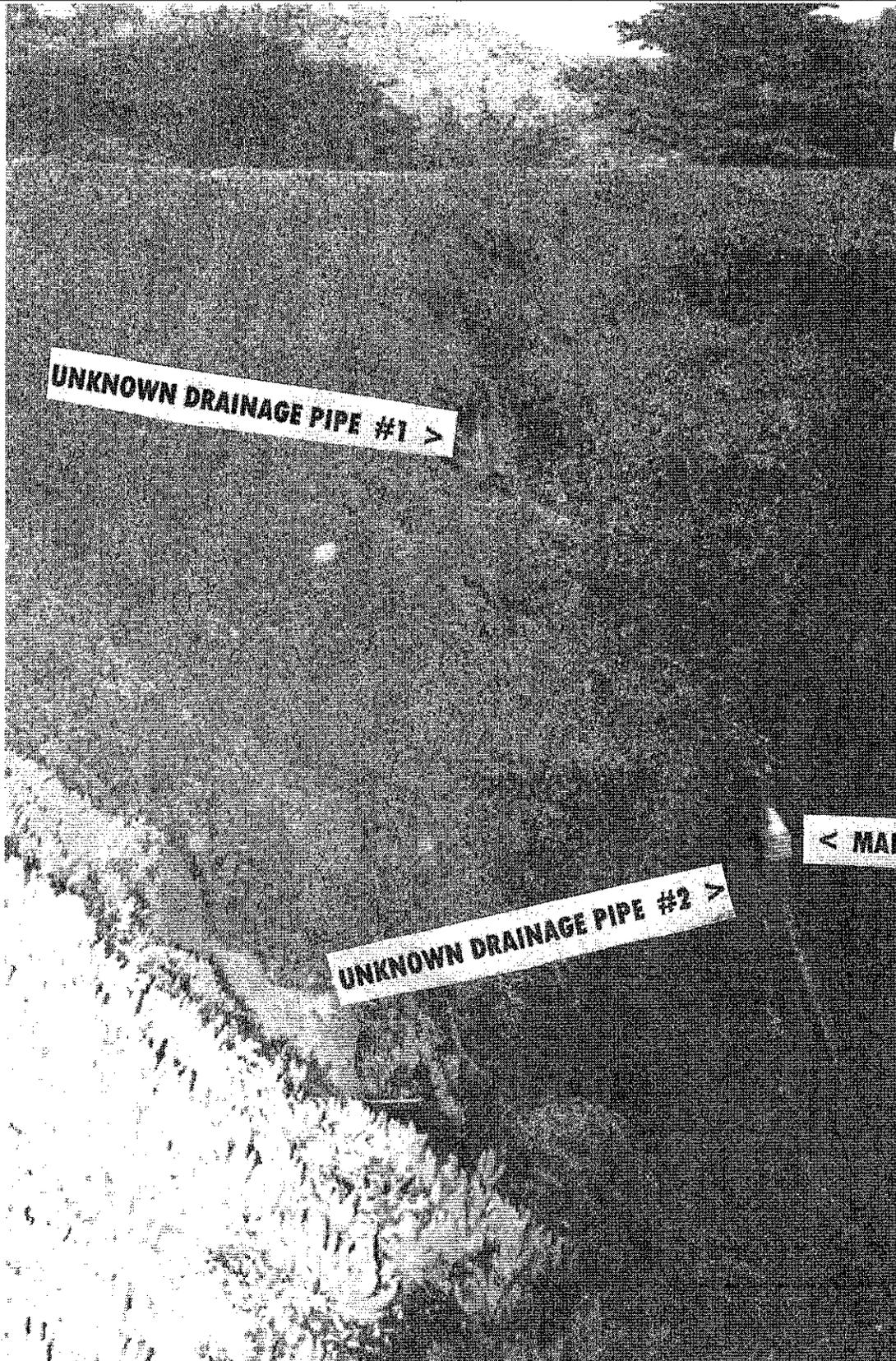




**EXHIBIT D**



# EXHIBIT F



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**Subject:** Sonoma Coast proposed parking fees  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 9:35:39 PM

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My response to the revised State Parks proposal is to suggest a moratorium or denial of the fee collection proposal to the CA Coastal Commission. An item listed in the proposal plans for the fee collection boxes along the Sonoma Coast stated:

*"Form a Sonoma Coast Advisory Group to build and maintain community involvement with broad representation, including members from the conservation and recreation communities, tourism and economic development, relevant public agencies, and political representatives."*

In my opinion, creating the proposed Sonoma Coast Advisory Group should be the first course of action, not the last in a list with an attempt to make the proposed actions sound inclusive. I continue to wonder how the 'Stakeholders', as they are called, were chosen? by what process? There have been limited public opinion options. More public information is required from a broader dissemination of the fee collection proposal to a larger cross-section of Sonoma County residents.

I consider myself to be a stakeholder as a property owner in Jenner. I have seen no budgets, blueprints or explanations of mitigating safety issues surrounding the proposed project. As locals know, along the coast on a busy day visitors park in very inappropriate and unsafe areas. With a fee required to park, visitors won't even wait for a full lot to park elsewhere, but will avoid the fee by parking along narrow, busy roadways, cliff-side, rocky edges, opening their car doors with pets, children and distracted adults spilling out into dangerous driving and hazardous walking conditions.

With local observation of the CA State Park system here at the coast, two winters have passed recently with no services including parking in our favorite areas of Goat Rock. It is difficult without my access to a proposed budget to see if fee-based usage of public land will work any better than it hasn't over the past decade. Other revenue streams should be tapped before balancing the Parks budget on the backs of local residents and economically challenged families who often drive out to the coast for relief from scorching hot weather in Santa Rosa and other areas east of the cool coast. Why not propose a tax on wine, or on tourist accommodations? A quarter of a percent (.025) per tourist dollar spent would no doubt give State Parks the income needed. But after the scandal of millions of dollars squirreled away, off and behind the budget of the CA Parks system, one might not be surprised by the public's reticence to offer control of parking fees amidst questionable budgetary practices.

So why is the proposed Sonoma Coast Advisory Group not the first item of the project to be achieved? To me, that would make more sense to have a more representative and broader input of 'Stakeholders' on this issue.

In conclusion, I believe that more stakeholders should be better informed and given the opportunity to be able to express their views, as well as other revenue streams need to be creatively and thoughtfully investigated before this proposal is brought again before the CA Coastal Commission.

Given the State Parks' budgetary track record, I am not confident that throwing money into an "Iron Ranger" for usage fees is the answer to State Park budgetary needs along our beautiful Sonoma Coast.

As stated in the latest proposal *"in an effort to balance the needs of the local community, the requirements of the California Coastal Act, and the mission of State Parks to provide recreational opportunities while protecting natural and cultural resources"* the data, sources of revenue, impact on a diverse economic populace, and impact on environmentally sensitive areas, it is my opinion these needs should be determined before any decision is made on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michelle K. Irwin

Jenner resident

**From:** [Mary Williams](#)  
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California Coastal Commission

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commissions,

We urge you to vote against the California State Parks' proposal to institute fees for access to our Sonoma Coast State Beaches.

**We are residents of land that adjoins the Goat Rock State Beach.** Anyone who visits this beach frequently, as we do, cannot help but recognize that it is heavily utilized by families from our Santa Rosa and wine country Hispanic community, many of whom would likely be unable to afford to continue to enjoy access to this beautiful beach. **Access fees are regressive and unfairly impact the poorest members of our society,** who deserve, like all of us, the opportunity to access and enjoy nature.

It is also likely that institution of fee access at beaches with developed parking lots, such as Goat Rock, Blind Beach, Shell Beach, etc., will serve to increase the burden of cars parking at other less developed access sites along Highway 1. One has only to visit Armstrong Woods State Park and witness the long lines of cars parked precariously alongside the road outside the park entrance to recognize the inevitable efforts of the public to avoid paying access fees. Along Highway 1 such **"fee avoidance" parking will constitute a traffic hazard**, not only to drivers on this busy corridor, but also to people entering and exiting their vehicles. Moreover, the instability of this coastline is obvious to all. One has only to drive past Gleason Beach to appreciate the natural forces at work that destabilize this fragile landscape. The additional burden of roadside parking that the fee access points would encourage will surely act as an **additional destructive force on the stability of our coastline.**

The California Coastal Commission was constituted to protect this shared resource against unfettered private development. This proposed fee access, although led by a

department of the state government, will have the same inhibitory and restrictive effect on public access, as would a private commercial development. **A "No" vote on this initiative is clearly in keeping with the Coastal Act and duties of this Commission.**

Sincerely,

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Dear Coastal Commissioners:

I have been a journalist in Sonoma County for 35 years. I began covering State Parks attempts to charge to go to the beach in 1983 when they attempted to make Goat Rock, one of our sacred spots in Sonoma County, into an overflow RV parking lot so they could charge us all to go there.

In 1990 things reached a very ugly head when Mr. R. Hanshew was made the district superintendent. The Coastal Commission was formed to protect our access to our coastline. That goes for low income families as well as those that can afford to pay fees.

I recently reread all the past coverage of parks as I am writing a book about many of the syories I covered through the years. Here is the chapter that includes the last State Parks attempted takeover of our coast. (Names have been changed to protect the guilty).

Please stop this one for the California public that relies on you.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Granahan

#### When a Wanna-Be General Took Over our Parks

The agency that has caused the most problems for the northern California coast is State Parks. The agency leaders seem to have the attitude that they *own* the beaches and don't seem to realize that we pay our taxes to them to act as stewards, not land barons. Since way back in 1983 they have tried to make us pay them to go to the beach.

California State Parks tends to be underfunded but there is a host of local volunteers who do such things as clean up the beaches, maintain trails and such. In Sonoma County there are important spots such as Bodega Head in Bodega Bay where memorials have always been held for those lost at sea, mostly those from our commercial fishing community.

There is also Goat Rock where the river meets the sea. It was sacred to the Pomo Indians and it is sacred to many of the rest of us. Memorials are often held there as well. It's also a favorite sunset watching spot. The Harbor Seals haul out to give birth at the end of the point on a long stretch of beach below the rock where the Russian River ends. They are guarded by yet more volunteers.

Sunset at the beach is important to everyone, not just the locals. The coast is a major resource for lower income families especially because the sunset is free.

Most of the beaches are "undeveloped", not offering services such as campgrounds. Even the campgrounds had been free to those who walked, not drove in, and did not spend the night.

In 1983 State Parks wanted to declare the parking lot at Goat Rock as "overflow RV camping" so they could charge everyone for going there. It was proved that they only needed extra campsites three weekends a year but would be charging everyone year round. When the county supervisors denied them a permit to erect payment kiosks they backed off and instead developed a full service campground at Salt Point farther north. But Parks didn't give up on trying to grab the locals' money.

In 1990 we were unlucky enough to get assigned a wanna-be army general for a state parks supervisor in our county.

Our new director, let's call him Mr. G for general, thought he owned the coast as his private manor. He got a low rent house at the coast, was paid well enough he also owned other homes, one in Sacramento from which he commuted to the coast in his private airplane. Nice work if you can get it.

Parks had a policy that promoted those who had more people under them, had more armed people

under them, and who carried arms themselves. In fact, the decision to arm rangers had sent the budget soaring because that entailed 400 hours of law enforcement training, earlier retirement, regular re-training sessions, and more expensive equipment. It also gave armed personnel more rights than ordinary employees, making firing them very expensive. Until then rangers had called in the local law enforcement, Sheriff's deputies or Highway Patrol officers, when there were serious problems. Our real cops were very efficient.

A lot of us had been dismayed that the local rangers were armed at all. We had raised our kids to think rangers were like Smokey the Bear, protecting forests and watching out for the animals, not cops. Some of those dismayed were the rangers themselves, many who had joined the service because they were naturalists and did not relish carrying a gun. Some of them quit.

Now Mr. G wanted everyone, even secretaries armed. He also wanted to employ armed lifeguards – a whole life guard service, in fact. He figured he needed 7.7 more employees with special boat equipment. The general also wanted to be an admiral apparently. Astonishingly he wanted to arm the lifeguards which left the residents puzzled as to how efficient a lifeguard could be if he had to secure his weapon in his vehicle before diving in after a drowning person. Swimming is not a common activity in our wild north Pacific anyway. There are a few tame beaches, most of which are in the county park system. Our brave 'Viking' surfers who always wore wetsuits were the ones who took on the rip tides and rogue waves.

The price tag was calculated at more than a half million dollars. To pay for all these grandiose dreams Mr. G decided to start charging to have coastal access even for those just walking to the beach. The ambitious general did not imagine he would now face an army of rebellion.

Mr. G applied for a county permit to erect "iron rangers", toll booths up and down the entire coast under his management. The county turned him down. Instead, in September, he had his crew build portable toll booths that could be towed to the entrances of the beaches. The public promptly nicknamed them "Phantom Toll Booths" after the popular book by Norton Juster.

Mr. G made the mistake of first attempting to block the way to Bodega Head. A local fisherman's wife, Bev Burton, an active member of the various fishing groups, showed up with a bunch of protestors carrying signs. "Give us back our Head", "This is where we honor our dead" and such. The local surfing community joined them carrying signs like "Free Our Beaches". No one paid to go to the beach that day. A whistle blower in the State Parks Service who despised Mr. G began telling protestors where the phantom toll booths would be each weekend. No phantom toll booth came without its protestors. Bumper stickers saying "Free Our Beaches" were printed and appeared everywhere.

For an entire fall protestors showed up with regularity. It became a major weekend activity. Bev brought a barbecue and began cooking up fish for those protesting. Musicians joined the throng and provided entertainment from time to time. Students from the colleges nearby, beach clean-up volunteers, environmental leaders, and more groups joined in the picketing.

I used a lot of sunscreen but still got sunburned from covering the constant protests. The surfers joined forces and formed a non-profit to fight to keep beaches open, clean and free. Local politicians joined the protestors. A jazz band showed up to play at a toll booth one weekend. Barbara Dane had been part of the famous Battle of Bodega Head when locals saved the coast from an atomic power plant in the 60s. She had a hit song back then written by Lu Watters called "Blues Over Bodega". She came to sing it again. "This Beach is Our Beach" became a new anthem among the protestors.

Then someone following a toll booth being towed realized the trailers towing them were actually illegal and the booths swinging wildly from one side of the road to another were dangerous to oncoming traffic. The Highway Patrol was called in and Parks got cited. One of the rangers refused to drive them and was put under "house arrest" by Mr. G.

Mr. G retaliated against the protestors by using his armed lifeguards as a private security force. The lifeguards began issuing traffic tickets outside park boundaries to locals who were protest leaders. One scientist from the Bodega Marine Lab filed harassment charges with the state. The county supervisor

Ernie Carpenter publicly said "Parks is becoming a para-military force."

When the supervisor gave a speech at a gathering by a toll booth, Mr. G threatened to arrest him for "inciting a riot." "What riot? I am just speaking to my constituents about their legitimate concerns," retorted the supe.

Mr. G got a nice juicy promotion since he had so many armed people working under him. He got so carried away with his new powers, he got in trouble with the county when a woman was injured in the parks and he did not trigger the 911 emergency system.

Instead he sent his armed rangers to offer assistance. She needed hospitalization, and local EMTs at the fire station were not called into action, so it was a much longer time for her to get help than was necessary.

The bullying lifeguards became more and more unpopular and were nicknamed "the Dune Goons" by locals. At Christmas time there were a couple hundred children at the Grange Hall for a big party and they were awaiting Santa's arrival. An intern of mine, a small woman named Dodie had volunteered to accompany Santa dressed as a giant grape jellybean because a jellybean company was sponsoring part of the event, sending candy for the kids. Dodie offered to drive Santa in style to the Grange Hall. Who wouldn't want to be driven around by a sweet-natured, giant jellybean?

As Santa and Dodie were nearing the Grange Hall one of the lifeguards stopped the vehicle and wanted to ticket Santa because he had stood up to make a grand entrance. Santa protested and the irate lifeguard threatened to haul him in for resisting arrest. Then Dodie got out in her jellybean suit and began sweet-talking the lifeguard. People had come out into the street to witness the bizarre encounter and were jeering or laughing. Suddenly the lifeguard realized how ridiculous he looked arguing with a giant purple jellybean. Dodie was explaining she couldn't drive more than 12 miles an hour in the big costume without wind pulling her right out of the jeep and Santa was in no danger. The lifeguard, getting more and more self-conscious, finally relented and the happy kids got their candy.

Santa was quoted as saying about the overly zealous lifeguard, "Well, he won't have any presents from Santa this year!"

Things heated up when the state director of Parks, Mr. G's big boss, showed up to hold a meeting. The protestors showed up outside the Parks headquarters. State and local politicians attended. At the close of the meeting the state director came out to announce that a compromise had been reached and the beaches would remain free to the public for at least the next three months. Cheers rose from the crowd.

But that wasn't the end of Mr. G. He still used his lifeguards to try and bully the locals. He threatened to close down various parks. But fate was closing in on Mr. G.

On the international level, Iraq invaded Kuwait and Operation Desert Storm ensued. Mr. G had claimed to be in the Army Reserve. His employers and his wife believed him, so accepted his once a month weekend absences, and two weeks a year he still got paid while he took off for trainings. Then the reserve unit he claimed to be part of was called up by the Army for the action in Iraq. Mr. G was revealed as a fraud. He had been spending all that time with a sweetie, not the Army.

We all thought Armygate would be the death knell to Mr. G's career and even thought he could be prosecuted for fraud. But it turned out Parks had shot itself in the foot by giving Mr. G a gun.

Because he had peace officer status he was entitled to a special hearing and he was still being paid while on administrative leave for months waiting for the hearing. The public was outraged. Bev, Dodie, several protest leaders and I showed up for the hearing much to the chagrin of Mr. G and the surprise of the administrative judge – administrative hearings are not usually popular public venues. Mr. G did not lose his job, but was demoted as low as the state could demote him with about half the salary, and rumor had it he did lose his wife. The lifeguards backed down and quit harassing locals when a new director for the county parks was appointed.

But the state went through with hearings before the Coastal Commission still wanting to charge the public. At first the state Attorney General ruled it violated the famous Coastal Act that voters had passed in the 70s. In the meantime, Sonoma County had inspired the counties to the south and north to rise in rebellion. In Sonoma County the supervisors drew from a rainy day fund to shell out \$97,000 for a year of free beaches – the amount Parks was sure they would have collected. Other counties didn't have the money for the bailout and kept fighting. The Coastal Commission was presented with a petition against beach fees signed by 12 mayors of coastal cities.

"Balance your budget on something more substantial than children with sand buckets," said Phil McGilvery, representing the cities.

People began sending envelopes of sand to then Governor Pete Wilson in protest of beach fees. When a few thousand of them arrived at the Capitol the janitors had to work overtime vacuuming.

Parks appealed the AG's decision and the commission finally caved and said they had a right to charge. The public felt betrayed. A memo to the head of the Parks was leaked that said beach attendance was down and there had been "a lack of focus on interpretive programs." The focus was still on armed lifeguards. Parks backed off for a while but to this day still keeps trying to charge the public.

The coast still has armed lifeguards, a legacy from a wanna-be general. But on the other hand the surfers have remained organized and become an important political force where the beaches are concerned. They often rescue those in trouble at sea (usually hit by a rogue wave and pulled out ) probably more efficiently than the lifeguards.

The fishing community raised money to build a monument to those lost at sea on Bodega Head. Parks Service fought them on erecting it, but a state Senate hearing forced them to back down. Walkers can still enter the parks free. Whenever the Parks Service thinks about charging for undeveloped beach access those making the proposals learn the history of Mr. G and the months of protests, and someone is sure to sing "This Beach is Our Beach". But the issue does keep rearing its ugly head and someone always asks "I gotta pay to see the sun set?!"

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March 31, 2016

Nancy Cave

North Central Coast District Manager

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Dear Ms. Cave,

This letter is written in protest to the proposed plans to charge access fees at selected sites along the Sonoma Coast. Historically these sites have never charged such access fees. I believe it degrades access to the general public to the Sonoma Coast.

Tourism is the life blood of the economy on the coast. Businesses are still reeling from the prolonged shut down of the crab fishery. The proposed fees will not help our economy.

Access fees are antithetical to the ethos of Sonoma County and the spirit of the California State Constitution. In the early 1990's such plans were attempted and thwarted by the will of the citizens of Sonoma County. As you know our local elected Sonoma County supervisors have also protested access fees to our coastal areas. Please heed our pleas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Capone III".

George Capone III

From: [Gerry Schultz](#)  
To: [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
Cc: [Tom Lynch](#); [Efren Carrillo](#)  
Subject: Re: HEARING NOTICE - CDP - California Department of Parks and Recreation Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219 (Automatic Pay Parking Machines & Parking Lot Improvements)  
Date: Friday, April 01, 2016 5:21:28 PM

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Although I am unable to be at this meeting....please note:

**For 3 years I have vigorously fought against this proposal.**

**I even sent a list of 12 alternatives to Iron Rangers.**

**I suggest the Parks Dept. use the \$54 million dollars they "found" to maintain these locations.**

*Gerry Schultz  
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On Fri, Apr 1, 2016 at 4:51 PM, [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal) <[SonomaStateParksAppeal@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@coastal.ca.gov)> wrote:

\*\*\*\* Please see attached for full hearing notice \*\*\*\*

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Date: April 1, 2016

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Coastal Permit Application**

**California Department of Parks and Recreation CDP Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219**

**Public hearing and action on request by California Department of Parks and**







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**Date:** Saturday, April 02, 2016 10:03:27 PM

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So you are deliberately picking a time when most people who work CAN NOT attend to tell you they do not like the idea.

Free parks encourage people to interact with nature, to see that we are part of a larger continuum of beings.

I am a systems analyst by trade. Cold, dry stuff. I spend a lot of time working with computers and interacting very little with nature. But being an analyst, I like to analyze the animals I meet in nature.

I have made friends with some of the seagulls. Seagulls live up to 32 years, have a society, care for their offspring for four or more years. They may not be anywhere near as smart as we are, but they are intelligent, have unique personalities, and have some care for others, be they seagulls or humans. Yes, some of them do try to cheat us at times; but not all of them.

My life was saved by some owls one night when a mountain lion "had an issue" with me. Dozens of owls started hooting in synchrony with the noisemaking I was doing to "dissuade" the mountain lion. He looked at the owls, looked at me sharply, then slunk away. Why did the owls help me? Because when I lived in the woods, I played tone games with them, whistling tunes, letting them do the refrain. They accepted me as part of their community.

Those things are not that unusual where people interact with wildlife in a respectful manner.

We need more exposure to nature, not less, especially our children. Nature teaches us compassion. We need more of that very badly in the cities. Charging admission dissuades people from going to the beach and the forest and interacting with nature. We need to encourage people to seek out nature, not discourage them; especially those who just don't have much money. Put a donation pot up with no fixed fee request. Some will give more, some will give nothing.

-JVV- (jvv@Vilkaitis.com)  
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- > IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
- > Coastal Permit Application
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- > California Department of Parks and Recreation CDP Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219
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- > Public hearing and action on request by California Department of Parks and Recreation to approve installation of automatic pay parking machines and related parking lot improvements at eight locations within Sonoma Coast and Salt Point State Parks.
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- > HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:
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- > DATE:           Wednesday, April 13, 2016                           ITEM NO:    W17a
- > TIME:           9:00 a.m
- > PLACE:          Veteran's Memorial Auditorium
- >                   1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
- > PHONE:         (415)-407-3211 [phone number will only be in service during the meeting]
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Matthew and Marilyn Flores  
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California Coastal Commission  
Nancy Cave, North Central Coast District Manager  
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**RE: Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219 (California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sonoma County)**

Dear Ms. Cave,

We do not support the transition of State Parks into a regressive based pay-to-play business model where those with the least income pay the largest percentage of their income to access public lands. Instead of fees we need some progressive legislation that generates sorely needed revenue for our Parks.

This current proposal is too sweeping to be approved and is a violation of public access and environmental provisions of the Coastal Act because:

The entire proposal is being conducted under a CEQA exemption which basically says there are no significant impacts to the environment or the users and does not allow any public hearings. This method by State Parks will not come close to the analysis required for the scope and impacts of the project especially considering that existing lots proposed for fees are non-ADA compliant and will require a great deal of grading and paving.

As of this date, there is no existing study/data available as to how new fees in a car-dependent coastal access location affects public access. Also State Parks has yet to submit (although they were required as part of the CCC conditional permit going on three years ago) any studies as to how the higher fees imposed in Southern California reduced public access opportunities and which populations were most effected..These studies need to be conducted by Parks and evaluated by the Commission before further fees are approved.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** This decision sets Statewide precedent: What happens here will subsequently happen from the Oregon to Mexico border where gravel, non-ADA-compliant lots with a maximum of pit toilets and seasonal trash collection will be fee'd. The Commission justified their decision to take jurisdiction away from the County in April 2015 because they claimed that the proposal had STATEWIDE implication.

Current State Parks special passes are not adequate to offset the significant reduction in coastal access options for low income, senior, and youth community users. Pass applications are not available in any other language than English and in order to qualify a single person has to earn less than \$11,328 per year. There is a significant portion of the population that falls between this income range and those having enough disposable income to afford fees.

There have been no revenue/budget/cost analysis presented to even support that this will generate enough fees to allow for any of the money collected to stay local; The revenue goes to the General Fund in Sacramento with no guarantee that it goes to Sonoma Coast Parks or any Parks for that matter.

This is a social justice issue! Even though Surfrider and SCCA and Coastwalk (who were stakeholders) asked that tribal representatives, members from our Latin American, non-English, and low or limited income communities be included in the stakeholder process--and representatives from those communities were available to participate--they were not invited by State Parks to the stakeholder table and therefore will be disproportionately impacted and denied coastal access by the new fees.

Other groups who could be disproportionately impacted by this decision were under or not represented in the analysis of impacts from the project, such as the Jenner and lower river community, recreational users like rock climbers, hikers, boaters or kayakers, and those relying upon access for sustenance such as abalone divers and kelp harvesters. They were not invited in the stakeholder process to have their concerns accounted for in the proposal.

It is a mis-characterization to call this a "reduced" or "limited" proposal--Modified yes, but limited or reduced NO. Looking at where fees are already collected and those added in this proposal a significant portion of the Sonoma Coast, including all main points of interests, will now charge fees.

- Bodega Head: All lots will still be fee'd
- Shell Beach: If fee'd along with Blind Beach & currently fee'd Wright's Beach would block all free access to the Bill Kortum Trail (the father of coastal access) Offering the undeveloped county Carlevaro Way as a parking alternative and as mitigation isn't appropriate to a State Park-imposed impact to access..
- Goat Rock: All lots will be fee'd and signs posted to prevent any parking along Goat Rock Road
- Stump Beach: With this last remaining free lot proposed for a fee station all of Salt Point will be fee'd. Impacts to tribal access and for abalone divers or kelp farmers have not been measured.

ALSO imposing fees all around Salmon, Portuguese and Schoolhouse beaches, as this proposal continues to do, and leaving the pocket beaches as the only choice for free access is problematic and also a violation of Coastal Act provision 30212.5. In addition State Parks has provided no assurance that these pocket beaches will not continue to be subjected to seasonal or total closures even with new fees imposed at neighboring beaches.

Please vote NO at the April 13, 2016 California Coastal Commission meeting and mandate public access to the coast.

Sincerely,



Marilyn L. Flores and Matthew D. Flores

**From:** [Brian Whistler](mailto:Brian.Whistler@Coastal)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Fees for parking lots  
**Date:** Sunday, April 03, 2016 3:34:07 PM

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To whom It may concern,

The proposed parking lot fees at 8 of our beaches (and I believe the entrance to Willow Creek watershed) would be cost prohibitive to many people here in west county who are low income and rely heavily on free access to our coast to recreate and be renewed by visiting our beaches. As a 42 year resident, I have always prided our county on keeping the beach access free, making it possible for our most vulnerable residents to continue to recreate in an increasingly expensive place to live. Rents and the cost of living have skyrocketed, but at least a hard working person making minimum wage can still bring their family to the beach for an outing.

The folks at the Coastal Commission don't get it: it you are not one of those folks who is counting pennies every week pay their bills and feed their family, then you can't possibly understand that \$8 can make the difference between having decent meal or going without.

Charging a flat entrance fee is a hardship to many low income families in west county. It's going to have a Negative impact on people's health, as they will opt out of a trip to the coast, instead choosing to stay at home in front of the tube if fees are charged.

And the idea of having to pay multiple fees if one decides to go beach hopping is unconscionable. As is the absurd notion of charging by the hour. The beach experience can't be commodified, like parking at a theater parking lot. When one goes to the coast, one doesn't want to feel they have to leave at a certain time. Sometimes, it's a quick pop out to the the sunset after work- (something that would be untenable at \$8 a pop,) sometimes it's a luxurious hang at the beach with family and friends. All should be free to everyone!

Charging a fee to gain access areas where one can hike is reprehensible. There is so little hiking available in west county, (really only 3 decent places including Armstrong.) Willow Creek is my personal mainstay. I go there around 5 times a week. It has kept me sane though severe illness, loss of my father and other personal losses. I can't afford to pay \$40 a week to take a walk! Same goes for my alternative, the trail to the Pomo Canyon at Shell Beach. If you take these away from us regulars who can't afford to join a gym, you are in effect negatively affecting our health. Which ultimately will cost the county, especially for those who rely on county health systems. Please don't make us pay for what is ours.

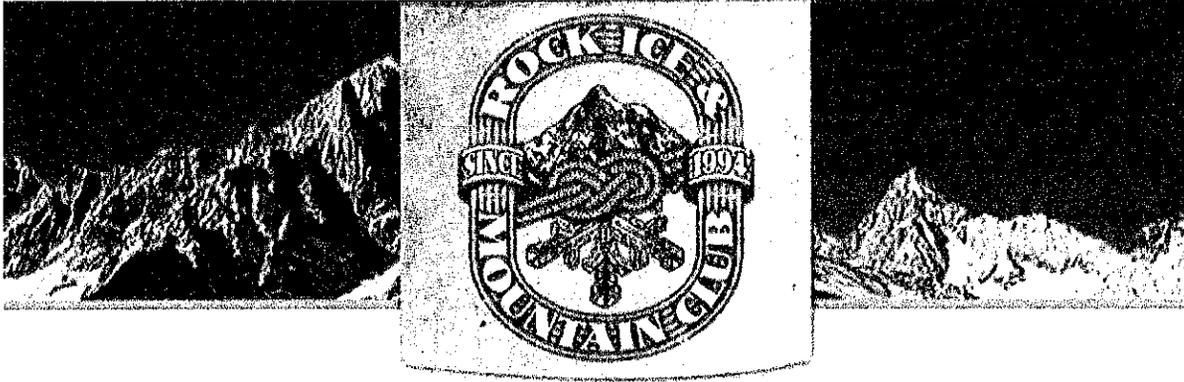
I understand there are laws dating back to the 1970s that uphold our right to have free access to the coast. I am going to research it and invoke them at the upcoming meeting. I'm sure you're aware of them.

Our Sonoma county coast is sacred land to the Pomo and Miwok Indians. It is sacred land to me! The idea of monetizing it is repugnant to me beyond measure. It offends me to the core.

Lastly, I am sure that there are less radical ways to make up the deficit in our funding of our county parks. If asked, people would be only too glad to contribute. Please consider an alternative to iron Rangers.

I also see this proposal as a move towards deregulating our coasts for other uses such as future development etc. I want to see northern California coast to continue to be protected and free for all visitors in perpetuity. And free!

Sincerely,  
Brian Whistler



March 29, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
Attention: Nancy Cave  
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San Francisco, CA 94105

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**RE: ROCK ICE & MOUNTAIN CLUB COMMENT LETTER - SONOMA COAST AND  
SALT POINT STATE PARK DAY USE PARKING FEE COLLECTION DEVICE  
PROPOSAL**

The Rock Ice & Mountain Club appreciates the opportunity to provide a comment letter regarding the Sonoma Coast and Salt Point State Park Day Use Parking Fee Collection Device Proposal (Fee Proposal). The Rock Ice & Mountain Club, established in 1994, serves the climbing and outdoor recreation community of the North San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. We appreciate that State Parks modified the Fee Proposal to remove the proposed kiosk location at the Goat Rock Beach entrance as this kiosk location would have eliminated the roadside parking areas that are essential for reasonable access for climbers and other user groups to Sunset Rocks.

Sunset Rocks is a significant resource for rock climbers and there are few locations in Sonoma County adequate for beginners and youth to practice outdoor rock climbing. Permitted groups, including Vertex Climbing Center and the B-Rad Foundation, take children and disadvantaged youth to Sunset Rocks to teach rock climbing and outdoor stewardship. Although this modification to the Fee Proposal directly benefits climbers at Sunset Rocks, we continue to oppose the Fee Proposal.

### **Petition**

On February 26, 2016, The Rock Ice & Mountain Club began an education and awareness campaign against the Fee Proposal to the local and regional climbing community. The Rock Ice & Mountain Club, with assistance from the American Alpine Club, Access Fund, Bay Area Climber's Coalition, Vertex Climbing Center and the B-Rad Foundation, initiated a paper petition on March 1 and an on-line

petition from March 8, 2016 through March 24, 2016. Paper petitions were provided at the Rock Ice & Mountain Club's General Meeting on March 1, at Vertex Climbing Center from March 1 - March 22, 2016, and at Berkeley Ironworks Climbing Gym from March 9 - March 20, 2016.

The original copy of the paper petition, which includes a total of 255 signatures, is included as an attachment to the hard copy of this comment letter. A printout of the on-line petition, which includes a total of 1,417 signatures, is included as an attachment to this comment letter.

A weblink to this on-line petition can be found here: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/994/314/983/stop-the-sonoma-coast-fee-proposal-keep-access-to-sunset-rocks./#sign>

## Comments

The prior lack of substantive documentation and evaluation of the Fee Proposal, in addition to the several changes to the Fee Proposal over the last year has made it difficult to evaluate and to provide adequate public comment to the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The most recent Fee Proposal was released on March 15, 2016<sup>1</sup> and appears to have taken some public comment into account. We are grateful that parking for Sunset Rocks will not be eliminated as a result of the construction of a fee kiosk. We are also pleased that this Fee Proposal includes more documentation and evaluation than what was provided by State Parks in the past. However, we believe the current Fee Proposal consists of very limited and fragmented public scoping. The CCC approval of this Fee Proposal would set an inappropriate precedence for user fees for California State Parks.

State Parks claim that the Fee Proposal project continues to remain exempt from CEQA is unsupported. From review of the detailed plans showing the locations of fee pay stations and proposed improvements around existing parking areas, it appears that there will be construction work that extends beyond parking areas or disturbed areas. However, there is no identification of potential impacts to native habitats, including sensitive habitats, in the Fee Proposal. A CEQA Initial Study document would, at a minimum, identify potential significant impacts and allow CCC staff to better evaluate potential impacts to biological resources and other components from an Initial Study. We urge the CCC to not accept State Parks proposed CEQA exemption and require them to prepare an Initial Study.

The Fee Proposal does not abide by policies of the Coastal Act to maximize access to the public. The Fee Proposal will greatly impact the ability of low-income members of our community to access this limited coastal resource in a car dependent coastal access area. In addition, there is no analysis of potential negative impacts to local businesses in the Fee Proposal. We believe that a better way for State Parks to generate income for State Parks is to lower the cost of the annual passes and promote them to increase annual pass membership throughout the State of California.

The State Park's appeal to the CCC is viewed by the community as an attempt to take jurisdiction away from Sonoma County Permit Resource and Management Department, who unanimously denied this Fee Proposal. We urge the CCC to not approve this Fee Proposal and to ask State Parks to allow Sonoma County to review the updated Fee Proposal under the Sonoma County Coastal Land Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> California Coastal Commission De Novo Application Background and Project Description, Day Use Fee Collection Device Proposal, March 2016

## **Rock Ice & Mountain Club Land Stewardship Assistance**

The Rock Ice & Mountain Club, along with the Access Fund, Bay Area Climber's Coalition and the local climbing community has a history of doing environmental stewardship at climbing areas and elsewhere in the form of trail improvements, trash cleanup days and habitat restoration. We look forward to working with State Parks in this capacity at Sunset Rocks and other locations along the Sonoma Coast.

On behalf of the members of the Rock Ice & Mountain Club, I want to thank the CCC staff for your hard work on this Fee Proposal and the complexity that it presents. Feel free to contact me via email at [dwiemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:dwiemeyer@hotmail.com) to discuss this matter further.

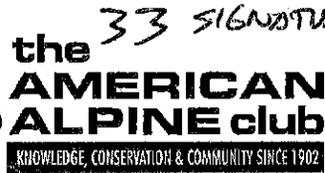
Sincerely,



Darren Wiemeyer

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Attachments:    Paper Petition (hard copy only)  
                      On-line Petition (hard copy and electronic copy)



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ELIZABETH TESSIER	SANTA ROSA	CA	707-399-0114	<i>Elizabeth Tessier</i>



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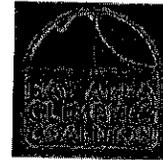


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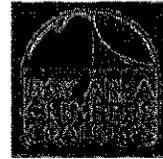


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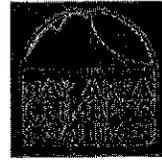
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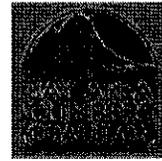


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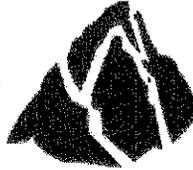


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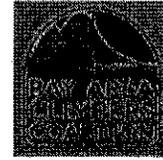


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8.	pam wright	PASADENA, CA	
9.	Edward & Gail Laurson	DENVER, CO	

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10.	Denise Denton	HASTINGS, MI	
11.	Gary Butler	Brisbane, Australia	
12.	Rachel Scott	WHITEWATER, WI	
13.	Elaine Warren	SALEM, OR	Remember Rafael Ted Cruz has promised to work "Night and Day" to privatize parks, forests, federal lands, refuges. Research before you vote. This petition gladly signed.
14.	Elana Levinson	FOREST HILLS, NY	
15.	Maryann Staron	EVERGREEN PARK, IL	
16.	S Gardner	ELY, NV	
17.	Hertha Claudia Aigner	Passail, Austria	
18.	rose wild	BUFFALO, NY	
19.	Dt Nc	NY, NY	
20.	angel ding	Hong Kong, Hong Kong	
21.	Nimue Pendragon	Melbourne, Australia	
22.	Beth O'Brien	ROCHESTER, NY	
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24.	Ankie Brunschot	veldhoven, Netherlands	
25.	BrendaNOFWDS Price	BOURBON, IN	
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27.	Sandra Ferri	Bäretswil, Switzerland	
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44.	Borg Drone	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	
45.	Glen Venezia	SAN JUAN, PR	
46.	Judy Miller-Lyons	HIGHLAND MILLS, NY	
47.	Fi Tse	Hong Kong, China	
48.	One Heart inc	BARABOO, WI	
49.	steve f	BOONE, NC	
50.	Joanna M	NEW BRITAIN, CT	
51.	Terry King	GUALALA, CA	
52.	Natasha Site problems	Toronto, Canada	
53.	Hugh Smith	Barnsley, United Kingdom	
54.	kim jackson	Peterboro, United Kingdom	
55.	Concerned Citizen	NEW CITY, NY	
56.	Tony Guzman	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	
57.	Igor Rybarz	Będzin, Poland	
58.	Serdar Murat	Vienna, Austria	
59.	Robin Mann	Crawley, United Kingdom	
60.	lori weber	JOHNSON CITY, TN	
61.	MmAWAY Mill	LA MESA, CA	
62.	Angela AWAY	Cologne, Germany	
63.	ERIKA SOMLAI	BUDAPEST, Hungary	
64.	Carl Rosenstock	BARABOO, WI	
65.	Nita Lowrey	DENTON, TX	
66.	Peter Keen	Manchester, United Kingdom	
67.	Marilyn Koff	N LAS VEGAS, NV	
68.	Kathy Moore	GARDNERVILLE, NV	

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69.	Caterina Rech	Melbourne, Australia	
70.	Coeta Sudderth	PARIS, TX	
71.	Judith Downey	CHELSEA, MA	
72.	Lucia Asara	Olbia, Italy	
73.	Esther Wolk	MEDFORD, MA	
74.	Angeles Madrazo	Campeche, Mexico	
75.	Thomas Lindsey	SAN MATEO, CA	
76.	Nyack Clancy	MANHATTAN, NY	
77.	Feather Winger	vienna, Austria	
78.	greg bender	MOUNT CARMEL, IL	
79.	Jerry Dodrill	Bodega, CA	NO NEW FEES ON THE SONOMA COAST!!!
81.	Kyle Turner	Santa Rosa, CA	
82.	Christopher Lee	Santa Rosa, CA	
83.	Sashwa Burrous	Occidental, CA	Please vote no on this proposal! The people of Sonoma county created these parks gave them to CA SP to manage and now they want to charge us? CC act - free access to our beaches
84.	Frederic Kelley	Gualala, CA	
85.	Whitney Silva	Forestville, CA	
86.	Richard Wong	Alameda, CA	
87.	Terri Melloway	Gold Coast, Australia	
88.	Misha Miller	Santa Rosa, CA	
89.	Stacy Lippincott	Bodega, CA	
90.	Johann Z	Santa Clara, CA	
91.	eileen vasko	Cazadero, CA	
92.	Jenna Schroeder	Sebastopol, CA	
93.	Diane Wenslawski	Bodega, CA	
94.	Cory Brown	Sebastopol, CA	
95.	Kara Andersen	Santa Rosa, CA	
96.	Elizabeth Lombardo	Graton, CA	
97.	Mary Diaz	Sebastopol, CA	
98.	Stevo Lamott	San Rafael, CA	
99.	Jeremiah Kahmoson	Santa Rosa, CA	
100.	Leia Giambastiani	Santa Rosa, CA	
101.	Mary Mecklenburg	Boulder, CO	
102.	Travis Lombardo	Sebastopol, CA	Please sign, and help protect our public beaches!

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103.	Nicole Hamilton	Sebastopol, CA	
104.	Mike Shoys	Cazadero, CA	
105.	Cea Higgins	bodega bay, CA	
106.	Dennis Rosatti	sebastopol, CA	
107.	Arienne Dodrill	Bodega Bay, CA	
108.	Sarah McKay	Sebastopol, CA	
109.	brandon schultz	santa rosa, CA	
110.	Tonie Quigley	Guerneville, CA	
111.	Amy Skoglund	Sebastopol, CA	
112.	Virginia Strom-Martin	Duncans Mills, CA	
113.	Christopher Long	Santa Rosa, CA	These beautiful places need to stay free for all to enjoy.
114.	shalice thomas	fulton, CA	
115.	Carol Dumeyer	Kilauea, HI	
116.	Denise Tucker	Bishop, CA	
117.	Marija Mohoric	Skofja Loka, Slovenia	
118.	Sandra Piazza	Sebastopol, CA	
119.	Kevin Vanderhoff	Sebastopol, CA	
120.	Basak Prince	Studio city, CA	
121.	Anastasia Hammond	Guerneville, CA	
122.	Cindy Zacks	Joshua Tree, CA	
123.	james brooks	windsor, CA	
124.	Emily Adams	Sebastopol, CA	
125.	Elliot Stein	Santa Rosa, CA	
126.	Nathan Kemp	Santa Rosa, CA	
127.	Elizabeth Schimpf	Astoria, OR	The beaches belong to the people. Charging people to experience a given right is wrong.
128.	Melissa Craig-Morse	Sebastopol, CA	I could never have taken my children to the beach when they were little if there had been a fee. Nature is a gift to all, rich and poor alike. It is cruel to prevent access to these natural treasures to people who can't afford a fee. Don't do it, please.
129.	Susan Bendinelli	Sebastopol, CA	
130.	Anne-Marie Lambert	Montréal, Canada	
131.	Ryan Silva	Occidental, CA	
132.	Kaelyn Ramsden	Occidental, CA	
133.	Samuel Trimboli	monte rio, CA	

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134.	Sarah Garrison	Sebastopol, CA	The land and beaches should be free for all. Not just those who can afford to pay for parking. Closing beaches, and charging for entry is a shameful act against humanity in this community.
135.	Jindan Mann	Forestville, CA	
136.	Clare Kritter	Boulder, CO	
137.	Morgan Conner	Sebastopol, CA	
138.	Sean Gallagher	Santa Rosa, CA	
139.	Terry Dewane	San Anselmo, CA	
140.	Jerzy Bamberger	Santa Rosa, CA	
141.	Alejandro Velazquez	Windsor, CA	
142.	Dakota Rangel	Windsor, CA	
143.	Chris Blagg	San Francisco, CA	
144.	Jacob Castelar	Santa Rosa, CA	
145.	Brian Rahmeyer	Central Point, OR	
146.	Jeremiah Kahmoson	SANTA ROSA, CA	Please lend your voice and support to this cause. The Sonoma Coast is part of our public legacy to benefit all who would share in its glory. Fees, restrictions, and bureaucratic impositions are the exact opposite of the California Coastal Commission's mission to steward and maintain free and maximized access for the public!
147.	Brodie Jenkins	Sebastopol, CA	
148.	Harper Nolan	Sebastopol, CA	
149.	Merry Humphreys	Santa Rosa, CA	
150.	Richard Castillo	Windsor, CA	
151.	Deanna Heintz	Sebastopol, CA	
152.	Natalie Hernandez	Windsor, CA	
153.	Jessica Champion	Cazadero, CA	
154.	Maureen Washburn	Camp Meeker, CA	
155.	John Sprenger	Occidental, CA	
156.	Craig Shaw	Sebastopol, CA	
157.	Erick Nunez	Windsor, CA	
158.	Selina Cruz	Windsor, CA	
159.	Marcus Mussatto	Windsor, CA	
160.	angel romero	santa rosa, CA	its b.s.
161.	Timothy Saucedo	Guerneville, CA	
162.	rosalie abbott	Sebastopol, CA	

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163.	jacqueline kielar	santa rosoa, CA	
164.	Roger Burns	Sebastopol, CA	
165.	mae mcaleavy	Sebastopol, CA	NO FEE FOR THE BEACH
166.	Hedda Brorstrom	Sebastopol, CA	
167.	sharla pivirotto	Santa Rosa, CA	
168.	Lindsay Vermillion	bodega, CA	
169.	Astra Baxley	Sebastopol, CA	
170.	Michaela Maier	Groveland, CA	
171.	Byron Easton	Santa Rosa, CA	
172.	Mariana Lukacova	Moldava nad Bodvou, Slovakia	
173.	Jason Feldstein	Petaluma, CA	
174.	annie Klein	Occidental, CA	
175.	Kristen Jacobs	Santa Rosa, CA	
176.	David Miller	Sebastopol, CA	
177.	Nicole Aldrete	Barstow, CA	
178.	Liam Galbraith	Santa rosa, CA	
179.	J Bjornson	Occidental, CA	
180.	Jeffrey Domagalski	Forestville, CA	Some things are meant to be free & our beaches are one of them!
181.	Mel Smith	Lodi, CA	They've tried to do the same thing with beaches across Sonoma County as well.
182.	Ty Guinn	CAPITOLA, CA	
183.	Owen Chadwick	Cazadero, CA	
184.	Kristi Stoeckel	Berkeley, CA	
185.	Annemarie Aldrete	Rohnert Park, CA	Please let us keep our lovely climbs easy access for all to afford!
186.	AnnMarie Ginella	Sebastopol, CA	
187.	Taylor Leach	Rohnert Park, CA	
188.	ariel rose Janda	sebastopol, CA	
189.	William Sullivan	Sebastopol, CA	
190.	Oliver Abbitt	Berkeley, CA	
191.	Kim Duerner	Forestville, CA	
192.	Kevin Radle	Santa Rosa, CA	Please listen to the voices of local Sonoma County Residents. This proposal goes against everything the Coastal Commission stands for. Their mission statement is "The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and (continues on next page)

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192.	Kevin Radle	Santa Rosa, CA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination." By charging \$8 for parking along our coastline, you are disabling public users that can't afford \$8 to go to the beach everyday, directly contradicting the mission statement which states the encouragement of public usage. PLEASE remove this campaign. Thank you.
193.	Oshanna Van drechsler	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep our beaches free!!! Everyone deserves access to our beautiful coast
194.	Anthony Barsse	SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA	
195.	Alanna Mednick	Berkeley, CA	
196.	Isaac Schneider	Windsor, CA	
197.	David perez	healdsburg, CA	
198.	Erik Ohlsen	Sebastopol, CA	I have been coming to this coast my whole life. Free access is one of the things that's makes the Sonoma Coast so amazing. Don't ruin it now
199.	Jubal Kaplankohn	Graton, CA	Please don't destroy the culture of Sonoma Co and make access to nature only for those who can afford it.
200.	Patricia O'Rourke	Bodega, CA	Because everyone needs access to the majesty of our coast without having to risk their lives parking on Hwy 1.
201.	Colman Pigott	Forestville, CA	Use a voluntary fee box like at tip jar and annual benefits at each beach with safety instructions and nature talks and walks.
203.	Elizabeth Ramirez	Windsor, CA	
204.	Elizabeth Jimenez	Windsor, CA	
205.	Lisa Be	Sebastopol, CA	
206.	Jim Malone	Donabate, Ireland	
207.	Isak Lepp	sebastopol, CA	
208.	Jim Seaton	Santa Rosa, CA	
209.	Flora Greve	Occidental, CA	
210.	George Mattison	Monte Rio, CA	
211.	Alexei Brown	Graton, CA	
212.	April Bowman	Forestville, CA	
213.	Josh Thorndike	Concord, CA	Just getting there is costly enough for those of us who enjoy spending our time on the coast. Please don't limit the access to yet another piece of the beautiful coast. Many of us who cherish these places simply don't have the disposable income to afford fees.
214.	Leslie Fassio	Sebastopol, CA	

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215.	Gene Filiberti	Occidental, CA	
216.	Jack Kim	San Jose, CA	
217.	Edward Seaton	Occidental, CA	Parking meters and meter maids along the Sonoma coastline is the worst idea ever!
218.	Hannah Gart	Occidental, CA	
219.	Mayria Parmeter	Cazadero, CA	
220.	ryan turney	gUERNEVILLE, CA	This is bs
221.	Greg Coll	Rohnert Park, CA	
222.	Shelby Tyson	Santa Rosa, CA	
223.	Natalie Whiteside	San Francisco, CA	
224.	sam reed	sebastopol, CA	
225.	Karissa Korb	Sebastopol, CA	
226.	Alyssa Miller	San Francisco, CA	
227.	Laurie Winkler	Santa Rosa, CA	
228.	Keeli Kahmoson	Santa Rosa, CA	
229.	Tatjana Ziemer	Sebastopol, CA	
230.	Rob Helms	Portland, OR	
231.	Melissa Hall	Guerneville, CA	
232.	Talia Herman	Petaluma, CA	
233.	Jessica Hampton	Santa Rosa, CA	
234.	Brad Moore	sebastopol, CA	Keep it free, access for all!
235.	mauricio carvajal	santiago, Chile	
236.	Stein Petersen	San Francisco, CA	
237.	Sanette Owen-Thomas	Guerneville, CA	
238.	Paul Matthias	Rohnert Park, CA	
239.	joe Fortney	Sebastopol, CA	
240.	Andrea Heller	Guerneville, CA	
241.	Ashley Freeman	Cazadero, CA	
242.	Laurel London	Santa Rosa, CA	
243.	Christian Mellberg	Mountain View, CA	
244.	Mitchell Masuda	San Diego, CA	
245.	Austin Gurule	Sebastopol, CA	Please keep our beaches free for everyone!
246.	Brandon Bugge	Santa Rosa, CA	
247.	Timmy Traylor	Sebastopol, CA	
248.	Raven Zderic	Healdsburg, CA	
249.	Joseph Fecteau	Santa Rosa, CA	

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250.	Kate Crigler	Santa Rosa, CA	
251.	Amy Holtz	Santa Rosa, CA	
252.	Marty Morelli	Santa Rosa, CA	
253.	Charlie Hyman	Sherwood, OR	
254.	Cindy Crocker	Rancho Cordova, CA	
255.	Cynthia Varady	Novato, CA	
256.	april gibson	bodega, CA	
257.	Rosemary Freeman	Forestville, CA	
258.	Nicolas Whitaker	Bodega Bay, CA	Putting a price on access to our coastline is not only counter to the wishes and values of Sonoma County residents, but it will mostly serve to prevent the most marginalized members of our society from enjoying their birthright. Charging for parking at our beaches is tantamount to saying that you only deserve to access our coastline if you can afford it. This is not only unfair inequitable, but also immoral.
259.	Dylan Murphy	Petaluma, CA	
260.	Mary Gonnella	Santa Rosa, CA	
261.	Sophie Howell	Santa Rosa, CA	
262.	angie Groves	Ukiah, CA	
263.	Rudy Zarate	Santa Rosa, CA	
264.	Jill Libnic	Sebastopol, CA	
265.	Hana Stusser	Sebastopol, CA	
266.	Linda Tauzer	Sebastopol, CA	
267.	Cynthia Coleman	Walnut Creek, CA	
268.	Jessie Brandt	Sebastopol, CA	
269.	dylan gallagher	Santa Rosa, CA	Student environmental scientist and rock climbing enthusiast that would not have the money to enter these areas
270.	Ashlye Gulley	Santa Rosa, CA	
271.	Turner Anderson	Berkeley, CA	
272.	Joshua Poe	Guerneville, CA	
273.	Loren Crotty	Santa Rosa, CA	
274.	Amber Lamar	Santa rosa, CA	
275.	Jamison Priebe	Santa Rosa, CA	
276.	Annaka Cory	Santa Rosa, CA	
277.	Brooke Hill	Santa Rosa, CA	
278.	Gillian Halpin	Sebastopol, CA	
279.	Marina Szarfarc	Sebastopol, CA	

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280.	Luann Dziuk	sacramento, CA	Don't make us pay to see our coastline and beautiful sunsets.
281.	ticiana moran	Bodega Bay, CA	
282.	Ryan Powell	Windsor, CA	
283.	Tyler Kelly	Santa Rosa, CA	
284.	Ben Klocek	Sebastopol, CA	
285.	Adam Mcghee	Kapolei, HI	
286.	Tara Wilson	Sebastopol, CA	It shouldn't cost money to go to the coast. It is important for everyone to have access to the ocean to keep us in touch with nature, not just the people who can afford it. Kids shouldn't have to hear that they can't go to the beach because of the fees.
287.	Kelly Sanders	Tomales, CA	
288.	Dawn Kelly	Rio Nido, CA	Please keep this beach accessible to everyone, rich and poor. We are leased with a beautiful coast line and everyone should be able to enjoy all of it. I know for myself fee hikes make it much more difficult for me and my family to go to our beaches and take in the salt air, the windy weather, depending on the mood and the people we meet , that we wouldn't have the blessing to do so if the fees are raised.
289.	Irina Temnikova	San Gwann, Malta	
290.	Livia Morvay	Crowborough, United Kingdom	Treasures of nature and history we have not inherited. We have them on loan from the generation coming after us.
291.	Chen Boon Fook	SELANGOR, Malaysia	
292.	Robert Evans	Forestville, CA	Help keep our coast free!
293.	Marina Wythe	Jenkintown, PA	
294.	Jerri Miller	Sebastopol, CA	
295.	Michael Mckeon	Santa Rosa, CA	
296.	Kurt Schneeberger	Langenthal, Switzerland	
297.	Victoria Flores	Santa Rosa, CA	
298.	Wendy Blackwell	Santa Rosa, CA	
299.	Caitlyn Calmeyer	Sebastopol, CA	
300.	Rebekka Helgesen Hass	viborg, Denmark	
301.	Mayu Robbins	Sebastopol, CA	
302.	Roshene Brady	Glen Ellen, CA	
303.	Mary DeCraemer	Clarkston, MI	
304.	Rebecca Keller	Sebastopol, CA	

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305.	Jesse Erdmann	Sebastopol, CA	
306.	Enzio Schoffer	Sebastopol, CA	
307.	yevonne ridgway	sebastopol, CA	
308.	Katie DuBois	Bodega Bay, CA	I boulder at Sunset Rocks all the time. This is such a special place for me and I cannot imagine access being restricted.
309.	Alina Huff	Sebastopol, CA	
310.	Alicia Ginochio	Bodega Bay, CA	
311.	Ari Crawford-Levis	Sebastopol, CA	
312.	Paul Morrison	Orinda, CA	This is an unnecessary construction project which will actually have a greater impact on the immediate area than the informal parking and access that it will displace.
313.	Isaac Trevino	Sebastopol, CA	
314.	Jenna Doyle	South Lake Tahoe, CA	Growing up in Sonoma County, I spent most of my time at the coast. Let's please keep it free to be enjoyed by all.
315.	Renee Rosemark Harper	Camp Meeker, CA	
316.	Oona Risling-Sholl	Santa Rosa, CA	
317.	Keith Swafford	Santa Rosa, CA	
318.	Alexander Bondarenko	Windsor, CA	
319.	Todd Kendall	Santa Rosa, CA	
320.	Kaitlyn Yates	Windsor, CA	
321.	Helen Blackmore	oakland, CA	
322.	Craig Harris	Sloughouse, CA	
323.	Elizabeth Schallert	Santa Rosa, CA	
324.	John Harreld	Guerneville, CA	
325.	Dustin Berlin	Santa Rosa, CA	His is our coast. It's not very well explored as is. Do we want to make it harder to enjoy it? What the point of living near natures beauty? Hoard it or SHARE it?
326.	Katharine Chera	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep access to our shared natural resources available to all, regardless of ability to pay.
327.	Alana Lavery	Occidental, CA	
328.	Kimberly Bishop	Santa Rosa, CA	
329.	Robert Merritt	Santa Rosa, CA	
330.	Olivia Gonnella	Occidental, CA	
331.	Marissa Roberts	Sebastopol, CA	

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332.	Melissa Lipari	Sunnyvale, CA	
333.	Kathy Herron	Santa Rosa, CA	
334.	Sean Swickard	Santa Rosa, CA	Fees restrict access, and enforcement is a waste of resources. Keep these places open and accessible to all.
335.	Alexandra Durrett	Cotati, CA	
336.	Jonna Sharp	Rohnert Park, CA	
337.	Amanda Atkinson	Monte Rio, CA	
338.	Marguerite Williams	Santa Rosa, CA	
339.	Ryan Dedet	San Marcos, CA	
340.	Darris Nelson	Bodega Bay, CA	State Park fees will prevent teens, young people and single moms from enjoying the coast . . . having free access to the beach saved my life as a teenager and young adult and gave me a place to enjoy nature with my young son as a single mom.
341.	Chris Markell	Geyserville, CA	
342.	alishua johnson	santa rosa, CA	
343.	Matthew Murrin	Santa Rosa, CA	
344.	Dane Christensen	Santa Rosa, CA	
345.	lily hue	Santa Rosa, CA	
346.	Rory Smith	Rohnert Park, CA	
347.	Victoria Rector	Santa Rosa, CA	
348.	David Phillips	Santa Rosa, CA	
349.	Sarah Wolff	Healdsburg, CA	
350.	Selena Mordue	Sebastopol, CA	
351.	Aaron Cheever	Rohnert Park, CA	
352.	Patrick Gallagher	Santa Rosa, CA	
353.	Dulce Silvi	Sonoma, CA	
354.	Alyse Briody	Santa Rosa, CA	
355.	Jay Maudlin	Santa Rosa, CA	
356.	Alexandria Lopez	Santa Rosa, CA	
357.	Johnny Miu	Windsor, CA	
358.	Daniel Edelen	Louisville, KY	
359.	Daniel Fogle	Sebastopol, CA	
360.	Jan Pechbrenner	Santa Rosa, CA	
361.	Lindsey Elliott	Occidental, CA	Keep Access to the Coast free for everyone.
362.	Laura LaPerche	Yonkers, NY	
363.	Xiounamey Fasel	Sebastopol, CA	
364.	Margaret Dols	Petaluma, CA	

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365.	Danny Low	Santa Rosa, CA	
366.	Melissa Walker	Healdsburg, CA	
367.	Mason Potter	SANTA CLARITA, CA	
368.	christa albury	forestville, CA	Access for all! This area helps bring community to our coasts.
369.	John McRae	Santa Rosa, CA	
370.	Lauren Hoenecke	La Mirada, CA	
371.	Byron Lee	Angwin, CA	
372.	Jessica Willis	Oakland, CA	
373.	Holly Solari	Petaluma, CA	
374.	Ryan Garrison	Sonoma, CA	
375.	Dan Ruch	Millcreek, UT	note: My wife and I are climbers who live in UT but lived in Sonoma County 2 years ago.
376.	Steve Silva	El Segundo, CA	
377.	Amanda Everson	Santa Rosa, CA	
378.	Emily Ho	Emeryville, CA	
379.	jennifer Simning	Santa Rosa, CA	
380.	Hunter Dudley	Los Altos, CA	
381.	Max Reichwage	Sebastopol, CA	
382.	Joe German	Santa Rosa, CA	Having free access to these parks on the Sonoma coast is one of the major perks for residents near and far. How sad it would be to see visitors limited from enjoying it's unique beauty.
383.	Jason Sadowski	Petaluma, CA	
384.	Hillary Carneal	Petaluma, CA	
385.	Sara Courter	Santa Rosa, CA	
386.	Ben Pollay	Petaluma, CA	
387.	Taole Chen	san francisco, CA	
388.	Ayla Gams	Santa Rosa, CA	
389.	Ricky Godoy	Petaluma, CA	
390.	Katie Desmond	Sebastopol, CA	
391.	Megan Schindler	Rohnert Park, CA	
392.	Mark Vandewalle	Santa Rosa, CA	
393.	Alejandra Rodriguez	Santa Rosa, CA	
394.	eva luu	Petaluma, CA	
395.	Laura Radle	Los Angeles, CA	
396.	Kelly Williamson	Santa Rosa, CA	
397.	Erin Matthewson	Santa Rosa, CA	

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398.	Forrest Folk	Sebastopol, CA	
399.	christopher match	Wadsworth, OH	
400.	Raegan Williams	Santa Rosa, CA	
401.	Fraser Ross	Healdsburg, CA	
402.	Christopher Rowe	Petaluma, CA	Goat Rock is a climber destination that should be fee free and dog friendly
403.	Kayley O'Brien	Sebastopol, CA	
405.	Sarah Bingham	Santa Rosa, CA	
406.	Ronilyn McDonald	Ukiah, CA	
407.	Paul Alvord	Tomales, CA	
408.	Daniel McCann	Sacramento, CA	
409.	Jirina Svobodova	Kenwood, CA	
410.	Kathleen Aldridge	Forestville, CA	Sonoma Parks is a special place, it should be open to all individuals free of charge.
411.	erik d	novato, CA	love climbing there! would hate to have to pay a fee
412.	Stacey Garrison	Santa Rosa, CA	Go back to charging CA vehicles one rate for all State Parks....charge vistors to our area
413.	Rebecca Fein	Santa Rosa, CA	Free access to our beaches and parks is so important. While I know that it isn't easy, please consider increasing revenue in a different way.
414.	Joseph Gordon	Santa Rosa, CA	
415.	Stephen Barlow	Santa Rosa, CA	
416.	daisy cuevas	windsor, CA	
417.	Elisabeth Provost	Santa Rosa, CA	Our California Coastline belongs to all of us. I have fond memories of climbing coastal rock cliffs as a child when my family was too poor to pay for other recreation. It was an important connection to nature that is an integral part of who I've become as an adult. Our coastline should remain free and open so our children's children can build the same connections.
418.	Rhodan Vignaud	Kenwood, CA	
419.	Joey Ovenstone	Santa Rosa, CA	
420.	Keisha Haynes	Petaluma, CA	
421.	Tim Chambers	Santa Rosa, CA	
422.	Jemma Williams	Santa Rosa, CA	Let's keep this climbing spot accessible!! Please sign
423.	Jacob Freedman	Santa Rosa, CA	
424.	Connor Halleck	Sebastopol, CA	
425.	Ned Lawton	Sebastopol, CA	
426.	Chad Cotter	Sebastopol, CA	
427.	Melissa Mewborn	Sebastopol, CA	

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428.	BARBARA SNYDER	SANTA ROSA, CA	
429.	Andrea Meyers	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep our Beaches Free!!
430.	Ron McKay	Sebastopol, CA	
431.	Patrick Delves	Santa Rosa, CA	
432.	Alexander Hoermann	Menlo Park, CA	
433.	Rebecca Breunig	Santa Rosa, CA	
434.	Rose DeNicola	Sebastopol, CA	
435.	Junie Curtiss	Petaluma, CA	For many working class families, this is their access to nature. We want the kids to grow up with contact with nature. If it costs money, families will stay away. The children will miss the contact with nature. This measure would essential 'privatize' the coast; you would have to pay to use it. This should be free and open.
436.	Jerod Calantoc	Santa Rosa, CA	
437.	Mark Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
438.	Kathleen Alberigi	Santa Rosa, CA	I'm a mother of a large family and we love to go to the beach regularly increased fees would make a hardship on mine and other families and individuals who enjoy regular visits to these beautiful coastal beaches.
439.	Marc Vogler	Petaluma, CA	
440.	Jeremi Roy	Boucherville, Canada	
441.	walt vennum	sebastopol, CA	This proposal rears its ugly head every few years and has always been defeated. It should be defeated again and never allowed to surface again.
442.	Alyssa Navratil	Rohnert Park, CA	
443.	Scott Hoover	Windsor, CA	
444.	Michelle Smith	Forestville, CA	
445.	Vladimir Sofiyev	Oakland, CA	
446.	Scott Webb	Santa Rosa, CA	
447.	Ken Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
448.	Jock Gilchrist	Cotati, CA	
449.	Mark Schurke	Bigfork, MT	
450.	Jessica Chen	Santa Rosa, CA	
451.	Allison Lopez	Santa Rosa, CA	
452.	Lance Brown	Santa Rosa, CA	charge out of state user fees instead.
453.	Cameron Foster	Santa Rosa, CA	
454.	Matt Charbonneau	Rohnert Park, CA	

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455.	Tavi Hillesland	Mendocino, CA	
456.	Jacquelynne Ocana	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep county parks free! So many people will suffer by not being able to afford parking fees...
457.	Jon Morris	Santa Rosa, CA	Transformiing our public parks from FREE to FEE is a big step towards taking away access and participation on these public lands. Is this the legacy that our generation of lawmakers and society wants to leave for future generations?
458.	Lorraine Sekito	santa rosa, CA	
459.	John Crean	Sonoma, CA	
460.	Kathy Battat	Bodega Bay, CA	This will lead to greater commercialization of the area. It is already getting quite congested. We don't want the Sonoma coastal region to feel like Napa!
461.	Sasha Pronko	Rohnert Park, CA	
462.	Katie Flood	Napa, CA	
463.	Kaare Iverson	Santa Rosa, CA	
464.	Amanda Alves	Santa Rosa, CA	
465.	Jane Goldman	Half Moon Bay, CA	
466.	Meredith Graham	Novato, CA	
467.	Catherine Sieck	Santa Rosa, CA	
468.	Ryan Smith	Glen Ellen, CA	
469.	Wendy Warren	Santa Rosa, CA	
470.	Devon M	Cotati, CA	
471.	Westley Portelance	Corning, CA	
472.	Matthew Meloney	Napa, CA	
473.	David Wallach	San Francisco, CA	
474.	Josh Aaron	San Carlos, CA	
475.	Blake Hamilton	Sebastopol, CA	
476.	Diana Rhoten	Sonoma, CA	
477.	Kevin Sherrill	Santa Rosa, CA	
478.	Edward Miller	Napa, CA	
479.	Jenifer Torres	Deer park, CA	
480.	Wesley Moore	Oceanside, CA	Help keep access to Sunset Rocks!!!
481.	Kenzie Gould	Santa Rosa, CA	
482.	Daniel Nelson	Berkeley, CA	Free access to the parks is important for everyone! If you need more money work against tax cuts for the rich!

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483.	Susan Moulton	Sebastopol, CA	As a single working mother for most of my life, beach access for me and my kids has been of incalculable value. I could not have afforded to go to the beach--it would have meant a choice between food and medicine or restorative recreation. This is a regressive tax. Please keep the beaches free for most of the people in the county who aren't well off. It is one of the best local recreations we have.
484.	Rachael Kojan	Santa Rosa, CA	
485.	Avery Souza	Santa Rosa, CA	
486.	rebecca batzel	Santa Rosa, CA	You cannot charge us more money to spend time getting exercise in and appreciating nature! You cannot own everything! Take money from the highest paying executive's salaries, not from low-income people trying to have fun on the weekends.
487.	Michael Hearty	Sebastopol, CA	In trying to find healthy local activities for families, this added use fee. is one more barrier and burden imposed by a faceless, unfeeling government commission. Didn't we already fight this battle at Sea Ranch as to whether the California coast is free to to our state's citizens? Please don't take this poorly advised action. Say NO!
488.	Steve Brown	San Francisco, CA	Please keep beach access free so that all can enjoy...
489.	Ryan Sheehan	Graton, CA	
490.	Bobby Voeks	Santa Rosa, CA	
491.	Daniel Weinzveg	Sebastopol, CA	
492.	KATHERINE PARKER	SANTA ROSA, CA	The beautiful beaches of California should not be used as a source of revenue, they should be available for all to enjoy - free of charge.
493.	David Jones	Rohnert Park, CA	
494.	Erik Ohlson	Santa Rosa, CA	
495.	Brian Garcia	Santa Cruz, CA	
496.	Luke Kisaichi	Sebastopol, CA	
497.	Kelsey Hammond	Santa Rosa, CA	
498.	Danielle Elins	cloverdale, CA	
499.	Christian Allen	Santa Rosa, CA	
500.	Marie-Eve Nadeau	Ste-Madeleine, Canada	
501.	David Huebel	Geyserville, CA	
502.	keith kinman	Santa Rosa, CA	
503.	Ellen Street	Davis, CA	
504.	Dario DiGiulio	Calistoga, CA	

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505.	Hannah Emiko Ogasawara	Sebastopol, CA	
506.	Craig Dyer	Petaluma, CA	
507.	Sabrina Cole	Santa Rosa, CA	
508.	tom ludovise	Sebastopol, CA	
509.	Brent Goodman	Santa Rosa, CA	
510.	Marcus Pizzorno	Main St, CA	We should not have to pay to simply enjoy nature. What gives The State the right to tax the outdoors?
511.	Mike Leddy	Petaluma, CA	
512.	Chris Jamerson	Santa Rosa, CA	
513.	Steven Girard	Santa Rosa, CA	
514.	davina montelongo	Santa Rosa, CA	This place means a lot to me. It is one of the few places my family and i can go for free entertainment.
515.	Danielle Illing	Santa Rosa, CA	
516.	Jennifer Cassady	Guerneville, CA	
517.	Elaine Newman	Petaluma, CA	
518.	Greg Kiernan	Santa Rosa, CA	
519.	Joan Reynolds	Cloverdale, CA	Please keep access to our coast free to all people, regardless of income.
520.	Madison Hollander	Windsor, CA	
521.	Lisa Kahn	Sebastopol, CA	
522.	Bronwyn schmidt	Sebastopol, CA	
523.	Issa Abudi	Santa Rosa, CA	
524.	Jesse Ray	Santa Rosa, CA	
525.	Lara Dahlstet	Santa Rosa, CA	
526.	Floyd Hayes	Angwin, CA	It's important to provide free access to at least some of the most beautiful sites along the California coast. Pleeeeeease continue to do so!!!
527.	Aaron Dames	San Bruno, CA	
528.	Michael Rivara	Windsor, CA	
529.	Natalie Gilmore	Petaluma, CA	
530.	Leticia Molina	Santa Rosa, CA	
531.	McKella Koho	Cotati, CA	
532.	Jacob Moylan	Kirkland, WA	
533.	Casey Van Portfleet	Oakland, CA	These places need to be accessed by everyone!
534.	Shea Steckel	Santa Rosa, CA	
535.	Clare Curran	Windsor, CA	

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536.	Ruth Porter	Lakeport, CA	
537.	Jodi Friedlander	Tehachapi, CA	
538.	Brandon Karns	Petaluma, CA	
539.	Spencer Derecat	Santa Rosa, CA	
540.	Rita Belt	Santa Rosa, CA	
541.	Justin Blechel	Santa Rosa, CA	
542.	Zackary Weldon	Cotati, CA	
543.	Gabe Manville	Santa Rosa, CA	Why should there be a charge added for access to our parks, we are already taxed enough! Unless there is value add this is not acceptable!
544.	erica brown	Cazadero, CA	
545.	Robin Patterson	Rohnert Park, CA	
546.	Molly Dorfman	Novato, CA	
547.	Jenny Palin	Santa Rosa, CA	
548.	Steven Moylan	Santa Rosa, CA	
549.	Chanyapad Faksawat	Sanfrancisco, CA	
550.	Sheri Creekmore	Forestville, CA	
551.	Kurt Holt	Santa Rosa, CA	
552.	drew hardgrove	Santa Rosa, CA	
554.	Bernardo fernandez	Ukiah, CA	
555.	DYLAN MORRIS	Santa rosa, CA	
556.	Brian Braunstein	Schaffhausen, Switzerland	One step closer to the route the NPS has taken, developing and commercializing nature. Next they're going to be paving more, installing unnecessary "nature centers", etc. Just let nature be and the people enjoy it, keep the money and development out of it.
557.	Susan Simmons	Kenwood, CA	
558.	Rebekah Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
559.	mark schluter	Sebastopol, CA	A very poor and counterproductive idea which undermines outdoor access and community health.
560.	Thomas Crandall	Santa Rosa, CA	
561.	Autumn Racherbaumer	Santa Cruz, CA	
562.	Sara Thornton	Santa Rosa, CA	
563.	Isabel Colin	Rohnert Park, CA	
564.	Anthony Blake	Petaluma, CA	
565.	stefan flaton- cvtanic	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep our beaches out of the hands of people that want to take them away from us!

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566.	Jenna Sarmiento	Santa Rosa, CA	
567.	Lauren Smith	Rohnert Park, CA	
568.	Whitney Bates	Santa Rosa, CA	The best things in life are free. Keep these places one of those things.
569.	Michael severi	santa rosa, CA	
570.	Erik Melligan	Santa Rosa, CA	
571.	Rachid Dahnoun	Healdsburg, CA	
572.	Drew Macomber	Angwin, CA	Help keep the areas around here accessible for the public!
573.	Rowan Keilt	Santa Rosa, CA	
574.	Cole Becker	Santa Rosa, CA	
575.	Simone Heron-Carmignani	Occidental, CA	
576.	Katie-Lauren Dunbar	Santa Rosa, CA	
577.	Danielle Earl	monte rio, CA	
578.	Dave Dinnell	Davis, CA	
579.	Taj Hittenberger	Petaluma, CA	
580.	Zoey Gassner	Santa Rosa, CA	
581.	Maya Nicholls	Santa Rosa, CA	Please keep our beaches free so all can enjoy equally.
582.	Jennifer Forney	Santa Rosa, CA	
583.	Kate Houser	santa rosa, CA	
584.	Erik Abernethy	Mountain View, CA	
585.	mittchell ramirez	santa rosa, CA	
586.	Nicole Moore Perullo	Petaluma, CA	
587.	Kerstin Fletcher	Santa Rosa, CA	
588.	Marjorie Higa	San Mateo, CA	
589.	Anna Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
590.	Lauren Lum	Santa Rosa, CA	
591.	Forrest O'Brien	Sonoma, CA	
592.	Christina Bainbridge	Folsom, CA	
593.	Carl Fletcher	Santa Rosa, CA	
594.	Neesha Malik	Saratoga, CA	
595.	Ryan Lowry	Petaluma, CA	
596.	Hanna Fletcher	Santa Rosa, CA	
597.	Bonnie Campbell	Sebastopol, CA	
598.	Joanne Vandaveer	Petaluma, CA	

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599.	Jordan Bossio	Sonoma, CA	
600.	cameron Gonzales	SANTA ROSA, CA	
601.	Rebecca Patterson	Santa Rosa, CA	
602.	Ian Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
603.	Lisa Tanihana	Daly City, CA	
604.	Debbie Means	Santa Rosa, CA	If you want people to experience our state parks they have to be free!
605.	Julia Lomtevas	Sebastopol, CA	
606.	David Moulton	Sebastopol, CA	Keep it free!
607.	Meredith Diddens	Rohnert Park, CA	
608.	A Clark	Novato, CA	
609.	Abby Everett	Angwin, CA	
610.	Sinan Aksoy	Istanbul, Turkey	
611.	Benjamin Farren	Rohnert Park, CA	
612.	Sarah Cleveland	Santa Rosa, CA	
613.	Lauren Opsahl	Grand Terrace, CA	
614.	Laura Vyenielo	Santa Rosa, CA	
615.	James Jade Tippett	Ukiah, CA	
616.	Christopher Cress	Oakland, CA	
617.	Jason Leibert	Santa Rosa, CA	
618.	Katie O'Brien	Occidental, CA	
619.	Scott Matsuura	Santa Rosa, CA	
620.	aarib ullyott	Cloverdale, CA	
621.	Neil Brem	Santa Rosa, CA	These are OUR natural resources - they must be accessible to all.
622.	Mike Johnson	santa rosa, CA	
623.	Brad Eubank	Kenwood, CA	
624.	Chezo Van Lith	Healdsburg, CA	
625.	Troy Carrington	Santa rosa, CA	
626.	Simon Lewis	Cotati, CA	Parks are for people. Not profit.
627.	Rafael Aguilar	Santa Rosa, CA	
628.	Adler Bretz	Santa Rosa, CA	
629.	Deidre Neville	Santa Rosa, CA	
630.	Elena Martinez	Santa Rosa, CA	

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631.	Itzul Gutierrez	Santa Rosa, CA	Do not charge for access to the Sonoma Coast. It is the one place where families, children, seniors and individuals from all walks of life and various socioeconomic levels are able to access nature, the ocean and respite. Keep it available to all. Find funding elsewhere. Keep it free.
632.	Yosef Sahler	Calistoga, CA	
633.	Marie Pampanin	Occ3, CA	
634.	Gina Pinzari	Camp Meeker, CA	
635.	Trevor Eggen	Sebastopol, CA	
636.	jonna elvin	santa rosa, CA	
637.	Doug Palmer	Sebastopol, CA	
638.	Christian Andersen	Santa Rosa, CA	
639.	jonathan angulo	Rohnert Park, CA	
640.	Douglas Bush	San Rafael, CA	
641.	Lily Hourigan	Petaluma, CA	
642.	Kevin Jahng	Angwin, CA	
643.	Otniel Solis	Santa Rosa, CA	
644.	Stephen Consiglio-Helgeson	Santa Rosa, CA	
645.	Tomoc Field	Santa Rosa, CA	
646.	Daniel Ryan	Santa Rosa, CA	
647.	Sawyer Croft	Santa Rosa, CA	
648.	julie benefield	santa rosa, CA	Please keep these state parks free of charge! It is a wonderful way for Sonoma County residents to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. I have been a resident of the area for 4 years now and the parks around here are one of the main reasons I chose this area to settle.
649.	Sara Moore	Windsor, CA	
650.	Zach Powers	Oakland, CA	
651.	CAITLIN QUINN	Healdsburg, CA	These rocks should be available to all people, regardless of their ability to pay for them. There are no restrooms or public buildings that require upkeep. There is only a rudimentary trail, and it should remain that way. Please do not make this special spot inaccessible to those of us who love it.
652.	Todd Skabelund	Santa Rosa, CA	
653.	Rebecca Reis	santa rosa, CA	
654.	Alice Bailey	Santa Rosa, CA	
655.	London Van der Kamp	Glen Ellen, CA	Not the way it should be! Please don't let this happen!

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656.	Robert Zieber	Santa Rosa, CA	
657.	Heather Kristensen	Santa Rosa, CA	
658.	Toby Daly	Cloverdale, CA	
659.	Emily Hashemian	Rohnert Park, CA	
660.	Bryant Hill	Windsor, CA	
661.	Christine Haut	Petaluma, CA	
662.	gayle parker	Kapaa, HI	
663.	Megan Cronin	Sebastopol, CA	
664.	Hunter Scott	Santa Rosa, CA	
665.	glenda mcdonald	Santa Rosa, CA	
666.	Evan moore	Santa Rosa, CA	
668.	Shannon Lo Ricco	Sebastopol, CA	
669.	David Lumpkin	Sebastopol, CA	A large reason I chose to settle in Sonoma County is the easy accessibility to local wilderness and park areas. Charging for access to such places would increase my cost of living substantially, as I spend a lot of time birding this area. If these areas start charging for access, I will likely use them much, much less.
670.	Margaret Horn	Temple, TX	
671.	Andrew MacDonald	Rohnert Park, CA	
672.	Fernando Renteria	Santa Rosa, CA	
673.	Paul Fleischer	Santa Rosa, CA	
674.	Joseph LaFave	Santa Rosa, CA	
675.	Margaret Gendreau	Santa Rosa, CA	
676.	Mike Stokes	Duncans Mills, CA	We do not need to restrict access to the coast any more than it already is. There are other ways to raise revenue!
677.	Kathryn Heyward	Petaluma, CA	
678.	Justin Dorman	Santa Rosa, CA	
679.	Heather Wahanik	Rohnert Park, CA	
680.	Douglas Obrien	Sebastopol, CA	Fees would limit access for the poor who so desperately need a relaxing place to get away.
681.	Matthew Morikawa	Santa Rosa, CA	
682.	Esra Senvardarli	Santa Rosa, CA	Please maintain public access to public land. Fees help segregate us, Keep nature free please :)
683.	Jessie Price-Wescott	Santa Rosa, CA	

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684.	Paul Press	Santa Rosa, CA	
685.	David Aguillon	Modesto, CA	
686.	Jordan Matter	Mi-Wuk Village, CA	
687.	Franklin Keck	Santa Rosa, CA	
688.	Jacob Greenberg-Bell	Berkeley, CA	
689.	Alix Callender	Santa Rosa, CA	
690.	ELI RHODES	Santa Rosa, CA	I take my kids to nature for education and adventure. We hard working tax payers should not have to pay for access to our free country.
691.	Stevie Lindborg	Santa Rosa, CA	
692.	Shanti Hill-Gauer	Sebastopol, CA	
693.	Marian Vernon	Santa Rosa, CA	
694.	Elysha Eminger	Santa Rosa, CA	
695.	Forest Macomber	Redlands, CA	
696.	Michelle Bovard	Sebastopol, CA	
697.	Eric Gromala	Forestville, CA	
698.	Casey Neuman	Santa Rosa, CA	
699.	Anna Sundberg	Sebastopol, CA	
700.	Elizabeth Wilhelm	Point Reyes Station, CA	
701.	Lance Bollens	Santa Rosa, CA	
702.	Brayan Gomez	Santa Rosa, CA	We shouldnt let this happen. Let's not influence the idea of money having power of us from enjoying being truly alive
704.	Kate Horn	Seattle, WA	
705.	Peggt Farber	San Rafael, CA	
706.	Kathryn Ager	Rohnert Park, CA	
707.	Betsey Albert	Hanahan, SC	
708.	David Rose	Occidental, CA	
709.	Gage Porterfield	Windsor, CA	
710.	Christopher Mullins	Forestville, CA	Ridiculous idea.
711.	Justice Mello	Santa Rosa, CA	I drive out to goat rock during my lunch to take in our worlds beauty. I should not be charged for this.
712.	Chris Finch	Sebastopol, CA	Yeah.....No
713.	Tiffany Cochran	Rohnert Park, CA	
714.	Kristi Toprakci	Santa Rosa, CA	
715.	Sianna Truog	Sebastopol, CA	

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716.	Gia Baiocchi	Sebastopol, CA	The beaches belong to everyone and it is our birthright to be free on the coast. It is also our responsibility to preserve this privilege for future generations! Please reconsider, this would be a huge mistake and is the wrong way to fix a much larger problem.
717.	Karyl Averill	Santa Rosa, CA	
718.	Rossana Linn	Jenner, CA	
719.	JANE PAUL	WINDSOR, CA	
720.	Frank Rich	Sebastopol, CA	
721.	Suzanne Lande	Sebastopol, CA	
722.	Garrett Foltz	Santa Rosa, CA	
723.	Caitlin Harvey	Rohnert Park, CA	
724.	Kathryn Rowe	Freestone, CA	
725.	Robert Carpenter	Santa Rosa, CA	We don't need any more power-and-money grabs from government. Less for the Gov means more for the rest of us. Giving money and power to governments is like giving liquor and car keys to teenagers.
726.	Charley Nuessle	Santa Rosa, CA	
727.	Angelika Ingham	Santa Rosa, CA	
728.	Evan Fowler	Cazadero, CA	We have to stop this, if it passes it will be hard to undo. Free beach access for us, our kids and grandkids!
729.	Stephanie Valdivia	Santa Rosa, CA	
730.	Emma Johns	Santa Rosa, CA	
731.	Dylyn Votreiter	Santa Rosa, CA	
732.	Scott Witt	Santa Rosa, CA	My children and I love to enjoy these spots.
733.	Evelyn Anderson	Santa Rosa, CA	Please keep natural, public lands accessible to all without cost.
734.	Tasha Todt	Santa Rosa, CA	
735.	Yeni Manzanares	Santa Rosa, CA	
736.	elizabeth smith	Santa Rosa, CA	
737.	Anne Prowell	Santa Rosa, CA	
738.	Teak Larwood	Ukiah, CA	
739.	dirk furniss	big bear city, CA	
740.	Erik Christensen	Santa Rosa, CA	
741.	Jonathan Lee	Petaluma, CA	I believe our parks should remain free and open to the public, so that all may use them regardless of their disposable income. The more people who can develop a connection to this land, the better our society will be.
742.	Amber Watkins	Santa Rosa, CA	

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744.	Makayla Milke	Santa Rosa, CA	
745.	Brenda Chatman	Santa Rosa, CA	
746.	Chris Calvi	Bodega Bay, CA	"FREE OUR BEACHES" (Also, State Parks open up your books and show us how you spend the millions you already have budgeted!"
747.	Nate Walker	Santa Rosa, CA	
748.	Kelley Hansen	Rohnert Park, CA	
749.	Sherri Gillespie	LOS GATOS, CA	Stop the Sonoma County State Parks Fee Proposal - Keep Access to Sunset Rocks.
750.	Christine Rist	FREESTONE, CA	
751.	Brooke Martinez	Santa Rosa, CA	
752.	Ashley Gunderson	Santa Rosa, CA	
753.	Jacqueline Orvis	Moss Landing, CA	
754.	jay mello	santa rosa, CA	
755.	Christopher Troutner	Forestville, CA	
756.	Sue Tozer	Ross, New Zealand	
757.	Debs Newcombe	Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom	
758.	nick penney	sileby, United Kingdom	
759.	Autumn Lopez	Graton, CA	
760.	Sieglinda Du Preez	East London, South Africa	
761.	Alan Haas	Cambridge, Canada	
762.	Diana BEARD	Luton, United Kingdom	
763.	Teo Guan Te	Singapore, Singapore	
764.	Christina Lopez	Santa rosa, CA	
765.	Gary Petersen	Cotati, CA	
766.	Karen Everton	PASADENA, CA	
767.	A Reed	San Anselmo, CA	
768.	Alana Fremgen	Santa Clara, CA	
769.	Cheri Whiting	Santa Rosa, CA	
771.	Scott Wayland	Tehachapi, CA	As a life-long climber and once long-term resident of Sonoma County (my family owned property on the Russian River from the 1930's through the 90's), I can't tell you how important this area is to climbers and hikers. To impose the (continues on next page)

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771.	Scott Wayland	Tehachapi, CA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> fee is another barrier to low-income users of the outdoors, and the kiosk will totally eliminate virtually all of the parking for access to the rocks. This fee proposal is a stupid income scheme that needs to be stopped.
773.	Nick Mallonee	Santa Rosa, CA	
774.	Tyler Andrew	Santa Rosa, CA	
775.	Jessica Reisner	Rohnert Park, CA	
776.	Max Williams	Petaluma, CA	
777.	Jessica Tobin	Sonoma, CA	
778.	Zofia Błaszczyk	Bydgoszcz, Poland	
779.	Jenelle Escovedo	Santa Rosa, CA	
780.	Mikaela Burr	Healdsburg, CA	
781.	Laurel Chambers	Santa Rosa, CA	Please keep coastal parks free for all to enjoy!
782.	David Mathias	Santa Rosa, CA	The California Coastal Commission already has far too much control over our coasts. They want to keep our coasts natural and pristine at the expense of allowing reasonable usage. Let's conserve our wilderness, not capitalize it with fees and barriers to entertain. Our coastlands are there for us to enjoy. If you agree, please sign this petition.
783.	Simone Ebright	Santa Rosa, CA	
784.	Andrew Berge	Santa Rosa, CA	
785.	Rebecca Vallotton	Cloverdale, CA	
786.	Kai Morgan	Santa Rosa, CA	
787.	Mikayla Nelsen	Santa Rosa, CA	
788.	Laurie Martin	Cloverdale, CA	
789.	Erica Voss	Santa Rosa, CA	
790.	Will McCulloch	Santa Rosa, CA	
791.	Roy Benton	Angwin, CA	
792.	Sky Lovill	Berkeley, CA	
793.	Andrew Wolocatiuk	Petaluma, CA	
794.	kai gross	Santa Rosa, CA	I think we should have more access to every rock climbing place.
795.	Jeff Rueppel	San Francisco, CA	
796.	sadie birdfeather	petaluma, CA	
797.	bruce lella	bishop, CA	
798.	Lauren Beaudoin	Santa Rosa, CA	
799.	Hannah McEllistrim	Santa Rosa, CA	

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800.	Miranda Darley	Mill valley, CA	
801.	Emil Johansen	Santa Rosa, CA	
802.	Emily Janssen	Sebastopol, CA	
803.	Jameson Schwab	Truckee, CA	Please don't continue to charge outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors.
804.	gabriel stoltzfus	forestville, CA	
805.	Corby Hines	Occidental, CA	
806.	jordan uth	Point Reyes Station, CA	Please stop privatizing our basic human rights to access the coast. Its already a shame that we cannot camp for less than the cost of a hotel room. How will we inspire people to love, protect and enjoy the natural wonders when they are charged a fee and its made only accessible to the wealthy??? Stop the insanity.
807.	Hilleary Izard	Santa Rosa, CA	
808.	joseph gallucci	Santa Rosa, CA	
809.	Guy Tillotson	Sebastopol, CA	
810.	Seth Wood	Sebastopol, CA	
811.	Kim Kirkman	Sebastopol, CA	
812.	Tony Pastore	Fairfax, CA	
813.	Sierra Sander-Hewitt	Napa, CA	
814.	Virginia Fenley	Sebastopol, CA	
815.	Jack Reed	Sebastopol, CA	
816.	Judith Fenley	Graton, CA	
817.	Adrian Fontela	Carson, CA	
818.	Leonardo Franchi	San Francisco, CA	
819.	Ian Maxwell	Occidental, CA	Please keep these parks free of charge. Many low income local residents benefit from these parks. The parks are an excellent recreational space that provide physical and mental health benefits. I believe that the public benefits most when these parks are funded through general revenues. This provides more equitable access, rather than 'per use' approach that discourages access among those with fewer economic resources. Thank you.
820.	Edward Henicle	Santa Rosa, CA	
821.	William Fox	San Francisco, CA	This place is beautiful and supports a tradition of climbing and other activities. There is no justification for deterring people to enjoy the park.
822.	Sarah Maxon	Rohnert Park, CA	
823.	Whitney Potter	Sebastopol, CA	
824.	Daniel Williams	Pleasant hill, CA	

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825.	michael hosey	cotati, CA	
826.	Molly Sinkelman	Santa Cruz, CA	
827.	Samuel Crossley	Lafayette, CA	
828.	Michal Orczyk	Oakland, CA	please maintain access to this public space
829.	Anna Rose Miller	Petaluma, CA	
830.	Melody fields	Cotati, CA	
831.	Alejandro Lozano	Oakland, CA	
832.	anika lindemuth	berkeley, CA	
833.	Holly Macheras	Santa Rosa, CA	
834.	James Treggiari	Oakland, CA	
835.	Danny Herrera	San Bruno, CA	
836.	Korrena Bailie	San Francisco, CA	I absolutely support this - keep the Sunset Rocks free and accessible.
837.	carrie mammoser	Novato, CA	
838.	Tracy Mandel	Palo Alto, CA	Please keep these wonderful parks free to the public. Free access to nature is invaluable for lower-income individuals and students.
839.	Greg Albert	San Diego, CA	
840.	Jennifer Prowell	Santa Rosa, CA	
841.	Veronica Hernandez	Santa Rosa, CA	
842.	Jaime Finch	Santa rosa, CA	
843.	Collin Tynan	Windsor, CA	
844.	Jazzy Garcia	Rohnert Park, CA	
845.	Susan Judson	Fairfax, CA	
846.	Darren Wiemeyer	Santa Rosa, CA	
847.	Victor Rubalcaba	Rohnert Park, CA	
848.	Harrison Luft	santa rosa, CA	
849.	Richard Newton	Santa Rosa, CA	
850.	Marcus Gabbert	Petaluma, CA	
851.	Dorothy Fair	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	
852.	Giovanni Traversi	Santa Rosa, CA	I grew up climbing at Sunset Boulders. This sacred place has changed my life for the better in so many countless ways. My parents split up when I was 12 years old and I was an "at risk" child. These aren't just silly rocks to some people. They are an energy source. They are the glue that holds my life together. They have shown me balance, respect, compassion towards others and an undying need <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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852.	Giovanni Traversi	Santa Rosa, CA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> to protect the land of our precious natural landmarks. You can't put a price on freedom, or on a child's life. This place has always been "free" and always should be. I would not have been able to afford to visit Sunset boulders as a kid, had it cost \$8 to go there. If just leave it at this, I would not be the great person I strive to be everyday without these rocks in my life. Don't take that opportunity from others.
853.	Ben Prowell	Sebastopol, CA	
854.	Spencer Morris	Novato, CA	
855.	Henry Schreiber	Calgary, Canada	
856.	Michael Kavanaugh	San Francisco, CA	
857.	Chaze Russell	Mill Valley, CA	
858.	Kelley Hadley	Santa Rosa, CA	
859.	Zoran Vukić	Beograd, Serbia	
860.	Chess Pettengill	Los Angeles, CA	
861.	Bryce Butko	Verdi, NV	
862.	Jeff Collaso	Santa Rosa, CA	
863.	Brian Chiu	San Francisco, CA	Having open, public climbing spaces is important!
864.	Nathan Garrett	Santa Rosa, CA	
865.	Nancy Tang	Windsor, CA	
866.	Julie Mastrine	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	
867.	Mark Ricci	Point Arena, CA	
868.	Kevin Woodward	Santa Rosa, CA	
869.	Sharon Baiocchi	Santa Rosa, CA	
870.	Brianna Padilla	Rohnert Park, CA	
871.	Jean-Francois Dupuis	San Francisco, CA	
872.	Dee Danley-Brown	El Dorado Hills, CA	
873.	Greta Youngblood	South Lake Tahoe, CA	
874.	Lisa Ray	Petaluma, CA	
875.	Jake Sobelman	San Francisco, CA	
876.	Jiordi Rosales	Santa Rosa, CA	
877.	Joella Simons Adkins	Penngrove, CA	
878.	Wes Colunga	Sebastopol, CA	

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879.	Chris Summit	Santa Rosa, CA	
880.	Daniel Burch	Napa, CA	
881.	Mario Giovannoni	Napa, CA	
882.	Joshua Griego	Jenner, CA	
883.	Reese Rogers	Oakland, CA	
884.	Brandon Savin	Napa, CA	
885.	michael Estens	San Luis Obispo, CA	
886.	Eli Munc	Santa Rosa, CA	
887.	Jessica Holloway	Cazadero, CA	
888.	Cameron Blatter	Santa Rosa, CA	
889.	David Weaver	Oakland, CA	
890.	Andrea Gomez	Napa, CA	
891.	Lisa Rohe	Santa Rosa, CA	
892.	Alex Chew	Santa Rosa, CA	
893.	Ben Karin	Oakland, CA	
894.	Lindajoy Fenley	Rohnert Park, CA	
895.	Lisa walker	Cloverdale, CA	Our tax dollars are already paying for the State Parks. Why should Californians have to pay in our taxes and use of the park?
896.	Storn White	San Rafael, CA	Let's not lose access to this fun climbing!
897.	Dan Chambers	Sunnyvale, CA	
898.	Sarah Caldwell	Healdsburg, CA	
899.	Kristin Steuerle	Santa Rosa, CA	
900.	Ernesto Zepeda	Rohnert Park, CA	
901.	Claire Stark	Santa Rosa, CA	
902.	Maggie Coshnear	Santa Rosa, CA	Protect public access to public beaches! No fees!
903.	Josiah Cooper	San Francisco, CA	
904.	Joe Huras	Vallejo, CA	
905.	LaSette Sewell	Sebastopol, CA	
906.	Matt Quirie	Fairfax, CA	
907.	Randy Stukes	Oakland, CA	
908.	skylar della corte	santa cruz, CA	
909.	Jacob Saltzman	Petaluma, CA	
910.	Richard Price	Oakland, CA	
911.	Chad Hedstrom	San Francisco, CA	Can't stop the rock.
912.	Jessie Butler	Santa Rosa, CA	
914.	Taira Mckinney	Petaluma, CA	

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915.	Jensyn Hallett	Santa rosa, CA	
916.	Brooke Porter	Windsor, CA	
917.	Tonie Quigley	Guerneville, CA	
918.	John Ellington	Santa rosa, CA	
919.	Patti Samp	Petaluma, CA	
920.	Alex Anderson	Healdsburg, CA	Pay for the beaches, not for the outdoor climbing
921.	Jake Himmel	San Francisco, CA	
922.	Katherine Anderson	Larkspur, CA	
923.	Lauren Campbell	Graton, CA	
924.	Donald Barmore	Sonoma, CA	Keep our beaches free!
925.	Max Stewart	San Francisco, CA	
926.	Sarafina Anglero-Evans	Santa Rosa, CA	I refused to be exploited by the state of California for economic gain for enjoying the pacific ocean. That is just ridiculously absurd. The fact that this was even proposed is enraging. Leave our coastlines alone!
927.	Jim Sang	Santa Rosa, CA	
928.	Markin Whitman	Sebastopol, CA	This was attempted about a decade back and defeated. With crab fishing revenue down, we need more, not less encouragement of tourist dollars to the coast
929.	Isaia Faumui	Redding, CA	
930.	Alexander Moskoff	sebastopol, CA	
931.	Amy Le Roi	Santa Rosa, CA	
932.	Gwen Moylan	Santa Rosa, CA	
933.	Caitlyn Quinn	Guerneville, CA	
934.	Shawn Mcgee	Sebastopol, CA	
935.	Taylor Januskiewicz	Cloudcroft, NM	
936.	Steven Guido	Santa Rosa, CA	The government needs money I understand that, but there are some things, like Nature's Beauty, that as accessible as possible.
937.	William Brown	Ukiah, CA	By placing fees on access to public lands, you are essentially making them accessible to only the few. It is similar to systematic disenfranchisement but not in the realm of voting, in the realm of gaining access to that which should be accessible to all. There are plenty of private lands keeping people out. Why would you want to make public lands become like that?
938.	Maro Aroutiunian	Forest Park, IL	
939.	Matthew Ulery	Oakland, CA	

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940.	jennifer LaPorta	santa rosa, CA	I will not be able to afford fees for beach access because I am retired. This will significantly decrease the quality of my life.
941.	Thomas Davis	Santa cruz, CA	Our Parks should be fully funded and provide free access to the people. California is the richest state in the US. There is absolutely no reason we should need to pay to access our State Lands.
942.	Melissa Gutierrez	Santa Rosa, CA	
943.	Austin Beck-Doss	Healdsburg, CA	
944.	Brianna Larson	Sebastopol, CA	
945.	Mia Blake	Santa Rosa, CA	
946.	julie bennion	Santa Rosa, CA	
947.	Thomas Allen	Santa Rosa, CA	
948.	John-Patrick Thomas	Oakland, CA	
949.	rachel kantor	Oakland, CA	
950.	Tyler Meutsch	Sebastopol, CA	In a world where we have to pay to eat, pay to have a home, pay to travel, don't make us pay to enjoy our beautiful coastline and unspoiled nature.
951.	Tatiana Cottam	Emeryville, CA	
952.	Nicole Schlumberger	Sebastopol, CA	
953.	Colin Chapman	Petaluma, CA	
954.	Robert Haine	Los Osos, CA	Thank you for preserving our precious coast and headlands. Keep wilderness wild and free!!
955.	Gabriel Harper	Springfield, IL	
957.	Ruthie Saia-Brazil	Sebastopol, CA	
958.	Christopher Sobanek	Sebastopol, CA	
959.	Lucas Azcarraga	Windsor, CA	
960.	eric nakano	San Francisco, CA	
961.	debbie Vasquez	petaluma, CA	
962.	Christian Fairfax	Santa rosa, CA	
963.	Emily Quinn	Santa Rosa, CA	I use the beach as a stress get away. Charging to see gods beauty? No thanks
964.	Zaxhary Anaya	San Diego, CA	
965.	Matt Lewis	SANTA ROSA, CA	

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966.	Hans Florine	Concord, CA	Putting in a kiosk would REDUCE the ability for people to enjoy this park. Hikers, climbers, walkers, bird watchers. Do not replace useful parking spaces with a kiosk that now adds a logistical mess of how to keep it occupied.
967.	Dillon Rice	Alamo, CA	
968.	Martin Desormeaux	Antioch, CA	
969.	Angelina Corwin-Laskey	Santa Rosa, CA	
970.	Kevin Wood	Oakland, CA	
971.	Michael Bik	Rancho Mirage, CA	
972.	Monica Reedy	Berkeley, CA	
973.	Andy Cao	San Francisco, CA	
974.	Darlene Pascua	Oakland, CA	
975.	Heather Dolan	San Mateo, CA	
976.	GRANT GRAY	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	
977.	Alan Malek	San Francisco, CA	
978.	Rob Beno	Fairfax, CA	
979.	Daniel Wade	San Pablo, CA	A very special place where my wife and I got engaged (and visit often) that should remain free and accessible.
980.	Lesly Brandt	Walnut Creek, CA	
981.	Christine Rohacz	San Jose, CA	
982.	Tara Bhuthimethee	Dublin, CA	
983.	Brianne Brawley	Santa Rosa, CA	Sign the petition to keep Sonoma Coast state parks free of charge!!!
984.	Simon Le Parc	San Carlos, CA	
985.	Caden Picard	Alameda, CA	I understand the need to implement a fee area, but eliminating parking in an already crowded area will make the user experience less enjoyable. Also, having people park on the side of the 1 causes other risks to arise such as pedestrian safety.
986.	Steve Bucher	Martinez, CA	
987.	Jeremy Bernstein	San Francisco, CA	
988.	Julian Mehnle	San Francisco, CA	
989.	Eyal Cohen	San Francisco, CA	This is one of my favorite spots in Northern California. Please keep it free and accessible!
990.	Jeremy Yee	Martinez, CA	I don't understand why CA Parks want to restrict access to this beautiful land? We need to encourage folks to get out and experience places like this, not limit their ability to do so.

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991.	Laura Dambrosio	San Francisco, CA	Some of our favorite crags are along this coast, please make it free and accessible to all.
992.	Wyvonne Colombo	Santa Rosa, CA	
993.	Nathaniel Kane	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	
994.	Sterling Camden	Redwood City, CA	I loved climbing here! It was so beautiful and the locals were super friendly and welcoming! Would be a shame to lose access!
995.	Harlow Carpenter	Oakland, CA	
996.	Rachel Shelley-Abrahamson	Atherton, CA	
997.	David Goldberger	San Francisco, CA	
998.	Amanda Schorsch	San Francisco, CA	
999.	Joel Schwarcz	El Cerrito, CA	
1,001.	Kirsten Torkildson	San Ramon, CA	
1,002.	Brian Hansen	San Francisco, CA	
1,003.	Juliana Byrd	Rohnert Park, CA	This is an enjoyable area which offers the opportunity to get out easily. Please keep in mind that access is important.
1,004.	Chris Hurtado	San Francisco, CA	
1,005.	Richard Schoellhorn	Sebastopol, CA	
1,006.	Katie Kessler	San Francisco, CA	By keeping Sunset Rocks free, their accessibility to all will be maintained, not just to those who can comfortably pay to enjoy them.
1,007.	Nicholas Letourneau	San Francisco, CA	
1,008.	Peter Doege	Mountain View, CA	
1,009.	Katie Wade	San Pablo, CA	Keep Sunset Rocks free!
1,010.	Lauren Hasson	Coffs Harbour, Australia	
1,011.	debra arrington	Manchester, TN	
1,012.	Matthew Weiner	San Francisco, CA	
1,013.	Joel Frederico	Mountain View, CA	I have used this spot and I know that it is very difficult to access without parking. There should at least be an examination of the impact of a fee, because there are not any obvious or practical alternatives to access.
1,014.	Juliane Mueller	Berkeley, CA	
1,015.	Louise Wholey	Saratoga, CA	
1,016.	Cameron Spooner	Guerneville, CA	

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1,017. Jaclyn Pinasco	Walnut Creek, CA	
1,018. Catherine Tran	Concord, CA	
1,019. Alec Rennard	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,020. Payton Pizzagoni	Clayton, CA	
1,021. Joseph Frantz	Concord, CA	
1,022. Matthew Franklin	Citrus Heights, CA	
1,023. Matthew DeGroot	Vallejo, CA	
1,024. Hanh Morgan	San Diego, CA	
1,025. Alicia Lin	Santa Clara, CA	
1,026. Mike Whitlow	Redondo bch, CA	
1,027. Toni Fitzpatrick	Berkeley, CA	
1,028. Angie Salo	WATERFORD, WI	
1,029. Rose An	Arcadia, CA	
1,030. Suzette Smith	LOS ANGELES, CA	
1,031. Ken Wilson	Santa Rosa, CA	We already pay taxes for the benefit of enjoying what is already ours, don't ask us to pay for it twice.
1,032. Lance Hansen	Cardiff by the Sea, CA	□□□□□□
1,033. Amanda Luu	Danville, CA	
1,034. Mike Hazelwood	Hayward, CA	
1,035. Benjamin Kumli	Oakland, CA	Keep it free and open!
1,036. Stephanie Foulger	Mission viejo, CA	
1,037. Ruth Hultman	Santa Clara, CA	There are so many families in California who struggle financially. They need places to take their children to see nature at its best! Please! PLEASE! Don't take this away from them. Let them know all the wonders that are around them. They can pay to go to Disneyland! But don't make them pay to enjoy nature! Those who are having trouble keeping food on their table just cannot do that! Have a heart!
1,038. Charles Owens	Cloverdale, CA	
1,039. Lynda Rice	Redding, CA	
1,040. Karen Cougar	Mountain View, CA	
1,041. Karen Toyohara	La Mesa, CA	
1,042. Nancy Cole	Danville, CA	
1,043. Shaun Gregg	Novato, CA	Free access please.
1,044. Jennifer Vaisman	San Francisco, CA	
1,045. jody takanashi	Ventura, CA	
1,046. Clem Fernandez	Petaluma, CA	

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1,047. Janet G Heinle	Santa Monica, CA	
1,048. sonny findlay	RANCHO CORDOVA, CA	
1,049. Chris Henry	San Carlos, CA	
1,050. Wendy Watson	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,051. Maria Vila	San Jose, CA	
1,052. Sally Thompson Durkan	San Francisco, CA	
1,053. Patrick Murphy	Mill Valley, CA	
1,054. boyd hore	Armidale, Australia	
1,055. Rebecca Andrade	Sonora, CA	
1,056. Christine Concepcion	Palo Alto, CA	
1,057. Daniel Jung	San Jose, CA	
1,058. Patricia Davis	Magalia, CA	
1,059. Leila Zai	San Diego, CA	These parks were set aside for the people. It is disgusting that someone now wants to renege on the purpose of the contract and take back park use for those who can afford it--ONLY those. Yes, what we all need when we try to keep sane by getting away from it all is yet more ugly buildings with greedy bureaucrats inside.
1,060. Laurie Jerdo	Bodega Bay, CA	Food and housing are already so expensive here. A beach fee would keep most families from going at all, or parking along highway 1, walking along the road..
1,061. jerre allen	San Francisco, CA	
1,062. Peggy Emanuel	Calipatria, CA	
1,063. Melanie Hercules	Costa mesa, CA	
1,064. Neeraja Lockart	Palm Springs, CA	
1,065. kevin mcnamara	Rio Vista, CA	
1,066. Mark Woods	San Luis Obispo, CA	
1,067. elisha Belmont	mckinleyville, CA	
1,068. Ashley Watson	Midway City, CA	
1,069. DAN SANCHEZ	SANTA CLARA, CA	
1,070. Cheryl LaBrecque	San Francisco, CA	
1,071. Virginia Fleming	Hawthorne, CA	
1,072. Alice Murnighan	San Rafael, CA	
1,073. Morgan Balentine	San Diego, CA	
1,074. Sharon Procter	Marysville, CA	
1,075. Eric Coblin	sunnyvale, CA	
1,076. M Topping	Los Angeles, CA	

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1,077. Desiree Humphers	San Jose, CA	
1,078. Alex Straub	Antioch, CA	
1,079. Chris McCole	Richmond, CA	
1,080. Emily Texier	El Cerrito, CA	
1,081. Jill Horvath	Palm Springs, CA	
1,082. Paula Amero	Willow Creek, CA	
1,083. Mary Ceglarski-Sherwin	SANTA ROSA, CA	
1,084. Angie Taylor	Windsor, CA	
1,085. Maggie Phillips	Danville, CA	
1,086. Kathy Gray	Redding, CA	
1,087. Renata Langis	Chico, CA	Charging a fee will limit equal access to the natural environment, which should be a right rather than a privilege. Stop capitalizing off of natural resources!
1,088. Elaine Figueroa	santa rosa, CA	
1,089. Troy Lavelle	mill valley, CA	
1,090. Ulises Castillo	San francisco, CA	
1,091. Deeanne Purchase	Felton, CA	
1,092. Penelope Curtis	Grass Valley, CA	I have been supporting the CA Parks Foundation & thus, the CA Parks for many years now. I think that all Parks must be accessible to the public. That is why I pay taxes & support the Parks Foundation, so that the many including children can explore & learn about our rich California environment!!!
1,093. Matthew Wise	Sunnyvale, CA	
1,094. Lisa Saunders	WINNETKA, CA	
1,095. K.Sue Duncan	Concord, CA	
1,096. Stephen Hannah	Sonoma, CA	NO FEES...!! Absolutely none. No fees for 'access'. No fees for 'parking'. No fees for 'use'. This is OUR WORLD, our beach. NO FEES FOR BEING ALIVE...!!
1,097. Carly Cowart	San Diego, CA	
1,098. Kyra Auerbach	Sebastopol, CA	
1,099. Monique LaFromboise	Citrus Heights, CA	
1,100. ian rozner	Santa Rosa, CA	everyone deserves the opportunity to go enjoy the ocean, not only people who can afford to pay the fee.
1,101. mike alen	Rancho Cordova, CA	
1,102. Charles Decelles	Lake Elsinore, CA	
1,103. Nancy Meadows	Chico, CA	

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1,104. Drew Crawford	Santa Ross, CA	
1,105. Carol LaMere	Los Angeles, CA	
1,106. Timothy Moore	Bakersfield, CA	
1,107. becky pettitt	Mckinleyville, CA	
1,108. Katy Simon	Sebastopol, CA	
1,109. Tracey Pence	Los Angeles, CA	
1,110. Gaye Kelly	Petaluma, CA	
1,111. Elizabeth Pataki	Sacramento, CA	Parks are our heritage and our healing grace. What culture would deny us this access.
1,112. Marie Torelli	Sebastopol, CA	Why should we pay? You don't provide restrooms year round and parking lots are paid with our tax dollars...Please keep these areas FREE...RAISE the sales tax and get rid of income tax so the rich pay as much as the poor!
1,113. Teresa Van Doren	Los osos, CA	
1,114. Robert Dolan	San Francisco, CA	
1,115. Pavel Jedlicka	COSTA MESA, CA	
1,116. Jessica Wolfe	Sebastopol, CA	
1,117. Rob Moddelmog	Newport Beach, CA	No iron rangers! Keep the public coast public!
1,118. Linda Bacci	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,119. Jason Woo	Emeryville, CA	Keep the access free
1,120. Lynn Wolf	SANTA CLARITA, CA	
1,121. adam garrison	santa rosa, CA	
1,122. Jen Kuhn Reardon	SAN JOSE, CA	
1,123. Garrett Rawlins	Berkeley, CA	
1,124. Jeremiah Steuterman	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,125. Daniel Zweig	Oakland, CA	I have been hiking from shell beach to goat rock since I was a child have enjoyed climbing and showing friends and family the awesome beachfront park for the last several years. The space at goat rock, shell beach, and especially along the road from highway 1 is already tight for parking. Let's make sure generations can enjoy this park like we have.
1,126. Donna Davis	San Jose, CA	
1,127. Tiffany Carrera	Vacaville, CA	
1,128. Sara Smith	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,129. Ellen McAleavy	Healdsburg, CA	
1,130. Rich Tornai	Pinole, CA	

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1,131. Michelle Peres	Fresno, CA	Parks make life better! Make this about the people!
1,132. Cynthia Roush	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,133. Gloria Cuevas	Pasadena, CA	The coast should be open to everyone and not just the well-to-do.
1,134. Bren Danielson	San Rafael, CA	
1,135. Brandy Hartley	San Francisco, CA	
1,136. Noreen Giarretto	Santa Clara, CA	
1,137. Katrina Gardner	Fair Oaks, CA	I'm signing this petition because I agree with the original decision made by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to deny the Fee Proposal.
1,138. Jen Bruursema	San Francisco, CA	
1,139. Andrew Carmody	Castro Valley, CA	
1,140. Crystal Riggleman	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,141. Erika Rubesova	Palo Alto, CA	
1,142. Jakob Chew	Oakland, CA	
1,143. Molly Triant	San Jose, CA	
1,144. Steve Hill	Santa Cruz, CA	
1,145. James Connelly	Ben Lomond, CA	
1,146. Kelly McColl	Santa Maria, CA	
1,147. EVA ADAMYAN	LOS ANGELES, CA	
1,148. Leanna Gardner	Olivehurst, CA	
1,149. Michelle Hays	Belmont, CA	
1,150. Megan Paladini	Sebastopol, CA	
1,151. Panagiotis Rigopoulos	patra, Greece	
1,152. Rebeca Cristian	Tujunga, CA	
1,153. Bruce Sramek	Oakhurst, CA	
1,154. Julie Bauer	Vallejo, CA	
1,155. Kristine Carreon	Milpitas, CA	
1,156. Amber Lee	Emeryville, CA	
1,157. Xenia Nettleton	Geneva, Switzerland	
1,158. karen allman	sacramento, CA	
1,159. Steven Metler	American Canyon, CA	If there is to be a fee then, public funding from tax money should be revoked.
1,160. Sun Yoo	Apple Valley, CA	
1,161. Mary Hernandez	Los Angeles, CA	
1,162. Alycr Herrera	Landers, CA	
1,163. Andrea McCall	San Francisco, CA	

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1,164. Stefanie Flax	Oakland, CA	
1,165. Susan Oconnor	Bodega Bay, CA	
1,166. Christopher Olinger	Walnut Creek, CA	
1,167. DeForest Wayne	Mill Valley, CA	
1,169. Michael Palladino	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,170. Linda Lehnkering	Anaheim, CA	
1,171. Stephanie Richards	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,172. Michael Luster	Meadow Vista, CA	
1,173. Judy Molland	REDWOOD CITY, CA	
1,174. Adrian Di Stefano	Winters, CA	
1,175. Matthew Hansen	Kentfield, CA	
1,176. Kadie Donica	Gastonia, NC	
1,177. Linda Klein	Seal Beach, CA	
1,178. Hal Forsen	San Clemente, CA	As soon as Lester is fired you jump on the profit bandwagon. NO.
1,179. Debbie Defeht	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,180. Dennis Cole	SANTA ROSA, CA	
1,181. Sheila Barnes	Anderson, CA	
1,182. Giusi Adragna	BERKELEY, CA	
1,183. Celia Lara	Santa Cruz, CA	
1,184. Lynn Shauinger	San Francisco, CA	
1,185. Loree Mezzanatto	Indio, CA	
1,186. Kurt Olmstead	San Francisco, CA	
1,187. Peter Monks	San Francisco, CA	
1,188. ELIZABETH POOL	san clemente, CA	
1,189. guthrie stoltzfus	Forestville, CA	
1,190. ORPHA WILSON	REDONDO BEACH, CA	LEAVE OUR COAST ALONE...CAN'T OUR GRANDCHILDREN SEE THE NATURAL COAST...STOP THE GREED It is wonderful how Ireland, Scotland, Norway, all over still has the Coastlines they had 100-200-300 years ago
1,191. Kelwin Hagen	LA, CA	
1,192. Delilah McKenzie	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,193. alez Alexandria L	dana point, CA	love for nature, life, animals and our planet
1,194. David Beal	North Hollywood, CA	

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,195. koly mcbride	Gonzales, CA	
1,196. marcie usselman	fremont, CA	
1,197. Marie Garside	Simi Valley, CA	
1,198. Jill Boyer	Anytown, CA	
1,199. Michael Doane	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,200. Leigh Nouveaux	Santa Rosa, CA	Leave our coastal access free. There are many that cannot afford to pay for the opportunity to experience these amazing vistas and hikes.
1,201. John Powers	San Francisco, CA	CMON NOW
1,202. Erik Husoe	San Juan Capistrano, CA	
1,203. nancy riggleman	tollhouse, CA	
1,204. Nancy Counter	Gustine, CA	I grew up in Marin County and never did we pay for a walk along the shores, till the Republican Party draining blood from a turnip
1,205. Darrell Lasky	San Francisco, CA	This State, County and Country has funds that come out of taxes that need to be appropriated properly and all parks should be free to humans and non humans. There is no ownership, just stewardship.
1,206. rob stockstill	indio, CA	
1,207. Terrie Tower	Petaluma, CA	
1,208. Rachel Wang	Mountain View, CA	
1,209. Kristi Harris	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,210. Patricia Toner	South san francisco, CA	
1,211. Jade Hatheway	Sebastopol, CA	
1,212. Ken Wallace	davis, CA	
1,213. Susan Burlison	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,214. Tina Osburn	Vacaville, CA	
1,215. Freddie Lewis	Winters, CA	
1,216. Paul Gruber	Berkeley, CA	
1,217. cynthia borris	san lorenzo, CA	
1,218. Patty Lee	Lafayette, CA	
1,219. Paul Hubbell	Crescent City, CA	
1,220. Hannah Wermuller	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,221. Marcia Caldwell	Culver City, CA	

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,222. melissa black	Mt Shasta, CA	How dare you even attempt to put a price on the beauty of nature and possibly deny access to all. Firstly, you don't "own" it and secondly, put down the greed for once and let this be. We desperately need our healing places as refuge from today's world. What else will be left to us?
1,223. Stephanie Gurrola	Chula Vista, CA	
1,224. Eileen Cohen	Berkeley, CA	
1,225. Mary Turner	Mission Viejo, CA	
1,226. Brent Helm	Oakland, CA	Keep access to Sunset Rocks open for those of us who maintain and keep it clean!
1,227. Anna Jackson	Sebastopol, CA	
1,228. Kelsey Escoto	pacific grove, CA	
1,229. Erik Swanson	San Francisco, CA	This is just a money grab on the part of the government. The natural geological formations of the California coast are not a commodity to be exploited for revenue.
1,230. Gerald Shaia	SUN VALLEY, CA	
1,231. Erin Axelrod	Petaluma, CA	
1,232. Jeff Hicks	Los Angeles, CA	
1,233. Beryl Moody	Nevada City, CA	
1,234. Brynn Brothers	Concord, CA	
1,235. Traci Thiele	Garberville, CA	
1,236. Shayna Howitt	Berkeley, CA	
1,237. Margaret Orcutt	Long Beach, CA	
1,238. PJ Tezza	N/A, CA	
1,239. Diana Clock	Berkeley, CA	
1,240. Julia Gifford	Sebastopol, CA	
1,241. Cristina Stricklin	Los Alamitos, CA	
1,242. Margaret Von Biesen	Santa Monica, CA	
1,243. sandra mussman	Lodi, CA	
1,244. Sharon Theriault	Sonoma, CA	
1,245. Janna Grigorieva	San jose, CA	
1,246. Mike Arechiga	Coarsegold, CA	
1,247. caitlin muelder	burbank, CA	
1,248. Jeff Mitchell	Kelseyville, CA	
1,249. Robert Stark	Sausalito, CA	
1,250. Michael Lockert	SONOMA, CA	As a native Californian, I cannot believe the Coastal Commission is even considering this horrible idea. Access to the coast is enshrined in the very purpose of creating (continues on next page)

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,250. Michael Lockert	SONOMA, CA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> the Commission in the first place. Restricting access for those who cannot afford the fees is a crime. Stop this immediately.
1,251. Melody Mitchell	Santa Rosa, CA	I subsist on SSDI and this is one of the only places I can afford to go and enjoy nature. If there were a parking fee, I won't be able to enjoy the beauty of the coast. Every dollar counts for me and many others.
1,252. Doyle Mullins	Chico, CA	
1,253. Ocean Littlefield	Cottonwood, CA	I grew up on the Sonoma Coast, with free access as a kid. We were relatively poor, and if access hadn't been free, we would not have experienced it. But it's something every little kid should have a right to experience! Don't deny it to those with low income!!!
1,254. Henry Barbero	San Francisco, CA	
1,255. Michelle Duran	San Pedro, CA	
1,256. Fauna Tomlinson.	Montgomery, AL	
1,257. Stephanie ODonnell	San Anselmo, CA	
1,258. Kirsten Lassen-Smith	Monterey, CA	This land is my land ...
1,259. Trisha Chaffin	Smartsville, CA	
1,260. Travis Hawk	San Bruno, CA	
1,261. Carina Myres	Santa rosa, CA	
1,262. Donna Giles	SANTA BARBARA, CA	
1,263. Joyce Jones	Hayward, CA	
1,264. Tamara Neumann	Sacramento, CA	
1,265. Dawn Profazza	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,266. Chris Kluthe	San Francisco, CA	
1,267. Michelle Irwin	Jenner, CA	
1,268. Marcus Pun	Oakland, CA	
1,269. Kathryn Wiench	Petaluma, CA	
1,270. seren stegner	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,271. Austin Robinson	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,272. Richard Czechowski	San Francisco, CA	I boulder and climb in these hills with my wife and friends. I don't go to many of the local parks in the bay area because of steep parking fees, etc. Not everyone in the bay has money to burn, please keep the parks for the people.
1,273. Matt Elser	Oakland, CA	
1,274. Lieve Op de Beek	zonhoven, Belgium	

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,275. Paul Adams	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,276. Cyndy Gunderson	Petaluma, CA	
1,277. Kate Fenton	Jenner, CA	
1,278. Heidi Todd	Santa Rosa, CA	Keep our Coastline free for the people and free of Kiosks and debris.
1,279. Derek Doss	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,280. Theresa Matthews	Walnut Creek, CA	
1,281. Rachel Perry	Sebastopol, CA	Keep it open to all people! Free for all people!!! The money generated by taxes is mismanaged, and this is NOT the way to make up for it.
1,282. Lydia fossgreen	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,283. Give LOVE instead of deat SteveThaw	Moraga, CA	
1,284. paul pense	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,285. trish ang	Oakland, CA	
1,286. Courtney Culhane	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,287. Shaina Dehart	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,288. Holli Smith	Danville, CA	
1,289. Vic Madrid	Concord, CA	
1,290. Fred Maguire	Sabta rosa, CA	
1,291. Benny Kong	San Francisco, CA	
1,292. Rachel Kemiji	Sebastopol, CA	
1,293. John Jovino	Sonoma, CA	
1,294. curtis james	ventura, CA	
1,295. Ralph Seguin	Napa, CA	
1,296. Susan Brown	DUNDALK, MD	
1,297. William Tanner	Clovis, CA	
1,298. Thomas Donze	South San Francisco, CA	
1,299. Allee Rosenmayer	Oakland, CA	The land is for the people.
1,300. Chelsea Campbell	Sebastopol, CA	
1,301. DonnaLorraine Clark Nittinger	Penngrove, CA	
1,302. Natalie Cromwell	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,303. Rob Beh	San Jose, CA	Too few recreational areas across the state are available to those living at or below the poverty line. Parking fees for the sake of a pet project is unwanted and unwarranted. (continues on next page)

Name	From	Comments
1,303. Rob Beh	San Jose, CA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> Kiosks don't add security, they just add revenue. State parks should be funded properly at the state level, not with use fees for traditionally FREE parking areas. Stop the fee proposal.
1,305. Nina Kilham	Petaluma, CA	
1,306. julian loveland	santa rosa, CA	
1,307. Jeanie WHITE	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,308. stephanie hughes	Paradise, CA	
1,309. John Dethlefsen	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,310. Devan Becker	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,311. Jeff Hooks	Oakland, CA	I've been exploring local craigs around the bay area, and although I haven't climbed at Sunset Rocks, I love the coastline up there and I hope it remains open!
1,312. jaclyn clark	Emeryville, CA	
1,313. Keith Wellstone	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,314. Scott Songer	Sebastopol, CA	
1,315. Avery Lamar	Sebastopol, CA	
1,316. Lester Igo	Campbell, CA	
1,317. Patrick Thacher	San Francisco, CA	
1,318. Ellie Muelrath	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,319. Denise Waterbury	Bishop, CA	
1,320. Danielle Bonham	Vallejo, CA	
1,321. Janet Caliri	Corati, CA	
1,322. Colette Lydon	Healdsburg, CA	
1,323. Ken Stanton	Angwin, CA	
1,324. Steve Cavalli	Santa Rosa, CA	I picketed at Goat Rock in the 80's or early 90's when they tried to put a pay kiosk there. I turned away dozens of cars and encouraged them not to pay the fee. Would not hesitate to do so again. We ALL need to take that kind of action. We can control government if we will all unite.
1,325. marielle kane	Glen Mills, PA	
1,326. Jessica Quigley	Forestville, CA	
1,327. Thomas Nelson	Bodega Bay, CA	
1,328. Jennifer Beckham	OCCIDENTAL, CA	
1,329. Michael Arcangelini	Sebastopol, CA	
1,330. Shereen Najafi	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,331. Barbara Hooks	Oakland, CA	
1,332. Rod Guyer	Forestville, CA	Beach access should be free for all.

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,333. Gwen Hale	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,334. Christian Friday	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,335. William Schoeffler	Santa Rosa, CA	It's a right!!! What do they do with the money other than nothing. We pay such high taxes already!!
1,336. Helena Kubatova	LOS ALTOS, CA	
1,337. CHris Berger	Point Arena, CA	
1,338. Justin deWolfe	San Francisco, CA	
1,339. Joshua Asel	Sebastopol, CA	
1,340. Adam Landis	Sebastopol, CA	
1,341. Lisa Olson	Sebastopol, CA	I take my kids to the beach because we can't afford to do anything else!
1,342. Eli Gifford	Sebastopol, CA	I have climbed those rocks since the late 80's. If you must put in a kiosk for the beach put it further into the park
1,343. Steve Pearce	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,344. Ashley Rose	Pleasant Hill, CA	
1,345. Gina Peters	Santa Cruz, CA	
1,346. Ariel Fenster	Aptos, CA	
1,347. Matthew Crockett	San Jose, CA	
1,348. S Zarate	Berkeley, CA	
1,349. Sabel Regalia	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,350. Beatrice Pool	Petaluma, CA	
1,351. Susan Upchurch	Graton, CA	The California State Constitution and the Coastal act both guarantee MAXIMUM access to the coast for citizens
1,352. Nora Damisch	Vienna, Austria	
1,353. Leah Nelson	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,354. kim dow	forestville, CA	
1,355. John adam Badgley	Sebastopol, CA	
1,356. Andrew Hammerich	Fulton, CA	
1,357. james holser	sebastopol, CA	These beautiful spaces should be open to all, not just the monetarily privileged.
1,358. Hosea Reyes	sonoma, CA	
1,359. George Bereschik	Sonoma, CA	Bad idea. Keep the beaches free. If you need revenue, get it from the wine industry. Let me enjoy nature without paying.
1,360. Scott Stedry	Santa Rosa, CA	In charging for access the the Sonoma coast, you are further taxing the residents of Sonoma County who are by and large the biggest group of users of these cherished beaches. Please reject this proposal!

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,361. Karen Prosen	sebastopol, CA	Protect the coast!
1,362. russell greene	san francisco, CA	
1,363. Crystal Smith	Santa Rosa, CA	Please keep access to these beautiful places easy and free.
1,364. Carly Anderson	Berkeley, CA	Please allow us to keep climbing at Sunset Rock! It's a wonderful area and I'd love to continue to share climbing there with the community!
1,365. Michael Sherwood	Sebastopol, CA	
1,366. Tiffany Cheng	Berkeley, CA	
1,367. Andy Jacobs	Walnut Creek, CA	Keep outdoor climbing free!
1,368. Stephanie Manieri	Santa Rosa, CA	PROTECT THE COAST!
1,369. Brian Hemmerlin	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,370. Carol Callens	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,371. Nick Earley	Occidental, CA	
1,372. Tim Terry II	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,373. Charlene Yeates	Johannesburg, South Africa	
1,374. Michael Mahoney	Geyserville, CA	Maybe that ranger should stop driving on the beach at Goat Rock unless it's an emergency.
1,375. Andres De la Rosa	San Francisco, CA	Access to Sunset rocks and other climbing boots along the Sonoma and California coast line is key reason why we love living in the Bay Area and losing said access would be a significant drop in our quality of life and our morale as California residents!
1,376. Nick Crowley	Redwood City, CA	
1,377. Jacquelyn Moore	San Francisco, CA	
1,378. Ashley Vail	San Francisco, CA	
1,379. Raymond Moreno	Millbrae, CA	
1,380. Kathleen McCormick	Petaluma, CA	
1,381. Alden Olmsted	Santa rosa, CA	California is enjoying a budget surplus not a deficit - KEEP THE BEACH FREE
1,382. Kimberly Rickman	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,383. Donald McLean	San Rafael, CA	
1,384. Liz Cook	SEBASTOPOL, CA	Please sign the petition.
1,385. Danielle Naretto	Windsor, CA	
1,386. Mikki Herman	Guerneville, CA	
1,387. Dominic Wiltermood	Windsor, CA	

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,388. Launa Naretto	Monte rio, CA	
1,389. Stephen DeLucia	San Francisco, CA	
1,390. Erle Reed	Guerneville, CA	
1,391. David Reed	Guerneville, CA	
1,392. Michael Sanchez	Sunnyvale, CA	Let's let this one be a no pay site. I agree with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in their original decision to deny the fee proposal.
1,393. Nicholas Rogers	Rohnert Park, CA	
1,394. Brennan Bentley	San Francisco, CA	There is no reason to construct a fee collection station, which will deny most visitors access to certain areas of the park by increasing the hiking distance, and will greatly limit climbing access to the treasured Goat Rock climbing features. If payment is needed, then under CEQA an alternative with lower adverse environmental impact should be considered and selected--namely, a drop box for fee collection as is used at many CA state parks. This would avoid unnecessarily increasing the human footprint and limiting access to the climbing and other areas.
1,395. Trinia Cuseo	Bodega, CA	
1,396. Inger Grape	Mendocino, CA	
1,397. Kate Hullen	Santa rosa, CA	
1,398. Julian Thorn	Sebastopol, CA	
1,399. Sophia Hicks	Oakland, CA	
1,400. Jacob Resneck	Petaluma, CA	
1,401. Susan Harvey	OJAI, CA	
1,402. Gabriel Nelson	Glen Ellen, CA	
1,403. Richard Fairfield	Santa rosa, CA	
1,404. Jolene Beilstein	Bodega Bay, CA	
1,405. janice fife	Occidental, CA	
1,406. Josh Katz	Sebastopol, CA	
1,407. Teresa Cuseo	Santa Rosa, CA	
1,408. Audra Cutler	Oakland, CA	
1,409. Lisa Montgomery	Rio nido, CA	
1,410. Ronald Burke	Sebastopol, CA	
1,411. Utaw Cuseo-White	San Diego, CA	
1,412. Christy Hubbard	Virginia beach, VA	
1,414. Joann Henderson	PALM COAST, FL	
1,415. Tom Scarvie	BERKELEY, CA	

	<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1,416.	Caroline Whittinghill	Berkeley, CA	
1,417.	MaryGrace Meyerdirk	La Mirada, CA	

**From:** reuben weinzveg <[preserveruralsonomacounty@gmail.com](mailto:preserveruralsonomacounty@gmail.com)  
**Date:** April 4, 2016 at 7:29:41 PM PDT  
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[Roberto.Uranga@longbeach.gov](mailto:Roberto.Uranga@longbeach.gov), [mluevanocoastal@gmail.com](mailto:mluevanocoastal@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** 17(a) support of staff recommendation to deny Sonoma Coast fee proposal

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**A-2-SON-13-0219 (California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sonoma Co.)**

Dear Commissioners McClure, Cox, Groom, Uranga & Luevano:

I am Treasurer of Neighbors to Preserve Rural Sonoma County. We have 1,975 members and supporters wish to comment regarding Agenda Item 17(a) the proposal by State Parks to institute fees on Sonoma Coast State Park beaches and the reasons that you should not approve these fees.

We support the Commission staff recommended denial of the State Parks Fee proposal because we agree that there are not adequate facts provided by State Parks to show that there will not be significant impacts to public access or the sensitive coastal environment of the Sonoma Coast. Without these facts, there cannot be a proper decision to vote to approve fees.

State Parks, in addition, has not shown the proposed fiscal advantage to Parks by the assessment of these fees. Costs for iron rangers and staffing and enforcement may well be more costly than the proposed revenue. Parks has not shown this budget publicly and this should be done, especially in light of the past financial management problems of State Parks that has been well documented in the last few years.

Our membership will be personally effected by these fees because all of our members are car dependent for access since Sonoma County has no coastal bus service to most of the beaches and the cost of fees will prohibit access to many of our members who are of limited means.

We may not be able to speak at the hearing on the 13th, so please read our comment letter into the record regarding this matter.

Sincerely  
Reuben Weinzveg, Treasurer  
707-695-6023

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**Neighbors to Preserve Rural Sonoma County (PRSC)**

*We are a 100% volunteer organization. Please consider making a donation to help us advance our mission. Donations can be made by sending your tax deductible checks made out to Sonoma County Tomorrow (our fiscal sponsor), c/o PRSC, P. O. Box 983, Sebastopol, Ca. 95473. Or donating online via Paypal <http://preserveruralsonomacounty.org/donate/>*

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**From:** Mark Feldman  
**To:** SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal  
**Subject:** Parking Fees along our Sonoma Coast & suggested solution  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:57:01 PM  
**Attachments:** STATE PARKS-FUNDING BY CORP"S.docx

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Nancy Cove  
 CA Coastal Commission  
 45 Fremont St Suite 2000  
 SF CA, 94105  
 RE: Parking Fees along our Sonoma Coast and elsewhere

Dear Nancy Cove:

I join the many 1000's of citizens & taxpayers in Sonoma County and other counties in the North Bay area that are OUTRAGED and say ABSOLUTELY NO to the CA Coastal Commission pushing and imposing this insensitive idea of citizens having to pay to access the beautiful Sonoma Coast beaches (that belongs to everyone) by having the public pay for the deficit of \$34,000.

The CA Coastal Commission represents the people of the State of CA and must pay attention and listen to what the public says and wants about this proposed idea of having to pay to access the beautiful Sonoma Coast beaches (that belongs to everyone).

There needs to be MORE time on this reviewing this proposal with the state looking at more socially-inclusive and autonomous actions on this issue ALONG with more public meetings. I attended the public meetings in Sebastopol and Santa Rosa and will be attending the meeting on 4/13 at the Santa Rosa Vets Building.

**NOTE:** Please open the attachment as I have done some research on how Corporations and Companies *could step up to the plate to fund the entire State Park system, along with CA road repairs, after school programs in the low income impoverished areas etc.*

My suggested possible SOLUTION to this situation can be implemented with NO COST TO THE STATE OR TAXPAYERS & CITIZENS with details in my attachment. This would be a major publicity benefit for any Corporations/Companies that would agree to support and contribute to funding the *State Park system, along with CA road repairs and after school programs (music, arts & crafts, etc) in the low income communities.*

Their financial support & financial contributions would go a long way for any Corporations/Companies that would participate by improving their image, would create public support and appreciation, giving them lots of recognition that could be very useful in their advertising by showing that they care and are helping the State delete these deficits and problems that are affecting everyone in CA.

This solution can be implemented with NO COSTS TO THE STATE, TAXPAYERS & CITIZENS WITHOUT HAVING NEW TAXES TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

I feel very strongly that this would work with getting high profile actors and politicians to support and get behind this concept by encouraging Corporations/Companies in CA to participate in helping the people of CA so that we ALL will have free access to the coastal beaches & parks, along with funding the CA State Parks, getting roads repaired and *funding*

*after school programs (music, arts & crafts, etc) in the low income communities.*

It would be nice if you could include this proposed idea on the agenda to be discussed at the Santa Rosa 4/13 meeting at the Santa Rosa Vets Building.

ALSO: The strong possibility exists that if the CA Coastal Commission gets this implemented in Sonoma County, that this concept/proposed idea of having to pay to access the coast will more than likely be pushed by the CA Coastal Commission and they will try to implement this program throughout the entire coast in the State of CA.

Sincerely,

*Mark Feldman*

137 Winchester Dr Santa Rosa, CA 95401-9137

STATE PARKS –TO BE FUNDED BY CORP’S

COMPANIES & CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PAYING THEIR SHARE OF TAX \$\$\$  
ALONG WITH GETTING MASSIVE CA STATE SUBSIDY \$\$\$\$

THEY COULD EASILY AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE CA STATE PARKS WHICH WOULD  
AVOID THE PUBLIC BEING CHARGED FOR PARKING ON THE COAST

*The time is ripe for a tax on oil extraction to FEE to pay for CA road repairs and Sate Parks*  
<http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-84448825/>

Why not raise the money by taxing the oil extracted to fuel the vehicles that tear up the  
pavement?

**A 9.5% extraction tax on the value of oil and natural gas could raise more than \$1.5 billion  
annually. 10% of these taxes collected could fund the State Parks and eliminate the need for  
asking the taxpayers to pay for parking on the Sonoma Coast and the entire state**

California does impose some oil taxes, but they are piddling compared with other states.  
The Legislature passed a severance tax in 2009, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed it.  
In 2006, the oil industry spent \$95 million to defeat a severance ballot measure.

*\*Top Personal Income Tax Delinquent CA Taxpayers*

[https://www.ftb.ca.gov/aboutFTB/Delinquent\\_Taxpayers.shtml#CORP](https://www.ftb.ca.gov/aboutFTB/Delinquent_Taxpayers.shtml#CORP)

*Personal Income Tax Delinquent CA Taxpayers*      **Total: \$95,666,445.82**

*\* Scroll Down for list of Corporate Income Tax CA Delinquent Taxpayers*

*Corporate Income Tax CA Delinquent Taxpayers*

**Total: \$24,745,363.52    OWED 2016**

*Summary of State and Local Awards Top 10 Parent CA Companies*

State Name: California <http://subsidytracker.goodjobsfirst.org/prog.php?statesum=CA>

**Subsidy Total: \$2,518,053,143    Number of Subsidies: 16,995**

Time Period: Earliest year of data: 1996. Availability of data for earlier years varies greatly from  
program to program. The majority of the listings for this state are for the period since 2012.

Notes: Dollar totals do not include awards for which no subsidy value is available.

*The United States of subsidies: The biggest corporate winners in each state*

<http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/news/united-states-subsidies-biggest-corporate-winners-each-state>

California Northrop Grumman **\$429,887,998**

*For a business-Unfriendly state, CA offers lots of subsidies* **October 9, 2014**

<http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/economy/for-a-business-unfriendly-state-california-offers-lots-of-subsidies/>

*This July, state lawmakers approved a **\$420 million tax break** for aerospace manufacturer Lockheed Martin and expanded it to include fellow aerospace giant Northrop Grumman after that company cried foul.*

**California Competes tax credit:**

This year, the state's set to give companies more than **\$150 million** in such credits. Starting next year (2013), available tax credits will **rise to \$200 million annually**.

**California Film & Television Tax Credit:** For the past several years, *California has handed out \$100 million in annual subsidies via a lottery system.* Brown recently signed new legislation that axes that system and hikes **annual incentive payouts to roughly \$330 million a year.**

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CALIFORNIA  
COASTAL COMMISSION

Ms. Nancy Carr,  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont St., Suite 2000  
San Francisco, Ca. 94105

April 3, 2016

Dear Ms. Carr

As a senior citizen on a fixed income I am writing to voice my deep concern and opposition to the proposed parking fee for 4 state beaches in Sonoma County.

These beaches form a vital access point to the beauty of the California coast which instills respect and a sense of stewardship.

Limiting this access to those able to pay for this privilege not only is unjust but severely impacts the potential of future generations continued respect for our coast and its preservation.

Please consider these points and uphold the right to free access to our coastal treasures.

Sincerely,  
Katie Sanderson  
203 Ragle Ave. S.  
Sebastopol, Ca. 95472

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CALIFORNIA  
COASTAL COMMISSION

Nancy Cave  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105

April 2, 2016  
PO Box 74  
Monte Rio, Calif.  
95462

Dear Nancy Cave,

Add my voice of discontent to those who oppose obstructing Coastal access by charging parking fees. I do not have the extra money to pay this fee.

Our right to free beach access is protected by our State Constitution, the Coastal Act and the California Coastal Commission. Why are we even talking about this? It is already a fact of our governmental laws that all California residents have the legal right to free beach access.

Keep our beaches free!

Sincerely,  
Gail M. Adams

Box 67  
Jenner, CA 95450  
April 3, 2016

Dear Ms Caves,

I have lived in Jenner for the past 45½ years. During this time I have walked the beaches here many times over the years.

Access to our beaches should remain free to all - rich and poor.

Please see that access remains free.

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CALIFORNIA  
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NORTH CENTRAL COAST

Best wishes,  
Dan Clark



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RE: Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219, Agenda Item W17a, Sierra Club Sonoma Group letter in opposition to charging for beach access in Sonoma County

April 3, 2016

Dear Ms. Cave and Commissioners:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is seeking approval before the California Coastal Commission to charge fees for parking at 10 sites along Sonoma Coast State Beach and Salt Point State Beach, making 35 miles of public access to the Coast subject to new fees in one sweeping proposal.

The Sonoma Group of the Sierra Club, representing the approximately 5000 members of the Sierra Club who live in Sonoma County, urges the Commission to uphold the vote of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in opposition to such fees and keep Sonoma County beaches free and accessible.

### **Northern rural beaches are different from southern beaches**

Northern California coastal areas are unlike southern and central coastal zones in that distances between populated areas and the coast are far greater in the North. In Sonoma County the city of Santa Rosa, which is the largest "close" urban area, is 23 miles of often narrow, winding roads from the coast. West Sonoma County is composed of widely separated small towns and hamlets with no public transportation between them, or to the coast.

### **Charging for parking will reduce coastal access**

Access to the Sonoma Coast is almost entirely by automobile. Public transit is not available to the coast from the populated areas of Sonoma County, nor is any funded or planned at any point in the future. Bicycling is dangerous in many road sections and is out of the question for families with young children and most senior citizens. There is no real alternative to driving in order to visit the beach.

For a low or limited income resident of Santa Rosa with a car, an \$8 parking charge will be a significant barrier, as shown by the mostly empty fee parking lots of the County's

Regional Parks and the congested parking on streets around the parks. If fees are imposed on the main parking areas along Highway 1, the remaining free parking areas will be used. Routes to the beach from these areas often involve walking ½ to 4 miles through coastal scrub and clambering down a steep, unimproved trail to get to a beach. Clearly, families with children, seniors and disabled people will find their access to beaches severely restricted. Keeping the main parking areas free ensures that people of low and limited income or limited mobility can still afford convenient access to the beach.

#### **Equal and fair access to the coast**

The California Constitution (Section 4 of Article X) and the California Coastal Act (Pub. Res. Code Div 20, Sections 30000-30900) require that maximum public access to the coast be fairly provided to all, as envisioned and provided by the vote of the people of California. As a public agency, the DPR is required to comply with the Constitution and with the Coastal Act (Section 30003), and to help create the conditions necessary for maximum public access. DPR is further obligated by the Coastal Act to “rely heavily on local government and local land use planning procedures” in order to “...achieve maximum responsiveness to local conditions, accountability, and public accessibility.” (Section 30004). DPR’s proposal, however, will reduce public access and ignores local planning and local needs.

#### **The Fee Proposal is an illegal limitation of “maximum public access” in Sonoma County**

Without practical pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit access, charging for parking will minimize public access. The Coastal Act’s Section 30210 places only four limitations on the provision of maximum public access: public safety, protection of public rights, protection of private property rights and protection of natural resource areas. The DPR is seeking to limit maximum public access solely for fiscal and budgetary purposes, which is clearly not one of the authorized limitations.

In recent documents, DPR has added language about protection to its proposal, but they have not explained how new fees would accomplish these purposes. In fact, it can be argued that parking fees will create new problems in the areas of public safety and protection of natural resources by pushing people into unsafe and unimproved parts of the coast.

#### **State Parks proposal would usurp Sonoma County’s Local Coastal Plan**

The Coastal Act requires that following local government land use planning should be prioritized in order to “achieve maximum responsiveness to local conditions, accountability, and public accessibility...” (Section 30004.) In Sonoma County, planning along the coast is governed by the Local Coastal Plan which states that ‘no change’ (ie from free to fee) is allowed to occur at several of the beaches where DPR proposes to collect fees. In addition, the County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on August 21, 2012 opposing DPR’s plan to charge fees at the beaches, stating that they felt that the fees would reduce access, and in 2016 the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to remove fees from Regional Parks in order to provide equal access to local parks.

#### **Charging fees for undeveloped lots will create a precedent**

Like other parts of the state, the Sonoma Coast currently charges day use fees in parking areas that provide amenities. The current DPR proposal seeks to impose new fees in non-ADA compliant gravel parking areas with little to no amenities, and which have historically been free. Charging fees for these unimproved gravel lots may set a statewide precedent for charging for undeveloped parking lots elsewhere on the California coast, significantly reducing statewide beach access and severely undermining the Coastal Act's guarantees of equal access.

**It is unclear whether new fee revenue will benefit Sonoma County State Beaches**

Revenue collected from parking areas along the Sonoma Coast must be very high before any money will be allocated locally to maintain and improve state parks, according to DPR's proposal. DPR states that the new fees are necessary to fund State Parks, however they have not prepared any revenue/budget/cost analysis to support their claim.

**Environmental review of State Parks' proposal is not adequate**

The entire proposal is being conducted under a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), which is authorized when there are "no significant environmental impacts." Yet the proposal includes plans for Willow Creek, a currently undeveloped 3,373 acre inland location, and is also likely to lead to significant grading and paving to make all of the sites ADA-compliant. Environmental, public safety, traffic, and other impacts to the remaining free parking areas and increased usage to roadside pocket beaches from those seeking to avoid fees has not been properly studied.

**Key user groups were not consulted**

DPR's planning process for the proposal to implement new fees on the Sonoma Coast has been conducted without public input. Recreational users such as rock climbers, hikers, boaters or kayakers, and those relying upon beach access for sustenance such as abalone divers or kelp harvesters have not been asked for input. Tribal leaders have not been consulted about access to cultural and historical sites and environmental groups like the Sierra Club have not been invited by DPR to participate in any discussions. The fees are likely to raise expenses for struggling nonprofits which currently run programs to teach at-risk and underserved youth about the importance of coastal preservation through field trips and activities along the coast. DPR has no idea how its fee proposals will affect these key user groups.

**Impacts of new fees for low & limited income and minority communities have not been analyzed**

As of this date, there is no existing study available as to how new fees in a car dependent coastal access location will affect public access. In other areas of the California coastline such as Crystal Cove, Doheny State Beach, San Clemente State Beach and Pacifica State Beach, where the Coastal Commission approved fee increases or installation of automated fee collection devices, the approval was conditional upon DPR providing data to show that these fees did not disproportionately affect access for beach users of limited means and also did not promote environmental impacts to adjacent areas. DPR has yet to comply with these conditions. The CCC has requested similar information from DPR related to the Sonoma County proposals. As of this writing, none has been submitted.

We ask the Commissioners to take into account local conditions in Sonoma County as well as the wishes of Sonoma County Supervisors and residents, and oppose the Department of Parks and Recreation's proposal to begin charging for parking at Sonoma County State Beaches. Keeping these parking areas free ensures that people of low and limited income can still afford access to the beach.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Suzanne Doyle  
Chair, Sonoma Group, Sierra Club

cc: Susan Hansch  
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Re: Application Number: A-2-SON-13-0219  
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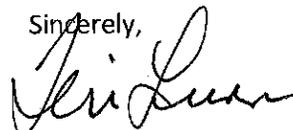
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I strongly urge you to deny this application and preserve the Sonoma Coast beaches for the benefit of the public, as is your duty under the Coastal Act.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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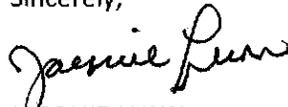
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REMBERTO MAJANO

**From:** [Lars Langberg](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Re: A-2-SON-13-0219 CA State Parks Proposed Fee  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 12:49:04 PM

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Attention: Nancy Cave, District Manager,

I am writing in reference to the State Park's proposal to implement fees at Bodega Head, Shell Beach, Goat Rock State Beach, & Stump Beach parking area at Salt Point State Beach Park. My name is Jasper Langberg and I am in eighth grade at SunRidge School in Sebastopol, CA. I visit the beaches in Sonoma County almost every weekend and have enjoyed free access to the beach my whole life. I personally believe that everyone should have the ability to visit our beautiful beaches without having to pay a fee. For some families, this fee would limit their ability to enjoy this natural resource. I don't think it's fair to limit to a whole group of people who can't afford the cost, no matter how little.

The beach can be a really good place to forget some of your money problems, but putting financial limits on the very people who need this opportunity to relax and forget does not seem fair.

I support the Surfrider Foundation recommendation of denial of the State Park's proposal to implement fees for the following reasons:

- Proposal provides inadequate information of the specifics of the project or any analysis of the impacts and fails to meet both CEQA and Coastal Act requirements,
- Is a violation of public access provisions of the Coastal Act,
- Contains numerous inconsistencies and unsubstantiated data to support DRP's claims, and
- Is the result of a flawed public process

Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA 94105

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Re: Application No. A-2SON-13-0219, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Applicant

Dear Coastal Commission:

This letter is written to make known our strong objection to the installation of automatic pay parking machines anywhere along the coast. Directly within the purview of the Coastal Commission: the machines themselves, the signage, signposts, gates, bollards and other modifications would all be unsightly and disruptive.

Perhaps not within the purview of the Coastal Commission, but nonetheless important to us, is the Department of Parks and Recreation's choosing to increase its income at the expense of the poorer segment of society. The lack of public transportation and parking along the coastline make access by automobile the only means of enjoying these public beaches. If there is a cost to access and utilize the beaches, the intent of the Coastal Commission (providing beach access "to the people") is being subverted.

If the intent of this project is to increase income for the Parks and Rec's budget, it seems better to us to cut some of the bloated middle management positions rather than destroying the beauty and public access. Is not the mission of the Coastal Commission to provide public access to and protect the beauty of this unique resource for the people? This project seems totally at odds with this mission. In addition, the vandalism that will surely occur will be a continuing and unsightly problem, requiring further government intrusion into the people's enjoyment of the coastline.

In summation, it seems to us that this is yet another example of ugliness being spread in order to perpetuate and expand a bureaucracy that was intended to serve the people. It will, in fact, do exactly the opposite.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To Members of the Coastal Commission:

I oppose the project for the following reasons:

**The project limits access to public parks.**

These lands have been set aside to provide for our human need for habitat. People have an innate need to connect with the natural world. Putting pay stations in our parks imposes a barrier between people and the land that has been set aside for them. I know this is true because Sonoma County Regional Parks has put pay stations in most of our county parks. I don't usually go to their pay parks because they cost too much. I am a painter and I paint outside a lot. I started a picture in one of our local parks, but I had to go back a couple of times to catch the light and shadows at the same time of day. So in addition to my time and materials, I spent \$21 in parking fees - for going to a "public" park. There is a park next to Wohler Bridge, near my house, where I would like to take pictures sometimes, but it costs \$7.00 to park there, so I don't stop. Another beach park, Sunset Beach, is a 10 - minute drive from my house. I used to go there, but since they put in a pay station 7 years ago, in 2009, I stopped going. It's not that I would never pay the fee, but it does lessen the chance that I will go to that place, so it is a barrier to something that's supposed to be ours.

**The proposed project is an economically unfair.**

These fees are the same for millionaires and people with average income. There is a proposal to help people with low incomes - but this is not fair either. It would be most fair to fund parks through taxes because a person's economic situation is considered when calculating taxes.

**The project is aesthetically obnoxious.**

When people go to appreciate the beauty of our shared lands, I don't want them to be hit up for money. I don't want them to have to start searching their wallet. It takes away the feeling that these places belong to us, if we have to pay someone to get in. I want our public lands to be free to the public.

**The proposed project is a waste of money.**

Pay stations do nothing to help our parks. The whole apparatus to collect fees costs money. The money for parks should be collected through taxes so we can save money on things we don't need, like pay stations and the surrounding infrastructure.

Part of the proposal sounds like what Sonoma County Regional Parks does: they "improve" the park by putting in a half mile of unnecessary fencing, they put a picnic table with a view of the parking lot, then they make us pay for it. We don't need kiosks, unnecessary fencing, or iron rangers. Most of our beaches have a piece of asphalt and an outhouse. It's not fancy, and it doesn't cost much. People know exactly how to enjoy their parks - without a visitor center or anything.

**The proposed project is unethical.**

The idea of putting a price on something that is a basic human need, so that people with less money have a poorer chance of getting their human need met, is unethical.

There is also a problem with choosing particular beaches. Bodega Head and Goat Rock are very special places. Goat Rock is where the Russian River meets the ocean. It is an incredible spectacle of water, sand dunes, birds, pelicans, ducks, and harbor seals. It makes me sick to think that people wouldn't be able to go there without paying State Parks. I guess it makes sense to charge for the best beaches, but then that means fewer people will be able to go to the best beaches.

**The proposed project ignores the will of the people.**

Our county has rejected this proposal. Our county supervisors have rejected this proposal. California State Parks continued pursuit of this rejected proposal is a hostile action against our people. They are trying to force us to give up free access to public parks. They are trying to force this outcome by appealing to the Coastal Commission, which is supposed to protect our access to the coast. These lands belong to the people. We, not California State Parks, own them.

**The proposal discourages activities that should be encouraged, for people's sanity, health and well-being.**

I want people to go to their beautiful beaches. I don't want it to cost money when they get there. People would be better off if they spent more time in nature. It is calming, fulfilling and makes life better. People can improve their kids' lives by taking them to the ocean. Even if they have a little tiny house and not much yard, they can expand their world to include places like Goat Rock and Bodega Head. Please don't discourage them by making it expensive and a hassle.

**Access to our natural lands is a human need and should be funded in the general budget.**

If California State Parks is not getting enough money to maintain our beaches, (a piece of asphalt with an outhouse, and some occasional trail work,) they should get more money in the general budget. This proposal is like you sent someone to do the shopping for the week and they came back without any vegetables. Now we need a special fund so we can have vegetables. Or we'll have everyone pay 50 cents at every dinner if they want vegetables. (!) Vegetables are needed. They're not optional. They should have been included on the shopping list. Don't you think?

In conclusion, would you really want to implement a project that limits access to the coast, that is economically unfair, that ruins the free feeling that these lands belong to us, that wastes money on construction and infrastructure we don't need, that discourages people from visiting the most interesting beaches, that ignores the will of the people and in general puts a price on something that is a human need?

I hope the Coastal Commission will take seriously the responsibility of preserving access to the coast for all of the people.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Ms. Cave,

I wish to express my opposition to the charging of fees to access our coastal parks.

The over-riding issue of our times will be climate change. Since oceans cover 75% of the Earth's surface and therefore form the basis of much of our climate, we should be enhancing access to them, not making it more difficult. I want to see the type of access that is not determined by pre-set programs and activities. They certainly have their place but cannot compete with access at a person's own time and pace. These are what give a real sense of belonging, something that you both take care of and are taken care of by in return. These are the sensibilities we will need to foster if we expect to make it through future difficulties.

You may have decided to begin charging fees in Sonoma County because you perceive us to be a relatively affluent county and one that could therefore afford to pay. Yes, Sonoma County is affluent but, like most other places, the money here is very unevenly distributed. Through my work with the Living Wage Coalition of our local Jobs With Justice chapter, I have become aware of a number of statistics which I am happy to share with you.

According to the latest census, in 2010 one in 10 Sonoma County residents lived below the federal poverty guidelines of \$10,830 per year for a single adult. As usual, figures were higher for Latinos (17.7%) and African Americans (21.1%). 200% of the poverty threshold is often used as a measure of economic hardship. 27.6% of all county residents were experiencing this hardship with over 60% of Latino households earning a combined income of less than \$25/hour.

Added to this is the fact that the California Employment Development Department (CA EDD) projects that in the next 10 years 40 - 50% of new jobs created will pay below \$15/hour and will not enable people to move out of poverty.

Along with low wages, many of our citizens are coping with extremely high rents. The 2010 census showed that 55-60% of the households in Sonoma County were paying more than the widely accepted measure of 30% of their income for housing. Here it is important to also take into consideration that since 2011 rents have increased on average 10% per year so rents are now 40% more than they were when the census was done

making the number of county residents paying more than 30% of their income for housing quite a bit higher.

These facts make it clear to me that instituting a fee to access our public beaches will render them inaccessible to large numbers of people. Many of these would be people of color and perhaps undocumented. In my experience, people with little money generally have little time as well so filling out forms and determining eligibility are likely to be left by the wayside.

I have obviously heard the news that the Governor will be signing a bill that would establish a statewide \$15/hour minimum wage by the year 2022. While I applaud that effort it is obviously quite a ways away, and I do not feel that the double whammy of hardship wages and rising rents will be completely alleviated. Therefore I feel that my basic points still stand.

In my view our state legislature needs to adequately fund our public parks rather than forcing you into the untenable and unconstitutional position of enacting a system of individual use payments that will serve to deny access to a broad swath of our residents. The less than 2 tenths of one percent that is currently allotted for state parks is ridiculously meager and could certainly be increased. I will be contacting state representatives regarding this matter as well.

I thank you for the time taken to read all the public comments you are receiving and the effort you have put into this matter.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Strecker

Cc: Sen. Lois Wolk, Chair, Senate Sub-committee 2  
Asm. Richard Bloom, Chair, Assembly Sub-committee 3

**From:** Michael Von der Porten  
**To:** SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal  
**Subject:** California State Parks appeal  
**Date:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 9:31:47 AM  
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Please see attached.

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Ref. Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219 (California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sonoma Co.)

**Members of the Commission:**

The issue the Commission and State Parks continue to address is the ready access to our coastal lands.

The "fight" is about \$8 fees.

What should be concerning are the \$10,000 "fees." Those are the chained-off areas attributed to "service reductions."

Presumably, for \$10,000 and arrangements made weeks in advance, those chains would be opened up for a day and the applicants (members of the public) could have access to one of those locations for a day.

Why are these chained-off areas not of concern?

Further, it is understandable that when camping demands require only one loop at Bodega Dunes be opened for camping, only one loop is opened: that reduces maintenance costs and improves oversight by the camp hosts, etc.

But, when there is further demand, why is it OK to put up CAMP FULL signs when about 2/3 of the sites are still chained off? The State Parks staff member blamed "the budget."

Why is it OK to have Reef Campground and Reef Day Use Area (Fort Ross State Park) closed much of the year when people want to visit these sites? There is no effective off-site parking or walk-in opportunities for these sites.

If the Commission is truly interested in public access, it is these closures which should receive first priority.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Von der Porten

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**From:** [robin@bodegamoons.net](mailto:robin@bodegamoons.net)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Sonoma Coast Fee Collection Project  
**Date:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 6:16:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [RudderowOppositionToCoastalCmsn.pdf](#)

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Attached please find my opposition to the Sonoma Coast Fee Collection Project.

Thank you, Robin Rudderow

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I am opposed to fee collection devices at the 8 proposed locations on the Sonoma Coast.

1. State Parks proposal is scaled back.

It is good that State Parks has withdrawn the proposal to have attended entrance stations at Bodega Head and Goat Rock.

2. Parking fees at Southern California Beaches are avoided by parking on highway - this is not an option at the Sonoma Coast.

We are often reminded that State Park beaches in Southern California charge parking fees, and that Sonoma Coast beaches should chip in their fair share. I am informed that the parking lots of Southern California beaches are frequently less than full, and that beach goers instead park for free on the highway. Attached is a Google Earth photo of Malibu Lagoon State Beach. The parking lot, which charges \$10 per car, is less than half full, yet cars line both sides of the highway for quite a distance away from the beach. This is unsafe as it encourages people to walk along and cross the highway, when there is a safer, and empty, parking lot they could use.

People parking at the Sonoma Coast beaches outside the parking lots will cause significant environmental damage. Attached are Google Earth photos of Bodega Head and Goat Rock. The roads leading up the parking areas are barely two lanes. There are a few turn out spots, but nowhere for people to park along the side of the road without damaging the roadside flora and fauna. Yet, people will try to park on the side of the road to avoid the parking fee as they do in Southern California.

3. Charging at some of the beaches will negatively impact the other beaches on the Sonoma Coast.

Charging money to park at some beaches will cause people to go to other beaches in the area that do not charge, causing overcrowding and congestion in the lots where there are no collection devices. This will result in less than anticipated revenue for the devices and overcrowding at beaches that do not charge for parking.

4. Beaches must be preserved for all to use.

Charging money for people to visit our coast beaches is a step backward in the progress we have made in protecting and preserving our beaches.

The \$3/hour; \$8/day fee proposed will disproportionately impact low income communities in Sonoma County. Public Resources Code § 30213, Low cost recreational facilities, requires that “Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are preferred.”

The California Constitution, Article X, Section 4, requires that access to the beaches of California “shall be always attainable for the people.” Charging parking fees will result in beaches being unattainable for some.

#### 5. Financial considerations remain vague.

Coastal residents and visitors pay substantial California state income taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes that should be used to preserve the parks. Asserting that this is a larger policy issue beyond the scope of this project is disingenuous.

#### 6. History is not on the side of charging for use of Sonoma Coast Beaches.

Imagine the Sonoma Coast beaches in the 1860s, just after the Bear Flag Revolt, when the State of California was settling into its existence. It was here that Honoria Tuomey was born in 1866 on the Buckhorn Ranch on Coleman Valley Road, and here that she made her mark by assuring that our beautiful coastline was preserved as a part of the California State Parks.

While it took the efforts of many Sonoma County residents, including Howard McCaughey, the unofficial “mayor” of the coastal communities, to have our coastline declared a park, in 1928 Honoria Tuomey was named an official adviser to the State Parks Commission and she recommended that the Sonoma Coast be included in the State Parks system.

Honoria Tuomey recognized the significance of the Sonoma Coast for its history. The Coast Miwok cared for the Sonoma Coast for thousands of years, living lightly on the land that housed and fed them in comfort and peace. From 1811 to 1833, the Russian American Company claimed Bodega Bay as their Port Rumiantsev and the area north of Russian River as their Fort Ross, then in 1834 Yankee Captain Stephen Smith received a grant from the Mexican Government for the 35,000 acre Rancho Bodega, which encompassed the entire Sonoma Coast from the Russian River to the Estero Americano.

In the late 1800s Rancho Bodega was carved up into many ranches. The stunning beauty of the Sonoma Coast was threatened as it was parceled out to private ownership. Through the amazing foresight of Honoria Tuomey and others, development on the Coast was stopped and the Sonoma Coast was preserved and protected for all to share.

The late 1950's and early 1960's saw Bodega Bay's successful challenge to PG&E's attempt to put a nuclear power plant on our beautiful coast. For over 50 years coastal residents and visitors have breathed the clear free air that was preserved by the efforts of the many who love the coast. State Parks and the Coastal Commission are urged to

work with those of us who are passionate about the coast.

7. A suggestion to enforce current laws and raise revenue

The parking lots at Bodega Head and Goat Rock are overly congested on pleasant weather days. If State Parks will patrol these lots and enforce current parking (by ticketing those who park outside the approved spaces) and anti-litter laws, State Parks will raise needed income and restore order to these sometimes chaotic parking lots.

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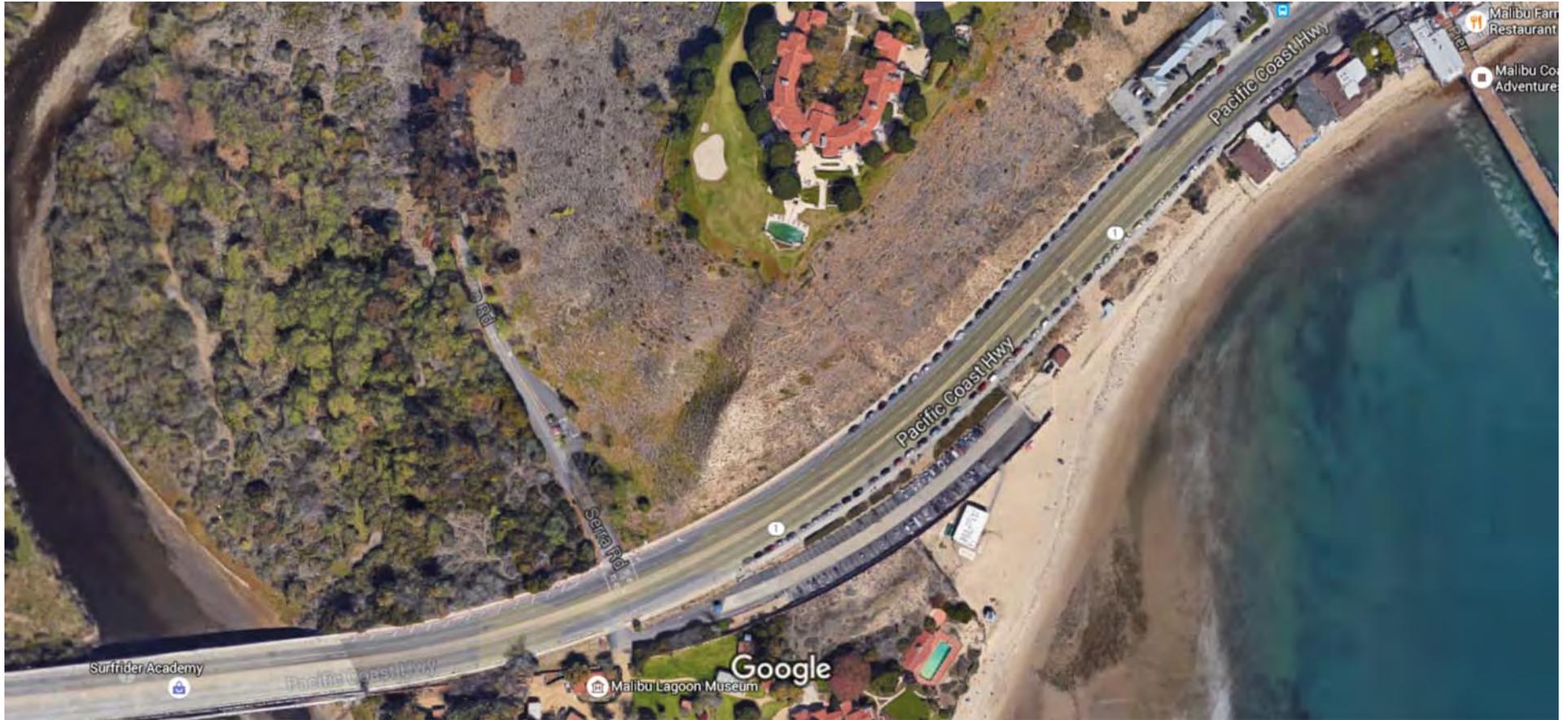
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Google Maps Malibu Lagoon State Beach



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COASTAL COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

PERMIT NUMBER: A-2-MAR-08-028-A1-EAD

ACCESS TO OUR CALIFORNIA COAST IS RAPIDLY BECOMING AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. WE ENJOY COASTAL ACCESS TO PURSUE TRAILER CAMPING, BEACH ACCESS, BOAT LAUNCH OR OTHER USE AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT.

WE TRAVEL FROM NEVADA FOUR TIMES A YEAR TO PARTAKE IN THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED BY LAWSONS LANDING. WE ASK THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL RESOURCE BE ALLOWED TO EXIST AND THE COMMISSION PRESERVE AND PROTECT THIS UNIQUE DESTINATION.

PLEASE ALLOW THE LAWFULL PROCESS ALREADY UNDER WAY TO LET THIS FAMILY FOLLOW IN THE MANNER THAT THEY HAVE FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS. THE CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEND SUPPORT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS EXPERIENCE.

SINCERELY,

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# THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

April 8, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
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Subject: Application: A-2-SON-13-0219, Applicant: State Parks and Recreation

Dear Chair Kinsey and Commissioners,

The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) writes to you today in support of your staff recommendation to deny State Parks' request to install self-paying devices at 8 park locations in Sonoma County. Fundamentally, The Wildlands Conservancy disagrees with the notion of charging families to park at State Park beaches. But specifically, we are concerned that this proposal will have the predictable consequence of overburdening TWC property and free parking amenities in Jenner Headlands.

The Wildlands Conservancy is a non-profit provider of free public access and outdoor education on our nature preserves. We can attest, without a shadow of doubt, that charging fees for access to nature has a disproportionate impact on lower income families. At our free tent-campground on our Wind Wolves Preserve in Kern County, I frequently hear firsthand how people discovered our preserves because they could no longer afford to visit their favorite state parks. Just last week, I spoke with a young couple with children from LA. They were staying with us for a several days because they could no longer afford the fees charged at El Capitan State Beach.

In 2009, The Wildlands Conservancy partnered with the Sonoma Land Trust to acquire the magnificent Jenner Headlands in Sonoma County. A few years later, The Wildlands Conservancy assumed fee-title ownership and stewardship of the 5,600 acre preserve because the state's financial crisis precluded transfer to State Parks. Later this year with our funding partners, we will build a public parking lot on the inland side of Highway 1 to provide safe access to the property. No fees will be charged. If Goat Rook becomes a fee-based parking area, it's logical to assume that this will become "Plan B" for those unable to pay the fee. While we welcome them to the Preserve, this facility will not accommodate large numbers of beach goers.

Additionally, we don't believe that the proposal before you is consistent with the Parks Forward recommendations that the Department pursue more creative and collaborative partnerships with NGOs. We were initially hopeful those recommendations might open new opportunities for TWC to partner with State Parks. To that end, TWC offered to take over management of Russian Gulch State Park, adjacent to our Jenner Headlands Preserve. Russian Gulch has been closed for years, and the parking lot could provide access to both properties. TWC offered to upgrade the facilities, manage and patrol the land, and re-establish public access at no charge in return for a revocable transfer to return the property to State Parks should we be unable sustain our commitment of free public access. Imagine our surprise when our offer was turned down with the explanation that Russian Gulch was targeted as a park that could generate future income.

In short, the Department turned down an opportunity to re-open a closed park and re-establish free public access at no cost to the state, because of the property's potential to generate fees from future users. This is a sad commentary on the current direction of this Department. Make no mistake, their application before you today will not be the end of their requests to charge for parking in this area.



At the March meeting, Commissioner McClure astutely observed that in a time of surplus budgets, the state does not seem to be using any of its new revenues to support the mission of State Parks. In that instance, the Department was at the mercy of the City of Coronado's aesthetic preferences to build a fence, because the City was footing the bill. Commissioner McClure's point was well taken, that the State, now in a surplus funding position, can't even afford to repair a fence to protect an endangered species. I submit that like the parking lots in Sonoma, this is not a funding problem. It is a priority problem.

The Wildlands Conservancy would ask that the Commission take a longer view of the situation at State Parks. Our State Parks are a world class legacy, projected by the vision of earlier generation as a gift to the future. By Commission action to support your staff recommendation, you will remember that today and remind us this entire legacy. If you, and we, can't protect the constitutional right to coastal access through our State Parks beaches for all Californians, including the underserved, where else can we protect it?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan York", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan York  
Vice President, The Wildlands Conservancy

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April 5, 2016

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California Coastal Commission  
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Dear Mr. Ainsworth, Ms. Cave, Chair Kinsey and Coastal Commissioners:

On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request that the Commission support Sonoma County's position that beach fees should not be imposed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation at coastal access parking lots with limited services along our coast. Our Board is not opposed to charging fees at full service, staffed parks in the Coastal Zone, but firmly believes that this application is inconsistent with the Coastal Act and the California Constitution's provision that our citizens have maximum access to the shoreline and navigable waters of the state.

The sites proposed for fees in this new application are uniform in one aspect. They are parking lots which serve the public as access points to rural coastal beaches and bluff top trails. They have no permanent staffing or programs other than those facilitated by volunteers. When a coastal area is car dependent, charging for parking limits coastal access, and violates the mandates of the Coastal Act and Constitution. Further, the Constitution mandates that maximum access be provided with the most liberal construction of the maximum access provision.

The impact of the proposed parking fees on economically disadvantaged individuals and families is especially objectionable. Many families in our County, which is rural by nature and similar to Sonoma County, would be adversely impacted and essentially prohibited from access to our beaches. The proposal should be denied for this reason alone.

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While we are sympathetic to the Department's need to generate funding due to legislative mandates, we draw a line when it comes to protecting the fundamental interests of Californians in regards to coastal access rights.

We trust that you will act to protect and assert the public's right to access coastal beaches, even when that access is car dependent and budgetary concerns seem to override these same rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Gjerde', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Gjerde, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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**Subject:** Comments regarding State Parks proposal to charge fees at Sonoma County beaches

Hello Commissioners,

I have attended the last two meetings regarding the above proposal and am writing to you to implore you to uphold the decision of the staff of the coastal commission and deny Parks and Rec's proposal for new fees at Sonoma County's free beaches. For starters, I think you should know that this issue has practically no coverage in the local newspaper or on the local radio station.

I live along the lower Russian River, am a retired school teacher on a fixed income, and enjoy the Goat Rock beach several times a week with my husband, my family, friends and dog. We often meet there for picnics, celebrations and even memorial services. We held our children's birthday parties there. It is a very special place for me and my family.

Personally, my lifestyle will deteriorate dramatically if there are charges at this beach.

Aside from that, the following is a list of my major concerns regarding this proposal:

Passage of this proposal will set a precedent for increased fees and place more beaches in jeopardy of fees in the future.

This proposal would deny local, low income beach lovers use of the beaches that have always been free. (It appears that every 10 years or so this charging issue gets raised again.)

Traffic, especially parking, on Highway One will be increased by those who cannot pay the fees: beach lovers will park on the highway and walk across this delicate ecosystem to access the beach. OR there will be "No Parking" signs all along this pristine coastal highway.

Families, tourists, rock climbers, surfers, bicyclists, picnickers, hikers, all those that use and love these beaches, will find their recreational activities compromised by traffic jams and parking fees.

Originally, this property was purchased by the residents of this county in order to protect it from development and was then turned over to the parks department to, along with other reasons, assure free and unlimited access for the people to our beaches.

There is very little, if any, public transportation to this area. So everyone has to drive a car to get there, forcing each to pay the fees. These fees would make hosting a child's birthday party there prohibitive.

Finally, where is the Environmental Impact Report for this vulnerable area? And, even more importantly, when will the compulsory scoping session be scheduled? It seems all the meetings are "hush, hush", and the people are told they cannot verbally address this issue (in fact, were directed to take their concerns to tables scattered around the room, many of which were unmanned). It appears to be a sneaky money grab by State Parks and in violation of the original intentions of the people of Sonoma County who purchased this property and turned it over to Parks and Rec to assure free access to beaches for all.

Please uphold the No Fees on Sonoma State beaches and stand with the decision of our local supervisors and the staff of the Coastal Commission. Please uphold the integrity of why this property was originally purchased by the residents of Sonoma County: so that it may forever be accessed free to the people.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon, Nancy and Co.,

Attached please find comments prepared by David Kenly and me regarding the above-referenced project. We focused our comments on the lack of proper CEQA review and process because your 4/1/16 Staff Report about the de novo application is so well done. Kudos for the thorough and well thought out analysis! Your attention to detail and responsive commitment to ensuring public input are very much appreciated. You bring reality to the goal of agencies and the public working together collaboratively.

State Parks' position that the 2012 NOE is sufficient is indicative to us of how differently we view the potential impacts along the coast. For example, my firm just completed permit acquisition and assisted Sonoma County with CEQA review for the Jenner Headlands Preserve parking lot north of Jenner. During project development, we were required to conduct on-site surveys and prepare reports of biological and cultural resources, wetland delineation, visual and traffic studies, consultation with Caltrans and with local Native American Tribes, etc. Granted this is a new, 30-space feature, but I would expect State Parks to at least provide a visual study that superimposes proposed infrastructure onto the landscape and considers glare and graffiti, as well as a study about potential roadside parking and signage. It is interesting to me that State Parks provided comments to Sonoma County during circulation of the IS/MND urging us to provide protection of the delicate coastal bluffs on State Park property across the street, which makes total sense but seems a little out of whack with their own proposed actions.

At any rate, thank you again for your efforts. I'm not exactly sure I'm looking forward to the hearing next week, but I am looking forward to seeing you again. Please enjoy a lovely weekend.

Best regards,  
Kathie (and David)

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The following is provided by Kathie Lowrey and David Kenly to augment **CCC Staff Report W17a dated 4/1/2016** and to support our position that the Sonoma Coast State Parks Fee Collection Stations Project is not ready for a CCC Board hearing or approval because **State Parks has not complied with CEQA**. Issues below only examples.

**Use of State Parks' 2012 categorical exemption finding is not appropriate:**

The March 2016 de novo application states that the revised fee proposal is consistent with CEQA, and the notice of exemption filed in 2012 remains valid. The 2012 finding was based on Classes 3, 4, and 11; see Appendix C. However, the 2012 finding does not provide adequate CEQA review because:

1. Cat.Ex. Classes 3 and 4 are subject to the exception found in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(a), which requires a public agency to consider **where** a project is located. The project area is described in the application as “unspoiled Sonoma Coast vistas,” “wild beaches,” and “rugged scenery,” and the new project description proposes placement of pay machines (APPM) and signage at 8 sites. Photos 1-3 were taken on April 6-7, 2016; Photos 2 and 3 are from the angles found on the site plans in Appendix E for placement of the APPMs. When viewed with the photos on Sheet C1 of the site plans in mind, it is only reasonable to conclude that installation of such new infrastructure would result in an adverse change in the panoramic vistas.
2. Guidelines §15300.2(c) states: “a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to **“unusual circumstances,”** such as the **unusually undeveloped Sonoma Coast**. Additionally, although Hwy. 1 is not a designated scenic highway, its pristine scenic values would seem to invoke the spirit of the §15300.2(d) exception that disallows use of any categorical exemption for projects that might damage scenic resources.
3. The statement in Section 4.1 that installation of fee collection devices is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines §15311 is misleading; the Class 11 exemption is specifically for accessory structures to **“existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities,”** not a wildland like the Sonoma Coast.
4. The statutory exemption cited in Section 4.1 (Guidelines §15273) applies to “establishment ... or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies,” **not physical changes to the landscape** such as signs and new “social” trails that may result in adverse impacts on sensitive resources.
5. The definition of a **“significant effect”** (Guidelines §15382) cited in Section 4.1 is both correct and germane (i.e., “a significant effect is a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air water, minerals, *flora, fauna*, ambient noise, and objects of historic or *aesthetic* significance”). However, there is no documentation that potential impacts on flora and fauna from “social” trails have been considered, and no measures to protect and avoid impacts on sensitive biological resources are included in Project Requirements Section 3.4 that would allow a finding that no significant effects would occur.
6. The discussion of expected changes to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) in Section 5.1 states that new signage will help limit illegal parking and the creation of illegal trails through sensitive habitats and **requests the CCC to include a condition requiring all visitors to pay a fee. It is not possible to enforce such a requirement without proper notification (i.e., signs)**, yet no study is provided to support a finding that no potentially adverse changes to the environment would occur from new signage. The existing blight of signs between the Salmon Creek Ranger’s Station and the north Salmon Creek parking lot is a good harbinger of the potential effects of such a requirement.

**PRC §21083.9 requirements regarding public scoping meetings have not been met:**

1. Public Resource Code (PRC) §21083.9(a)(2) states that a meeting is required for projects of **“statewide, regional, or areawide significance.”** This project was determined to be “of statewide importance” when the CCC agreed to hear State Parks’ appeal of Sonoma’s County’s decision. Public scoping is required.
2. PRC §21083.9(a)(1) requires a lead agency to hold a public meeting for projects that may affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of Caltrans if so requested by the department. No information about **consultation with Caltrans** is provided in the de novo application. Any measures required by Caltrans to address potential effects on public safety, introduction of hazardous materials into the environment from leaking vehicles along the roadsides, etc., are not known and, therefore, have not yet been considered.

Submitted 04/08/16 by Kathie Lowrey ([Kathie@pcz.com](mailto:Kathie@pcz.com)) and David Kenly ([davidkenly@exede.net](mailto:davidkenly@exede.net)).



Photo 1: Entering Sonoma Coast State Park along Goat Rock Road. Note vista unimpeded by no parking signs



Photos 2 and 3: Proposed ATTM placement sites at Blind Beach Overlook (left) and Goat Rock Overlook (right).

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I wrote another one. Know its late, but oh well.

*Norma*

*A new ethic for the ocean where the ocean is not seen as a commodity we own but as a community of which we are a part.*

*The sea is worth saving for its own sake. Bill Ballantine NZ*

*And take this to the land as well.*

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RE: Sonoma State Parks Appeal - Agenda Item W 17a April 13, 2016  
A-2-SON-13-0219 Fee Collection Program

Chair Kinsey and Commissioners:

I strongly urge you to deny the appeal of State Parks and concur with your staff's recommendation of Denial.

This letter adds to mine dated March 1 on this appeal. My initial letter was written prior to the State's application, forwarded to Commission staff at the last minute on March 25th, and which, once again, changed the project from the first change made at the initial appeal hearing last April (2015).

My points in the initial letter stand. They address many global and significant issues regarding the proposal to charge to access the public commons of the Sonoma Coast State Park beaches.

Allow me to state, as an aside, that I have been a State Parks volunteer for over 20 years, given a Poppy Award last year in recognition of exceptional volunteer service and signifying over 200 volunteer hours. I have volunteered, and still do, on the very beaches at issue.

Regarding this most recent project application, I submit to you that it is lacking in sufficient factual information and evidence to support its case. I further submit to you that the lack of facts does not allow you to make a finding in its favor. Rather, without sufficient information and factual evidence, you must find the project application deficient and concur in the staff recommendation to deny the appeal.

Others have pointed out the inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the State's application.

I would give as examples in my concurrence with those assertions, the following examples:

1) In the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, statements include "...annual visitation of 3.8 million people..." In 1.3 VISITATION TO SONOMA COAST STATE PARK, the statement is "Annually, Sonoma Coast and Salt Point SPs receive approximately 3,000,000 and 275,000 visitors, respectively...." (emphasis added) The chart titled Sonoma Coast SP Visitation in the

same section 1.3, on next page from prior citation, shows a 2013-2014 Total (Paid Day Use + Free Day Use + Camping) of 3,522,265. In my rounding that is 3.6M.

I recognize these may not be seen as significant inconsistencies (3.8 vs 3 vs 3.6), but when considered as an example of facts dispersed throughout the application, begins to exemplify how the factual basis of this report is deficient and lacking.

2) Also, in the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, the description of the parks dispersed along the 31.5 miles of the Sonoma Coast fails to note that a preponderance are gravel pullouts and gravel parking lots w/ no amenities, save an occasional pit toilet enclosure.

3) Further, in the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, in listing the parks that currently charge an access fee, it fails to state that these 7 areas listed all include campgrounds & located past fee collection entrance stations, an important distinction regarding charging fees.

4) Finally, relative to the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, the 5th paragraph last sentence "Many beaches remain free of charge including the popular four-mile stretch from South Salmon Creek to Duncans Cove." fails to note that a) several of those areas were closed until very recently and b) have few or no amenities (a pit toilet RR at North Salmon Creek and Portuguese Beach only).

Apropos to the equity issue I discuss in my original letter, example of comments included here for reference:

*The \$3/hour; \$8/day fee proposed will disproportionately impact low income communities in Sonoma County. Many who live along the lower Russian River are low income, fixed income individuals, including many senior citizens, who go to the beach and/or walk the Kortum Trail as their only affordable recreation.*

*Similarly, people of color; especially Latino families from the county's inland cities - Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Sonoma simply do not have the money to pay the access fees. They depend on access to the coast for a free outdoor experience. The Sonoma County coast is accessible only by motor vehicle - a half hour to one hour trip. There is no transit of consequence as Mendocino County Transit operates one trip per day north and one south between Santa Rosa and Mendocino. Thus, the cost of gas already poses a significant cost of access to the coast for these Environmental Justice Communities of Concern.*

I note the lack of factual information regarding incomes in Sonoma County and the asserted profiles of visitors to the Sonoma Coast State Park beaches.

Section 1.5 ECONOMIC IMPACT cites information "Household income for visitors are relatively high with 57% earning over \$75,000 annually and only 40% earning less than \$40,000."

This introductory paragraph goes on to say vehicle license plates surveys show "majority of visitors are from Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin Valley..." The citation for the income figures is "(NOAA 2015)".

In the bibliography, the citation for NOAA 2015 is to *Socioeconomic Profile of Recreation Users of the California Northern Central Coast Region, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the northern portion of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 2011*. Silver Spring : US Dept of Commerce.

Unfortunately, the data is for Marin County, whose population demographics, as well as visitor demographics is not comparable to Sonoma County or its visitor demographics.

Using US Census Quick Facts pages, I find the following to be the case regarding income levels of cited "majority of visitors are from Sacramento and San Joaquin Co":

Sacramento County: Median household income (in 2014 dollars). 2010-2014 \$55,615 (18.1% in poverty)

San Joaquin County: Median household income (2014 dollars) 2010-14 \$53,250 (20.7% persons in poverty).

Thus, once again, the facts in the State Park application are questionable at best and misleading. Nor can they be relied on with respect to impact of these fees being negligible.

My observations from many years volunteering at Goat Rock State Beach as a Seal Watch docent and at Bodega Head as a Whale Watch docent is that many, many people who come to the beaches, to picnic, to the overlooks or to hike are minorities, low income, youth and the elderly, rather than the affluent portrayed in the economic impact section.

Further, much is made in the application of reduced cost annual passes for low income and seniors.

The low income passes are not of much help to a majority of low income people, who make well above the \$11,000 maximum one can make to get a low income pass. The application itself is not available on line **in Spanish** and it requires one be able to afford to take time off to get your case worker to certify you are telling the truth about your income and sign the form!

What about the working poor who make above the income threshold, or families who are struggling to pay rent and feed their family for whom buying gas to go to the beach is all they can afford? And now the cost of a day at the coast includes a fee to do so.

And seniors need not show up between Memorial Day and Labor Day, as their Golden Bear senior passes are not good then. So, seniors on fixed income are shut out of many nearby access points, because they cannot afford to pay to play during peak season!

I could go on and on with lack of facts, inaccurate facts and inconsistencies. However, I will end this letter with my two fold concern that this proposal disproportionately blocks access to the coast for minorities and people of limited means in contravention to the Coastal Act requirement of maximum access AND it blocks access to portions of the coast that are unique to Sonoma

County.

In closing, the application by State Parks is deficient and does not contain the necessary facts to allow you make any finding other than DENIAL.

Sincerely,

*Norma Jellison*

Bodega Bay Resident and Coastal Advocate

c: Nancy Cave, NCC District Director

# W17a

**From:** [Connie Bowen](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Fees for beach access in Sonoma County  
**Date:** Friday, April 08, 2016 11:12:46 PM

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I strongly oppose! Our beaches that we have paid money towards protecting such be free access to the public.  
Connie Bowen

**From:** [Kent Littleton](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Fees  
**Date:** Saturday, April 09, 2016 9:31:03 AM

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Our parks are very important to our family's health. It gives us a moment to reflect and enjoy what God has provided. If fees are to be needed it should be on a voluntary basis so that less fortunate can enjoy the peace that parks can provide. Accountability for state funding needs to be looked at as I recall an unexpected discovery was made a couple of years ago that revealed a surplus of funds that was out of site from you, but resulted in the closing of some of our parks along highway one. These parks are an attraction for many of our visitors to our state and these fee stations are an affront to their welcome. Please consider my purposal for a voluntary support system if our state tax structure won't allocate needed funding? Kent Littleton, Gualala, CA 95445

Sent from my iPad

W17a

From: [CECI](#)  
To: [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
Subject: FREE THE SONOMA COAST  
Date: Sunday, April 10, 2016 3:20:28 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a note to register my opposition to the proposed fees of the Sonoma Coast Beaches.

**PLEASE DO NOT DO IT!**

I am on a limited budget and this would make the trip out to the coast a worthless proposition. It is bad enough that the gas prices are so high. By the time I save up enough gas money, with your proposal, I wont be able to go to the beach once I get there. Besides, everyone I have grown up with here in the county have been paying for these beaches to remain free all of our lives. It is not morally responsible to ignore all we have put before and start making us pay again and again for what we already have.

**PLEASE.....FREE OUR SONOMA COAST BEACHES.**

Thank you and  
Lots of Blessings  
Ceci

Ceci Smart  
9550 Rio Vista Rd.  
Forestville, CA 95436

# W17a

**From:** [Glynis Seiderer](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:Sonomastateparksappeal@coastal.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Sonoma Coast State Parks - Fee Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, April 10, 2016 4:30:42 PM

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I have no qualms with charging non-residents to enjoy our beaches but to charge residents is unconscionable. Come up with a fair method to allow us, residents, to enjoy what we already help support. Eight dollars is highway robbery to put it mildly.

Please reconsider this decision.

Glynis

**From:** [dougwheatley@comcast.net](mailto:dougwheatley@comcast.net)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomasStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Iron Rangers  
**Date:** Sunday, April 10, 2016 9:58:32 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission:

Please consider alternatives to "Iron Rangers" on Sonoma County beaches. The problems with fee entry are that they reduce attendance of regular visitors, especially low/medium income; and they confuse and irritate new visitors who encounter payment hassles (no correct change, didn't bring credit/debit card or checkbook for a beach day).

The other major problem is that people will try to park outside the fee area, causing traffic hazards and increased numbers of pedestrians of all ages on the highway. And finally, to deal with the new traffic and parking problems there will be incurred costs and blight of "no parking here to there" signs.

One option for increasing revenue would be to install for-profit, fundraising shops similar to the Visitor Center at Jenner.

Thank you.

Doug Wheatley and Judith Day

**From:** [Cave, Nancy@Coastal](mailto:Cave.Nancy@Coastal)  
**To:** [Arellano, Melisa@Coastal](mailto:Arellano.Melisa@Coastal)  
**Subject:** FW: firing of charles Lester and NO ON BEACH ACCESS FEES IN SONOMA COUNTY  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:43:16 PM

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For the DD report - Nancy

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**From:** Ainsworth, John@Coastal  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:41 PM  
**To:** Cave, Nancy@Coastal  
**Subject:** FW: firing of charles Lester and NO ON BEACH ACCESS FEES IN SONOMA COUNTY

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**From:** Clare Najarian [<mailto:armen@sonic.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:35 PM  
**To:** Ainsworth, John@Coastal  
**Subject:** firing of charles Lester and NO ON BEACH ACCESS FEES IN SONOMA COUNTY

Mr. Ainsworth,

1) It's too bad that the coastal commission couldn't listen to over 30,00 emails regarding the firing of Charles Lester; it serves to increase the amount of public distrust in the board of commissioners. It is my hope, that you who are taking over his job will stick to the environmental issues that Mr. Lester spent so much time protecting and strengthening. Remember Mr. Ainsworth; the California coast is not an area of developmental privilege. It is an area that should be consistently, completely, and intelligently preserved for the citizens of this state. I will wait to see what decisions you foster in your role as to judgment of your capacity to take care of the California coast and to stop unnecessary and greedy developers from taking that land away from total public access.

2) The meeting this coming Wednesday in Santa Rosa regarding the charging of fees for coastal access is an example of egregious decision making on the part of California State Parks, and according to an article in our local paper, the Coastal Commission is not in favor of this action. If Charles Lester were still heading this commission as executive director as he should be, we would be assured that this could not possibly happen. With you now an appointed authority which I deeply question, it would behoove you to protect the Sonoma Coast from this type of fee collection. The California State Parks has a seamy reputation as far as finances are concerned, and I would ask you to make sure that the Coastal Commission stops this charging the public to go to the beach!

Please convey my wishes to the rest of your board, and remember, public perception of the integrity of the Coastal Commission is up for grabs...we don't trust any of you right now, we need to see examples of your commitment to "free access" for our beaches. As I have said so often:

**I WILL NEVER PAY TO SEE A SUNSET AT BODEGA HEAD; I WILL NEVER PAY TO TAKE MY GRANDCHILDREN TO WALK THE TRAIL OF SHELL BEACH; I WILL NEVER PAY TO VISIT GOAT ROCK OR STUMP BEACH. EVER!!!**

Seniors, children, families, the disabled, the poor, etc.....do not like being marginalized.....we do not want to pay to play....ever

Thank you for your consideration!  
 Clare Najarian  
 357 Neva St.  
 Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Item Number: W17a

Application Number: A-2-SON-13-0219

Name: Jacques Levy

Position: Opposed to the Project

Jacques Levy  
PO Box 105  
Occidental, CA 95465  
April 8, 2016

California Coastal Commission  
North Central Coast District Office  
45 Fremont St., Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

To Members of the Coastal Commission:

The Coastal Permit Application to install automatic pay parking machines within 8 existing free public parking lots along 35 miles of the Sonoma County coastline violates the spirit and intent of the Coastal Act.

I consider that this proposal will ask for an inappropriate expression of the Commission's powers and an ultimately self-defeating regulation.

Over the years, we have seen a steady erosion of public services returned for citizens' tax dollars and a steady increase in fees and charges for the use of what has historically been regarded as our common natural endowment.

This proposal is ill advised because it will damage our economy, it will hurt the recreation options for the poorest among us and it will further harm the quickly declining reputation of our government for acting in the public interest.

Please don't do it.

  
Jacques Levy

California Coastal Commission  
 Attn: Nancy Cave  
 45 Fremont St. #2000  
 San Francisco, CA 94105

Opposed to parking fees.

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April 7, 2016

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RE: A-2-SON-13-0219

CALIFORNIA  
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 NORTH CENTRAL COAST

Dear Ms. Cave

Please accept my gratitude for the thoughtful and thorough analysis presented in your staff report to the Coastal Commission about parking fees for Sonoma Coast beaches. I can only hope since it was published on April 1, that it is indeed no joke.

As a lifelong resident of California, I have been sad witness to the ever diminishing access to natural resources for the average California citizen or visitor. Indeed I collected signatures for Proposition 20 before I went away to USAF and then provided comments and action in the development of the California Coastal Act in 1976, and the first Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan in 1980.

I have been proud witness and supporter to folks like Bill Kortum and Chuck Rhinehart who led the charge against privatizing the coast at Sea Ranch and ensuring that all Californians have access to state tidelands. I was privileged and fortunate to conduct two oral history videos with Bill and Chuck where they explained their work in defense of the coast. Sadly they are not here to once again voice so eloquently why the coast is important to all of us, not just those fortunate enough to afford coastal property. Our local fight for the coast is one reason the Coastal Commission came into being.

Perhaps, my own family situation can help to illustrate the point. As a child, I used to look forward to going to the coast at least once a week. There is no better environment for all ages to recharge their batteries. Any baby can experience the wonder, while play in the sand is a great way for any age to release energy and reconnect with family, friends and the Earth. Any senior can enjoy the coast by simply sitting and watching the birds and waves. As a child, I remember the coast from Oregon to Mexico being available to anyone who had 15 cents for a gallon of gas. Anyone could pull over and picnic as long as you picked up your trash.

Since my teenage years, I no longer visit beaches south of San Francisco, but I know from friends and relatives who still live south that almost all beach access is very much more controlled and charged for than it was in 1950s and '60s. Beaches of the central and south coast are very tame and easy physical access. The north coast is a very different kettle of fish as was so aptly described in your staff report. Private vehicle access is mandatory to enjoy the beaches in Sonoma County.

While I was raising my own children in '70s and '80s, a trip to the coast was still the most favorite family recreation, only by then we could only afford to visit the beach once a month because of increases in fuel and housing costs. Now my grandson, who is the 7th generation born in California and about the same age as I was when I collected signatures for Prop 20, can only afford to visit 4-6 times a year because trying to make a living in California has become more than a full time preoccupation

for most of us. Our family has always worked, served in every branch of the military, and never spent time on welfare or in jail. When we have been fully employed, we have bought parks passes and donated time and money to local parks. Our family has been doing a beach cleanup as a family outing in September for over 50 years now.

Adding the expense of parking fees would curtail what limited access we enjoy now. I urge the Commission to acknowledge that \$8 might not be a lot of money to folks earning over \$100K/yr but the average family that is trying to subsist on \$50K or less is going to have to stretch an already taut budget to afford the 'luxury' of going to the coast. For seniors on fixed income, it is a deal breaker and no choice to decide between maintaining a roof over your head or going to the coast.

The proposed fees already rankle in that this conversation has been going on with State Parks for over 30 years now. What part about the coast being accessible to everyone do they not understand? They keep coming back with different plans or slightly modified plans. Every proposal has conflicts with the Coastal Act and the local coastal plan. Does the law mean anything?

One of my saddest memories of providing nature interpretation to children at Bouverie Preserve was encountering several children, even those who are not Latino or living in Roseland, who had been born and raised in Sonoma County and yet had never been to the coast. Why not start some kind of beach shuttle service to raise access for all families in Sonoma County?

Why not recognize the need to provide access and plan for that by using some of the lands that have come under State jurisdiction to establish and maintain bicycle and pedestrian friendly access to the coast where people that are not in cars do not have to take their life in their hands to utilize alternative transportation.

Why not charge folks for rescue and support services when they put themselves and others in jeopardy by not respecting our fierce coast? Folks of modest means are not going to be jeopardizing themselves or their family in the same way that spoiled brats expect instant rescue if they can get a signal on their cell phone.

Why not make your vehicle registration your proof of parking fee? If you are paying taxes and living in Sonoma County, you are probably paying at least \$5K/year in fees to local government.

No expansion of beaches with parking fees means NO! There is no community support for this initiative because it is blatantly and inherently wrong!

Respectfully yours,



Linda Curry  
1015 Bush St.,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

PS. Not having a process for electronic comments is ridiculous in this day and age where so many folks have internet access.

**From:** [robin.hoegerman](mailto:robin.hoegerman)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Sonoma coast fees  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 7:39:31 AM

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This letter below was sent a year ago and still the Cal Coast Com can't decide.

It's SIMPLE if it is a gravel or 1/2 paved parking lots with pit toilets, no water or a gravel pull off it is not worth \$8 a day or \$3 a hour. To have a Iron ranger or worse a pay booth. This will just stop the good people of California from enjoying our California coast. Maybe you should look at all the coast and make more free access not less. And DON"T let them put up no parking signs to force people into the lots. Do you job and keep the California coast free.

Again Robin Hoegerman 4-11-2016

California Coastal Commission

Please DO NOT approve the Iron Rangers for the Sonoma coast. As a Sonoma country resident, California native for over 60 years we should keep access to the coast and beaches free! By the State Parks installing Iron Rangers this access will be closed to many Californians just because it will be another 'fence' to cross.

A lot of the proposed locations are just gravel pull offs along PCH/ Hwy 1 and if we are lucky a pit toilet, not much for the proposed \$3 per hour! Right now a lot of the time they are locked, even though they have been there for years.

Again NO to Iron Rangers, here in Sonoma County and all of the California.

Roinn Hoegerman

# W17a

**From:** [Brian Leubitz](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:Sonomastateparksappeal@coastal.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Sonoma Coast State Parks - Fee Proposal. No Iron Rangers.  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:32:29 PM

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Hi -

I am a frequent beach goer at Sonoma Coast State Beach, and a homeowner near Portuguese Beach. This access fee not only decreases public access, but will also increase parking activity on residential streets along the coast.

As pointed out by Commission staff, this proposal that was rejected by County Supervisors, has not been thoroughly considered by State Parks.

You should reject these Iron Rangers, as the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors did.

Thank you,

Brian Leubitz

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**From:** [Terri Moon](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Sonoma Coast State Parks - Fee Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 1:47:08 PM

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Please help keep access to our Sonoma Coast free to the public. Our coastline is an important community resource and needs to be available and accessible to all.

With gratitude for your consideration,  
Terri Moon

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**From:** [Irene Barnard](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** No Iron Rangers on the Sonoma Coast!  
**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 2:37:50 PM

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Hi:

I, together with my husband, wanted to register our strongest opposition to the proposed pay stations/machines along the Sonoma Coast. It is crucial to poor and working families to be able to access the coast as easily as wealthier people; it is a natural resource we all should share and protect together! (this includes protection from development that may be harmful to the environment and/or public access to the coast)

Thanks,  
Irene Barnard and Bill Peterson  
Santa Rosa, CA

**From:** [Kruse, Darcy](#)  
**To:** [SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal](mailto:SonomaStateParksAppeal@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Objection to Application for Parking Fees at Sonoma County Coast  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:37:00 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please note that approving the application for parking fees at Sonoma County coast could negatively impact Sonoma County's revenues from tourists. I'm a Placer County, CA, resident and we regularly take weekend trips 2.5 hours away to Sonoma County because of the free beach access. While visiting the beaches, we also infuse the county with money for lunches, dinners, wineries, hotel stays, and shopping in Sebastopol, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, or other Sonoma County towns where we otherwise wouldn't go. If you remove the free access to Sonoma County's beaches, families may either no longer travel to or take many fewer trips to the county, which would be harmful to the county's economy.

Sincerely,  
Darcy Kruse

[Application No. A-2-SON-13-0219 \(California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sonoma Co.\)](#)

Application of California Dept. of Parks and Recreation to institute parking fee program within multiple State Park units across 35 miles of Sonoma County coast. The program includes installation of self-service automatic payment machines (charging \$8 fee per day), signs, fencing, and related development (including ADA improvements) at State Parks facilities at Bodega Head, Goat Rock, Shell Beach, and Stump Beach along the shoreline of Sonoma County. (NC-SF)

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The following is provided by Kathie Lowrey and David Kenly to augment CCC Staff Report W17a dated 4/1/2016 and to support our position that the Sonoma Coast State Parks Fee Collection Stations Project is not ready for a CCC Board hearing or approval because State Parks has not complied with CEQA. Issues below only examples.

Use of State Parks' 2012 categorical exemption finding is not appropriate:

The March 2016 de novo application states that the revised fee proposal is consistent with CEQA, and the notice of exemption filed in 2012 remains valid. The 2012 finding was based on Classes 3, 4, and 11; see Appendix C. However, the 2012 finding does not provide adequate CEQA review because:

1. Cat.Ex. Classes 3 and 4 are subject to the exception found in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(a), which requires a public agency to consider where a project is located. The project area is described in the application as "unspoiled Sonoma Coast vistas," "wild beaches," and "rugged scenery," and the new project description proposes placement of pay machines (APPM) and signage at 8 sites. Photos 1-3 were taken on April 6-7, 2016; Photos 2 and 3 are from the angles found on the site plans in Appendix E for placement of the APPMs. When viewed with the photos on Sheet C1 of the site plans in mind, it is only reasonable to conclude that installation of such new infrastructure would result in an adverse change in the panoramic vistas.  
To the contrary, Section 15300.2 state that these classes of exemptions apply in all instances except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern *where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies*. No such situation exists in this area of the coast. Regardless, the NOE was filed on February 22, 2012 and the statute of limitations for challenging the use of the NOE expired 35 days thereafter. As such,
2. Guidelines §15300.2(c) states: "a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to "unusual circumstances," such as the unusually undeveloped Sonoma Coast. Additionally, although Hwy. 1 is not a designated scenic highway, its pristine scenic values would seem to invoke the spirit of the §15300.2(d) exception that disallows use of any categorical exemption for projects that might damage scenic resources.  
Even if Hwy 1 were a State-designated scenic highway, none of the proposed devices would be visible from the highway.
3. The statement in Section 4.1 that installation of fee collection devices is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines §15311 is misleading; the Class 11 exemption is specifically for accessory structures to "existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities," not a wildland like the Sonoma Coast.  
Most State Park units are by definition areas of outstanding visual qualities. Pursuant to Section 15022 of CEQA, each agency adopts its own CEQA implementation procedures consistent with CEQA. State Parks procedures are contained in the Department Operations Manual 0600. This section identifies types of projects that are considered exempt and the "installation of fee collection devices" is expressly covered.
4. The statutory exemption cited in Section 4.1 (Guidelines §15273) applies to "establishment ... or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies," not physical changes to the landscape such as signs and new "social" trails that may result in adverse impacts on sensitive resources.  
The establishment of parking fees is covered by the Statutory Exemption 15273 but the physical improvements themselves are covered by Categorical Exemptions. The

potential that fee parking in the proposed location could result in indirect impacts such as new social trails is purely speculative because people are already parking in unsanctioned areas and creating these types of trails. To put it more bluntly, those areas that are physically capable for parking are already being used for parking and social trails are already being used. On a peak summer day, cars are parked all along the road shoulder leading to Bodega Head. A parking fee program will help State Parks to better manage these types of resource impacts that already occur because of the excessive demand.

5. The definition of a "significant effect" (Guidelines §15382) cited in Section 4.1 is both correct and germane (i.e., "a significant effect is a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance"). However, there is no documentation that potential impacts on flora and fauna from "social" trails have been considered, and no measures to protect and avoid impacts on sensitive biological resources are included in Project Requirements Section 3.4 that would allow a finding that no significant effects would occur.

Please refer to response to your comment #4 above.

6. The discussion of expected changes to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) in Section 5.1 states that new signage will help limit illegal parking and the creation of illegal trails through sensitive habitats and requests the CCC to include a condition requiring all visitors to pay a fee. It is not possible to enforce such a requirement without proper notification (i.e., signs), yet no study is provided to support a finding that no potentially adverse changes to the environment would occur from new signage. The existing blight of signs between the Salmon Creek Ranger's Station and the north Salmon Creek parking lot is a good harbinger of the potential effects of such a requirement.

Informational signs are a necessary aspect of facility management whether for highways or parks. If signs were determined to be a visual blight then our road systems would descend into chaos and park management would necessitate far more personnel for interpretation and enforcement. For this project, signage would be located adjacent to the APPM and where possible, these will be located next to existing structures. Regardless, the deadline for challenging the adequacy of the exemption expired over 4 years ago.

PRC §21083.9 requirements regarding public scoping meetings have not been met:

1. Public Resource Code (PRC) §21083.9(a)(2) states that a meeting is required for projects of "statewide, regional, or areawide significance." This project was determined to be "of statewide importance" when the CCC agreed to hear State Parks' appeal of Sonoma's County's decision. Public scoping is required.

Coastal Commissions reference to "issue of Statewide importance" in the de Novo report is with respect only to Coastal Commission Policy; not to the CEQA review process.

2. PRC §21083.9(a)(1) requires a lead agency to hold a public meeting for projects that may affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of Caltrans if so requested by the department. No information about consultation with Caltrans is provided in the de novo application. Any measures required by Caltrans to address potential effects on public safety, introduction of hazardous materials into the environment from leaking vehicles along the roadsides, etc., are not known and, therefore, have not yet been considered.

The only sites proposed for fee parking where this could even remotely be considered of issue are the Stump Beach and Shell Beach sites. Bodega Head is located far off the

Highway and there is existing parking along the shoulder of Westshore Road. Goat Rock is located nearly two miles off the highway so people are unlikely to park on the highway shoulder and walk that distance to access the beaches. Caltrans was consulted about the project but they had not fee collection but have not requested a scoping meeting.

Submitted 04/08/16 by Kathie Lowrey (Kathie@pcz.com) and David Kenly (davidkenly@exede.net).

Attached please find comments prepared by David Kenly and me regarding the above-referenced project. We focused our comments on the lack of proper CEQA review and process because your 4/1/16 Staff Report about the de novo application is so well done. Kudos for the thorough and well thought out analysis! Your attention to detail and responsive commitment to ensuring public input are very much appreciated. You bring reality to the goal of agencies and the public working together collaboratively.

State Parks' position that the 2012 NOE is sufficient is indicative to us of how differently we view the potential impacts along the coast. For example, my firm just completed permit acquisition and assisted Sonoma County with CEQA review for the Jenner Headlands Preserve parking lot north of Jenner. During project development, we were required to conduct on-site surveys and prepare reports of biological and cultural resources, wetland delineation, visual and traffic studies, consultation with Caltrans and with local Native American Tribes, etc. Granted this is a new, 30-space feature, but I would expect State Parks to at least provide a visual study that superimposes proposed infrastructure onto the landscape and considers glare and graffiti, as well as a study about potential roadside parking and signage. It is interesting to me that State Parks provided comments to Sonoma County during circulation of the IS/MND urging us to provide protection of the delicate coastal bluffs on State Park property across the street, which makes total sense but seems a little out of whack with their own proposed actions.

At any rate, thank you again for your efforts. I'm not exactly sure I'm looking forward to the hearing next week, but I am looking forward to seeing you again. Please enjoy a lovely weekend.

Best regards,  
Kathie (and David)  
*Kathie Lowrey, Principal/Senior Environmental Planner*  
*Prunuske Chatham, Inc.*  
707.849.1192 cell  
707.824.4601 ext. 105

To all members of the California State Parks governing board including **Lisa Mangat:**

The egregious proposal to charge the public for fees at beloved Sonoma County beaches is unconstitutional and a barrier to beach access for low income residents.

All of the reasons the Staff Members of the California Coastal Commission were correct in urging you to stop this nonsense for fee collection.

The State Constitution contains no prohibition to parking fees along the Coastline as found by the Court of Appeals in 1994. With respect to low income residents; as noted in Section 3.6 of State Parks application, we offer many opportunities for annual passes for lower income families. Additionally, more than 41% of the day-use parking spaces in State Parks coastal units in Sonoma County will remain free for those unable to pay the fee.

We have local officials and activists who have rallied to stop this unfair collection fee and all of you need to pay attention. I have to work on Wed. 4/13, so I trust you will consider my total and deep opposition to this plan. Seeking to charge people for access to nature is clearly a bad idea.....there are other ways to do this including getting your own finances in better shape.  
Comment noted.

Day use fees of \$8 or \$3 an hour makes it totally prohibitive for seniors, and other low income families and putting the onus on them to support your business is equally onerous and just plain WRONG!  
Please see response to your comment1 above.

Sonoma County Supervisors HAVE the authority to reject this fee proposal and you as the governing board must take heed. **We don't want to pay..... period! Your idea to charge the people to pay to play is a repressive and authoritarian decision that is not your right to make!**  
Comment noted.

I quote from the report:

The proposal to charge fees at 8 beaches essentially amounts to a proposal to prohibit sandy beach access unless you can pay for it. This is untenable. This is highway robbery. This is using illegal power to pound the people who have no money to begin with.  
No issues of substance that require response.

"The report suggested that State Parks officials did not do their due diligence collecting data on beach use that commissioners asked for after the meeting last April as part of their assessment of the state's proposal.  
State Parks vociferously disagrees with the Coastal Commission staff and with this comment. State Parks collected traffic data, met with stakeholders and with the County. As a result of this input, State Parks reduced the scope of the proposal eliminating 43% of the pay stations from consideration. Only State Parks has made an effort to compromise.

Many solutions exist including collaborative partnerships with Sonoma County Park managers and joint operation with non profits.  
In the 4 years since State Parks applied to Sonoma County for a Coastal Development, Sonoma County has been unwilling

These solutions need time for exploration and operation.  
State Parks submitted its most recent application to Sonoma County for a Coastal Development Permit 4 years ago.

Please stop this idea of charging senseless fees for people to come and play and experience our beachers.....

I do hope this meeting will be run better and more efficiently than the one held in Sebastopol. That meeting was a travesty, you did not want to listen to the people; instead you just rammed your idea down our throats thinking we would actually buy into your soulless proposal. Get a grip people! This is nature, not a product for exploitation.

Clare Najarian  
Sebastopol, Calif.

## Opposition to Sonoma Coast Fee Collection Project

By Robin Rudderow

April 7, 2016

I am opposed to fee collection devices at the 8 proposed locations on the Sonoma Coast.

### 1. State Parks proposal is scaled back.

It is good that State Parks has withdrawn the proposal to have attended entrance stations at Bodega Head and Goat Rock.

Comment noted.

### 2. Parking fees at Southern California Beaches are avoided by parking on highway - this is not an option at the Sonoma Coast.

We are often reminded that State Park beaches in Southern California charge parking fees, and that Sonoma Coast beaches should chip in their fair share. I am informed that the parking lots of Southern California beaches are frequently less than full, and that beach goers instead park for free on the highway. Attached is a Google Earth photo of Malibu Lagoon State Beach. The parking lot, which charges \$10 per car, is less than half full, yet cars line both sides of the highway for quite a distance away from the beach. This is unsafe as it encourages people to walk along and cross the highway, when there is a safer, and empty, parking lot they could use.

People parking at the Sonoma Coast beaches outside the parking lots will cause significant environmental damage. Attached are Google Earth photos of Bodega Head and Goat Rock. The roads leading up the parking areas are barely two lanes. There are a few turn out spots, but nowhere for people to park along the side of the road without damaging the roadside flora and fauna. Yet, people will try to park on the side of the road to avoid the parking fee as they do in Southern California.

The example of Malibu Lagoon State Beach cited by the writer is merely anecdotal evidence that doesn't support the premise when examined more comprehensively. It is a far more urban area than is the rural Sonoma County Coast, with many places of business that surround the site. What is not discernable from Google Street View is whether they are park users or patrons of the nearby businesses. It is just a snapshot in time and not necessarily representative of this location or any other location where fees are collected.

### 3. Charging at some of the beaches will negatively impact the other beaches on the Sonoma Coast.

Charging money to park at some beaches will cause people to go to other beaches in the area that do not charge, causing overcrowding and congestion in the lots where there are no collection devices. This will result in less than anticipated revenue for the devices and overcrowding at beaches that do not charge for parking.

State Parks acknowledges that parking in non-fee day use areas would likely see an increase in demand and use as a result of implementation of the fee program. That is in part, the intent of program. Most of the areas identified see excessive use and the fee program will give State Parks another tool to manage the demand. State Parks will monitor the non-fee parking areas to evaluate

### 4. Beaches must be preserved for all to use.

Charging money for people to visit our coast beaches is a step backward in the progress we have made in protecting and preserving our beaches.

The \$3/hour; \$8/day fee proposed will disproportionately impact low income communities in Sonoma County. Public Resources Code § 30213, Low cost recreational facilities, requires that "Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are preferred."

The California Constitution, Article X, Section 4, requires that access to the beaches of California "shall be always attainable for the people." Charging parking fees will result in beaches being unattainable for some.

While the term "lower cost" can include free, it is not synonymous with free. An \$8 parking fee is likely a miniscule percentage of a family's overall expenditures for an outing to the beach taking into account food, fuel and perhaps lodging. Should the fee be an issue to a family, 41% of the State Parks day use parking areas in Sonoma County will remain free. Additionally, as was noted in Section 3.6 of State Parks application, we offer many opportunities for annual passes for lower income families.

#### 5. Financial considerations remain vague.

Coastal residents and visitors pay substantial California state income taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes that should be used to preserve the parks. Asserting that this is a larger policy issue beyond the scope of this project is disingenuous.

State Parks has not arbitrarily decided to implement parking fees along the Sonoma Coast. In 1980, 90% of the funding for the State Park system came from the general fund whereas today, the percentage has been reduced to 23%. Voters have rejected new taxes to support parks and as a result, the legislature has determined that one solution is revenue generation. As such, this issue is genuinely a larger policy issue that is beyond the scope of this project.

#### 6. History is not on the side of charging for use of Sonoma Coast Beaches.

Imagine the Sonoma Coast beaches in the 1860s, just after the Bear Flag Revolt, when the State of California was settling into its existence. It was here that Honoria Tuomey was born in 1866 on the Buckhorn Ranch on Coleman Valley Road, and here that she made her mark by assuring that our beautiful coastline was preserved as a part of the California State Parks.

While it took the efforts of many Sonoma County residents, including Howard McCaughey, the unofficial "mayor" of the coastal communities, to have our coastline declared a park, in 1928 Honoria Tuomey was named an official adviser to the State Parks Commission and she recommended that the Sonoma Coast be included in the State Parks system.

Honoria Tuomey recognized the significance of the Sonoma Coast for its history. The Coast Miwok cared for the Sonoma Coast for thousands of years, living lightly on the land that housed and fed them in comfort and peace. From 1811 to 1833, the Russian American Company claimed Bodega Bay as their Port Rumiantsev and the area north of Russian River as their Fort Ross, then in 1834 Yankee Captain Stephen Smith received a grant from the Mexican Government for the 35,000 acre Rancho Bodega, which encompassed the entire Sonoma Coast from the Russian River to the Estero Americano.

In the late 1800s Rancho Bodega was carved up into many ranches. The stunning beauty of the Sonoma Coast was threatened as it was parceled out to private ownership. Through the

amazing foresight of Honoria Tuomey and others, development on the Coast was stopped and the Sonoma Coast was preserved and protected for all to share.

The late 1950's and early 1960's saw Bodega Bay's successful challenge to PG&E's attempt to put a nuclear power plant on our beautiful coast. For over 50 years coastal residents and visitors have breathed the clear free air that was preserved by the efforts of the many who love the coast. State Parks and the Coastal Commission are urged to work with those of us who are passionate about the coast.

Comment noted.

#### 7. A suggestion to enforce current laws and raise revenue

The parking lots at Bodega Head and Goat Rock are overly congested on pleasant weather days. If State Parks will patrol these lots and enforce current parking (by ticketing those who park outside the approved spaces) and anti-litter laws, State Parks will raise needed income and restore order to these sometimes chaotic parking lots.

State Parks receives little revenue from citations that may be issued by Park Rangers. While a small portion of fines may be deposited into State Parks Revenue Fund, the largest portion (depending on the type of citations) goes to the County in which the citation was written.

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My response to the revised State Parks proposal is to suggest a moratorium or denial of the fee collection proposal to the CA Coastal Commission. An item listed in the proposal plans for the fee collection boxes along the Sonoma Coast stated:

*"Form a Sonoma Coast Advisory Group to build and maintain community involvement with broad representation, including members from the conservation and recreation communities, tourism and economic development, relevant public agencies, and political representatives."*

In my opinion, creating the proposed Sonoma Coast Advisory Group should be the first course of action, not the last in a list with an attempt to make the proposed actions sound inclusive. I continue to wonder how the 'Stakeholders', as they are called, were chosen? by what process? There have been limited public opinion options. More public information is required from a broader dissemination of the fee collection proposal to a larger cross-section of Sonoma County residents.

Stakeholders were chosen by the district as they represented the broadest cross-section of interested parties. The group was necessarily small to establish an open and constructive dialogue that would look for solutions.

I consider myself to be a stakeholder as a property owner in Jenner. I have seen no budgets, blueprints or explanations of mitigating safety issues surrounding the proposed project. As locals know, along the coast on a busy day visitors park in very inappropriate and unsafe areas. With a fee required to park, visitors won't even wait for a full lot to park elsewhere, but will avoid the fee by parking along narrow, busy roadways, cliff-side, rocky edges, opening their car doors with pets, children and distracted adults spilling out into dangerous driving and hazardous walking conditions.

It is precisely these types of conditions that implementation of the fee program will help prevent.

With local observation of the CA State Park system here at the coast, two winters have passed recently with no services including parking in our favorite areas of Goat Rock. It is difficult without my access to a proposed budget to see if fee-based usage of public land will work any better than it hasn't over the past decade. Other revenue streams should be tapped before balancing the Parks budget on the backs of local residents and economically challenged families who often drive out to the coast for relief from scorching hot weather in Santa Rosa and other areas east of the cool coast. Why not propose a tax on wine, or on tourist accommodations? A quarter of a percent (.025) per tourist dollar spent would no doubt give State Parks the income needed. But after the scandal of millions of dollars squirreled away, off and behind the budget of the CA Parks system, one might not be surprised by the public's reticence to offer control of parking fees amidst questionable budgetary practices.

With respect to services at Goat Rock, all parking areas have been open over the past two years with the exception of times when special events may have occurred. As such, it is not clear to what the writer refers. With respect to funding, this comment relates to legislative issues that are outside the scope of this project.

So why is the proposed Sonoma Coast Advisory Group not the first item of the project to be achieved? To me, that would make more sense to have a more representative and broader input of 'Stakeholders' on this issue.

In conclusion, I believe that more stakeholders should be better informed and given the opportunity to be able to express their views, as well as other revenue streams need to be creatively and thoughtfully investigated before this proposal is brought again before the CA Coastal Commission.

Stakeholders concerns are well-known from the 4 years this specific proposal has been under consideration as well as the earlier proposal to add fee stations to the parking areas along Sonoma Coast.

Given the State Parks' budgetary track record, I am not confident that throwing money into an "Iron Ranger" for usage fees is the answer to State Park budgetary needs along our beautiful Sonoma Coast.

As stated in the latest proposal *"in an effort to balance the needs of the local community, the requirements of the California Coastal Act, and the mission of State Parks to provide recreational opportunities while protecting natural and cultural resources"* the data, sources of revenue, impact on a diverse economic populace, and impact on environmentally sensitive areas, it is my opinion these needs should be determined before any decision is made on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michelle K. Irwin  
Jenner resident

To whom in charge of this:

I am against charging fees for our state beaches and local parks.

Comment noted.

This puts a hardship of those with low incomes and I feel access to our coast is a right all should have.

As noted in Section 3.6 of State Parks application, we offer many opportunities for annual passes for lower income families. Additionally, more than 41% of the day-use parking spaces in State Parks coastal units in Sonoma County will remain free for those unable to pay the fee.

Although I am against any fees, perhaps you could also consider if such a fee was to be implemented

to include the regional parks pass as payment for the coastal parking lots.

State Parks is developing a regional pass that would permit access to all Coastal Park units in Sonoma County. Development of such a pass requires time to resolve issues of cost, number of parks covered by the pass, and where the pass would be sold.

regards

Dyana Foldvary

age 67

As a resident of west Sonoma County, I oppose all efforts in put in place mandatory fees for coastal access.

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Comment noted.

Going for a walk on the beach is one of the few free entertainments left. Imposing fees will encourage beach access to be an activity for the elite, not for the average working-class or under-employed person. Yes, I realize that not all beaches will be 'taxed', only the most popular ones. And yes, I realize State Parks is an under-funded entity but I would appreciate some creative thinking instead of going immediately to fee imposition. I have not heard what other options have been considered.

State Parks is constantly exploring innovative strategies to maintain or improve service levels at all its park units but finding a plan that pleases everyone is a challenging task.

Unrestricted access to the coastline is our birthright as Californians. With the massive development projects on the Southern California coast, more and more of our precious resource is being given away to rock stars and real-estate moguls. Before long there will be little left, and we'll have to pay to visit as if it were a theme park.

Comment noted.

Also, there is no doubt that once a fee structure is imposed, it will just keep on going up when times get tough.

Please keep the Sonoma Coast free to all.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Pederson, and Ms. Cave,

Please find attached the California Department of Parks and Recreation's letter dated April 8, 2016 and Exhibits A-H submitted in response to the California Coastal Commission Staff Report dated April 1, 2016 for Permit Number A-2-SON-13-0219.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
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Re: Sonoma Coast State Park Parking Fees - Permit Number A-2-SON-13-0219

*"In an ideal world, people should not have to pay a fee to enjoy the coast. But we do not live in an ideal world. Most of us can only get to state park beaches in automobiles, which must be parked. At those beaches there must be parking lots, restrooms, trash receptacles and the like, which cost money to maintain. Like so many other public agencies, the Department has suffered budget cuts. Sources of additional funding must be found, or some state park beaches might have to be closed, precipitating a genuine access problem. The Department has looked to parking fees for additional funding. That is an unpleasant fact of life in California in the 1990's. It is not a violation of CEQA or the Coastal Act."*

(Surfrider Foundation v. California Coastal Com., (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151, 158-159.)

These words were true in 1994, and they remain true today. It is not ideal, but in order to enjoy the coast - parking lots, restrooms, and trails - to provide lifeguards and rangers - to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources, the public beneficiaries of these parks must be willing to help pay the fees necessary to ensure their sustainability. Funding for parks, locally, regionally, and at the state level has continued to decrease. In 1980, 90% of the funding for the State Park system came from the general fund, today this percentage is 23%, as the needs of other essential programs including foster care, health care, and education outpace the availability of funding. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) can no longer sustain the State Park system solely on general fund dollars, or ensure the level of service Californians expect without a consistent source of revenue. Voters have recently rejected new taxes to support parks. As a result of this, the Legislature has determined that one solution is revenue generation, including parking fees.<sup>1</sup>

Presented with this unfortunate reality, the DPR has embarked on an ambitious modernization and system-wide transformation. To help meet the new revenue generation mandate, the DPR proposes to begin collecting parking fees at 8 locations along the Sonoma coastline to help fund existing public safety, visitor amenities, and natural resource stewardship. This fee collection ensures the users of Sonoma Parks pay for their upkeep.

<sup>1</sup> See, SB 1018 (2012).

They are also balance the scale of equitability—ensuring that low-income users in other parks in Southern California are not subsidizing the use of *all* users in Sonoma. The application before the California Coastal Commission (Commission) now only proposes Automated Payment Machines (APM) at 8 locations (South Goat Rock, North Goat Rock, Arched View, Blind Beach, Shell Beach, Bodega East, Bodega West, and Stump Beach). The proposed fees would not exceed \$8.00 a day, or \$3.00 per hour, including a free 30-minute surf check, and could be adjusted to during off-season use, or when reasons justifying adjustment warrant it. The \$8.00 day fee would also allow access at all state parks on the date of purchase. The APMs will accept both cash, credit and debit cards. After input from Commission staff and meetings with stakeholders the application no longer proposes parking fees or kiosks at six other previously included locations.

The DPR is the largest single provider of public recreation along California's coast.<sup>2</sup> The DPR manages roughly 23% of the California coastline. The California State Park system includes over 280 miles of coastline, in addition to 970 miles of lake and rivers, 15,000 campsites, and 4,500 miles of trails. Over 67 million people visit the State Park system each year. On the Sonoma coastline, the DPR is one of the few providers of restrooms and public facilities that allow extended trips to this remote stretch of coastline. Visitors from across the state, especially low income visitors, rely on these types of facilities when visiting a beach after long car trips, and are in fact able to access and enjoy these special locations because there are services of this sort available to them. DPR's rangers and lifeguards are frequently the first responders to this rugged and remote area, and have an intimate knowledge of local conditions and dangers they pose to recreational user. DPR supports these services through the general fund and revenue generated at other beaches and parks across the State Parks system. However, this is no longer a sustainable or feasible funding strategy, nor one deemed equitable. Parks that are unable to become more self-sufficient run the risk of withering and falling into disrepair and eventually disuse. The current funding situation creates an incentive to improve services and increase visitor levels at revenue generating parks and a disincentive to expand, repair, or invest in beaches where revenue generation is being prohibited. The unintended consequences of such a lop-sided funding system forwards neither the DPR's mission to provide "high-quality outdoor recreation" nor the Coastal Act's goal to maximize and protect recreational opportunities along the coast.

The DPR has long had authority to "collect fees...for the use of any park system area, the amount to be determined by the department."<sup>3</sup> This application for APMs is mandated by more recent state law. Specifically, the recently amended Public Resources Code section 5010.7, which requires the implementation of a "**statewide electronic fee collection system** that includes installation of modern fee collection equipment... that will enable park users to pay fees with commonly used form of electronic fund transfers, including, but not limited to, credit and debit card transactions." (Emphasis added.) In 2012, SB 1018 directed the DPR to "**maximize** revenue generation activities that are consistent with the mission of the department... **All such revenue generation activities should be viewed as complementary to the public investment in the department and provides**

<sup>2</sup> 1999 Public Access Action Plan, available at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/access/accesspl.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Public Resources Code § 5010 (effective 1939)

**significant public recreational opportunities...** (Emphasis added.). The legislature specifically directed that “[t]he revenues could be generated through the collection of **entrance and parking fees** and other projects and activities that may assist each district in building additional program capacity or maintaining or expanding visitor services and amenities that are consistent with the respective missions and purposes of the department or its units.” (Emphasis added.) These statutes make it clear that: (1) the Legislature has directed DPR to create a modern statewide fee collection system; (2) the DPR is directed to “maximize” revenue generation; (3) the statewide fee system can include entrance and parking fees; (4) the revenue from these fees should be viewed as providing for significant recreational opportunities; and (5) the parking fee amounts are at the DPR’s discretion.

### 1. Parking fees do not conflict with the Coastal Act or restrict maximum access.

As the Commission itself has found in numerous instances, including at these same beaches in 1992, fees are not proxies for reduced access. Fees are currently charged at approximately 24% of California beaches.<sup>4</sup> Many local governments and several state parks currently charge parking fees at beaches.<sup>5</sup> As the Commission has previously found, properly designed parking fees do not have long term impacts on visitation and the State Park Pass Program ensures access for low-income park users. (See, Surfrider Foundation v. California Coastal Com., (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151.) The key provisions of the Coastal Act have not changed since the 1994 decision, nor has the geography or rural nature of Sonoma itself. The same types of evidence on which the DPR relied on in 1992, and which the Surfrider court found to be adequate evidence in 1994, are just as relevant today. This is further demonstrated by the long standing practice throughout the state of local governments charging parking fees at coastal recreational facilities. At least 28 cities and counties charge parking fees.<sup>6</sup> It is safe to assume that this practice is consistent with the Coastal Act as the Commission has certified many of these local governments’ LCPs, often with much less evidence and effort at “proving a negative,” than its staff have demanded of Parks staff during this permit process.. Indeed, Sonoma County still charges \$7.00 for vehicle parking at 7 county beaches, including: Dorian Beach<sup>7</sup>; Bird Walk Coastal Access Trail<sup>8</sup>; Westside Regional Park<sup>9</sup>; Stillwater Cove Regional Park<sup>10</sup>; Bluff Top Sea Ranch Access Trail;<sup>11</sup> Gualala Point Regional Park<sup>12</sup>; and Walk On Beach Sea Ranch Access

<sup>4</sup> See, [http://beachapedia.org/State\\_of\\_the\\_Beach/State\\_Reports/CA/Beach\\_Access](http://beachapedia.org/State_of_the_Beach/State_Reports/CA/Beach_Access)

<sup>5</sup> Footnote 23 of the staff report states that Commission staff has been unable to determine if other Sonoma area State Parks with existing fee programs are compliant with the Coastal Act. To clarify, DPR provided Commission staff with records of Reef CG improvements, permit no. 85-so-184 (approved 10-24-85); Fort Ross Kiosk and improvements, permit nos. 93-305 and 9-10-93; Sal Point Development (Woodside, Grestle, N&S Fisk Mill), permit no. 184-78; and Wrights Beach (aka Cypress Dunes) Permit No. 11809 CP 143.

<sup>6</sup> Summary of Coastal Parking Fees – Exhibit A

<sup>7</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle ([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Doran\\_Regional\\_Park.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Doran_Regional_Park.aspx)).

<sup>8</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle and \$1 per person for vehicles with 10 or more people

([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Bird\\_Walk\\_Coastal\\_Access\\_Trail.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Bird_Walk_Coastal_Access_Trail.aspx))

<sup>9</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle ([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Westside\\_Regional\\_Park.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Westside_Regional_Park.aspx))

<sup>10</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle ([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Stillwater\\_Cove\\_Regional\\_Park.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Stillwater_Cove_Regional_Park.aspx))

<sup>11</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle and \$1 per person for vehicles with 10 or more people

([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Bluff\\_Top\\_Sea\\_Ranch\\_Access\\_Trail.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Bluff_Top_Sea_Ranch_Access_Trail.aspx))

<sup>12</sup> 7.00 per vehicle and \$1 per person for vehicles with 10 or more people

([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Gualala\\_Point\\_Regional\\_Park.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Gualala_Point_Regional_Park.aspx))

Trail.<sup>13</sup> Several of these county fee areas are within a figurative stone's throw of free state parks, roadside parking, and turnouts. Further, the DPR's commitment to flexible seasonal pricing and hourly rates, low income passes, state-wide passes, and an intended regional pass would provide better access than the County's current fixed fees, and a better tailoring to community needs and low income patrons.

Finally, parking trends across the State Park System once fees are established do not deter long-term use if paired with a range of reasonably priced parking passes that ensure equitable access for low income patrons-- passes which State Parks presently makes available and has detailed in its appeal. For all these reasons, State Parks believes that public access at Sonoma Coast SP will continued be to be maximized.

## **2. The Sonoma Coast SP parking fee program is consistent with section 30210.**

The Commission staff report recognizes that maximum access must be provided in a manner consistent with: (1) public safety; (2) public rights; (3) private property rights; (4) and protection of natural resources. The policy of maximum access is not one that can be rigidly or uniformly applied—facts surrounding each permit request must be considered *in their entirety* in order to consider whether access is even an issue. The staff states that the DPR has not argued for establishment of a parking fee program under any of these four factors. To the contrary, the very reason for the proposed parking fees is to: (1) maintain emergency first-response services, including rangers and lifeguards; (2) maintain public visitor facilities, many of which are crucial for long car trips to the beach; (3) maintain natural resource projects and stewardship; and (4) manage and reduce overuse of fragile areas.<sup>14</sup> "The objective of this Fee Proposal is to increase revenues through the collection of day use parking fees to help offset the cost of maintenance and resource protection activities."<sup>15</sup> The DPR has provided detailed budget information on the current costs of providing public safety, public amenities, and natural resource protection. The current budget figures represent the limited and minimal services currently available. The application also provides estimates of how additional funds could be spent to maintain and improve public safety, visitor services, and natural resource stewardship. The service-based budgets for Sonoma Coast SP enclosed in the de novo application capture the DPR's ideal level of staffing and operation if fully funded.

Existing DPR free parking areas are already distributed over 35 miles of Sonoma County coastline yet overcrowding is already a recognized issue. In fact, the 2001 Sonoma County LCP itself noted that on about ten weekends per year, the demand for facilities exceeds the supply. Keeping parking free to the public will not mitigate an impact that is already occurring. AMPs will allow State Parks to use parking fees to reduce overcrowding at impacted facilities, redistribute overflow, and increase visitor turnover at these popular sites, thereby maximizing access. Staff seems to believe that their "concerns" on the issue of overflow parking amount to evidence, however, this is simply not correct. The AMPs will ensure that visitors use the parking fairly and that there is a way to mitigate and protect the

<sup>13</sup> \$7.00 per vehicle

([http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get\\_Outdoors/Parks/Walk\\_On\\_Beach\\_Sea\\_Ranch\\_Access\\_Trail.aspx](http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Walk_On_Beach_Sea_Ranch_Access_Trail.aspx))

<sup>14</sup> De Novo Application March 2016 p. 31-33, 36,

<sup>15</sup> De Novo Application March 2016 section 1.1, p. 3.

resources where parking facilities exist. Staff's concerns appear to be with existing conditions, not the proposal itself.

**3. Section 30213 encourages lower cost visitor recreation facilities but does not require free recreation facilities.**

Page 35 of the Commission staff report finds that the proposed parking fee locations will no longer provide the public with free facilities and therefore is inconsistent with section 30213 of the Coastal Act. However, section 30213 states: "[l]ower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided." This provision does not require free access, only lower cost facilities. Inherent in this provision is the recognition that reasonably priced recreation facilities are consistent with the Coastal Act. The DPR has provided data on the current user population and demographics and demonstrated that existing park passes and the proposed day use and hourly fees continue to protect and encourage lower cost recreational facilities. Additionally, now that the scale of the application has been reduced (14 sites to 8), over 41% of the DPR's existing parking spaces within in coastal Sonoma County will remain free—a fact that was not mentioned or acknowledged by staff. It should also be noted that Sonoma County has evidently not found that its fee program negatively impacts low-income access to the County coastal parks as it still charges parking fees in the same geographic area and with the same visitor demographics. The DPR, on the contrary, has a low-income \$5/year pass.

State Parks offers a range of annual park pass options to encourage use by persons with financial or physical limitation, and for regional users looking to maximize cost. For example, the Golden Bear Pass allows full access, and is available for a \$5 processing fee to any qualifying person receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) [CA State Welfare and Institutions Code § 12200]; any person receiving aid under the applicable aid codes in the CalWORKS Program, or any person 62 years of age or older with income limitations. The Golden Bear pass entitles the bearer and spouse or registered domestic partner entry to most State Park operated units where vehicle day use fees are collected at no charge. State Parks also offers the limited Golden Bear Pass for \$20 to any person aged 62 or older. This pass entitles the holder and spouse or registered domestic partner entry to most State parks operated units during non-peak season where vehicle day use fees are collected at no charge. If a person does not qualify for one of these passes, State Parks also offers the Golden Poppy pass, available to everyone, at a cost of \$125 which provides entry into most parks in the State Park System with the exception of Hearst Castle and the southern California beaches. These passes are available at local State Park offices throughout the state.<sup>16</sup>

The State Park pass program has been a growing success and has become a model for numerous county and regional park pass programs. No other entity provides the same level of comprehensive access for low income persons. And value-for-value, the state park pass, offering annual admittance to nearly 110 parks with fees, is hard to beat.

In the past, the Commission has found that a combination of these park passes and

<sup>16</sup> For more information on park passes see [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1049](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049).

reasonable day use or hourly fees are consistent with the Coastal Act, providing lower cost visitor recreational facilities. It is concerning that the same park pass system that was relied upon originally in 1992 and was considered sufficient as recently as 2013, is now dismissed as insufficient.

#### **4. The proposed parking fee program does not require amendment of the Sonoma County LCP.**

Sonoma County has argued that the proposed fee program is inconsistent with the certified LCP and would require an amendment. Specifically, the County has argued that the LCP's recommendation of "no change" at certain state parks indicates that any change to the parking areas would require a LCP amendment. This is simply not true. First, the "no change" language is found in Figure V-1 of the LCP, referred to as the "ACCESS PLAN DESCRIPTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS".<sup>17</sup> Each entry includes a "discussion" of the current use for a site and description of existing facilities and "recommendations" for access and visitor improvements (such as new trails, new restrooms, clearing). It is clear from the section header "description and recommendations" that the "no change" language are recommendations not prohibitions. Specifically, the recommendations for Shell Beach is not simply "No change", but rather "No change **in vertical access**" (emphasis added) and "Develop a trail connection and staircase, as appropriate between Shell Beach and Wright Beach."<sup>18</sup> The recommendation for Goat Rock is simply "No change".<sup>19</sup> The recommendations for Stump Beach are "No changes (parking, picnic, and pit toilet facilities are located just west of the highway with trail leading to the sandy beach)". Finally, the Sonoma County LCP clearly does not prohibit parking fees, and has not prevented other visitor improvements built since certification of the LCP. For several decades, the County itself collected parking fees at coastal access sites. The LCP contains no mention of fee collection at current county fee sites, such as Doran,<sup>20</sup> Stillwater,<sup>21</sup> Westside,<sup>22</sup> or Gualala,<sup>23</sup> therefore it is reasonable to assume that the County would not have to amend the LCP to add or remove these fees. While the County has recently eliminated several fee collection sites, the County still charges \$7.00 per vehicle at 7 County beaches, including sites adjacent to state parks. The County fee program does not provide flexible seasonal pricing or an hourly rate option.

#### **5. The Coastal Act does not require parking revenue to be reinvested back into the local park**

The staff report disparages the proposed fee program because the DPR cannot legally guarantee that revenue will be re-invested at Sonoma Coast SP, nor should the Commission demand circumvention of the Constitutional provisions that vest budget

<sup>17</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-14 (2001).

<sup>18</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-27.

<sup>19</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-26 through V-27.

<sup>20</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-30 & v-44 (2001).

<sup>21</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-20 & V-41.

<sup>22</sup> Sonoma County LCP, V-30 & V-44.

<sup>23</sup> Sonoma County LCP, v-14

development in the Legislature and Governor.<sup>24</sup> The DPR would like to first address the misconception that the Coastal Act requires revenue collected at coastal facilities to be directly reinvested into those facilities. The Coastal Act contains no such provision regarding the deposit or expenditure of funds. Therefore, to the extent that the staff report recommended denial of the DPR's application because the DPR is unable to guarantee where revenue will be spent, the DPR objects to the legal basis for such a requirement.

Even if the Coastal Act did require that the parking revenue be spent at Sonoma Coast SP, other state laws prohibit DPR from making such guarantees. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5010, "[a]ll revenues received by the department shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Parks and Recreation Fund [SPRF]." SPRF is a statewide fund used to support the entire state park system, including: coastal parks; desert parks; sierra parks; state recreation areas; and state museums. DPR does not control the expenditure of SPRF and relies on allocations and budgets approved by the Governor and the Legislature. It is the Legislature, and Governor, not the Coastal Commission, that are vested with the Constitutional authority to develop an allocate appropriations from the general fund and SPRF, and to make the discretionary decisions about implementing those funded programs consistent with Legislative directive. (See, Cal Const. Art. IV-V.) In the past, the Commission has objected to plans to close coastal parks – and demanded that the DPR continue to expend general funds dollars to keep these parks open. The Commission cannot have it both ways, maintaining that it alone has final authority to close a coastal park but prohibiting the DPR from generating revenue to support these same coastal parks. The Legislature did not intend non-coastal state parks to subsidize the operation of coastal state parks. Nor has the Legislature intended that the low-income beach users of Southern California would continue to subsidize the low-income beach users of Northern California.

The Legislature has recently created incentives for those state parks that generate revenue. As of 2012, Public Resources code section 5010.7 now allows 50 percent of revenue generated by a park district to be returned to that district, so long as the district meets its revenue goals. In the CDP application, the DPR has tried to clearly explain how this change in law and the new parking fees would benefit the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District. For the first time, state park districts will be rewarded and provided with guaranteed funding based on their revenue. However, without the ability to generate revenue, Sonoma Coast SP risks losing access to the newly created State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount. State parks that are unable to meet their revenue goals will not receive these additional funds, and any revenue they did raise would be returned to the subaccount. Currently, operation of Sonoma Coast SP is subsidized, in part, by revenue generated by other state parks. Once other state park districts are successful in meeting their revenue goals and 50 percent of their revenue is returned, there may be less funding available to support non-revenue generating state park units, such as Sonoma Coast SP.

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<sup>24</sup> Page 7 notes that "the degree to which these fees will be plowed back into these parks is unclear." Page 29 notes that "[i]nstituting new fees where there were previously no fees may have adverse effects on visitation levels in specific locations and can serve to adversely affect public access, particularly when the revenues are not necessarily plowed back into the facilities where they are collected." Page 39 notes that "[u]nlike the other CDP approvals, [the Linda Mar CDP] requires 100% of the revenue collected to be spent directly on managing and improving the Linda Mar beach experience for those who use the beach."

The DPR has not arbitrarily chosen to institute fees only in Sonoma. The statewide plan is based on identifying parks with high operation costs and low revenue generation. Throughout the state, the DPR is preparing and implementing fee collection and revenue generation programs. The DPR is spreading the user responsibility to support the State Park System equitably, so specific user groups or regions do not unfairly support others, or conversely, specific regions do not enjoy a free-ride on the back of other paying users. The Sonoma Coast SP application should also be viewed in the big picture. In 1992, the DPR faced a similar funding crisis and received approval to install iron rangers in Sonoma County. Ultimately, the DPR never took advantage of the permits under an agreement with Sonoma County in exchange for in lieu payments. By 1995, Sonoma County had stopped making in lieu payments and DPR began exploring alternative funding options, a date that ironically coincided with the permit's natural expiration.<sup>25</sup> Flat forward 20 years, decreasing general fund support and new legislative mandates, the DPR was forced to reconsider plans to collect parking fees at Sonoma Coast SP. Coastal Commission staff has conveniently forgotten their own precedent on this issue, taking a 180 degree view as to whether fees are viable or possible in these parks in a manner consistent with the Coastal Act, without explanation and without substantial evidence to support their contentions.

- 6. At the April 2015 hearing the Commission asked for: (1) data on existing use of proposed parking areas; (2) evaluation of expected changes in usage with fees; (3) anticipated use of revenue in Sonoma; and (4) to the extent possible, additional information regarding facilities improvements.**

- a. Summary of data on existing use of proposed parking areas.*

The DPR utilized TRAFx data counters to collect the number of vehicle trips at North Salmon, School House Beach, Bodega Head, Goat Rock, and Willow Creek since May 2015. Additional traffic counters were later installed in October 2015 at Portuguese Beach North/South and Shell Beach. TRAFx devices record vehicles entering and exiting the area. This method does not identify how many vehicles enter verses exit in an hour; it provides only the raw data of the total number of vehicle trips during an hour. A TRAFx device is not perfect but represents the best practicable technology available to accurately calculate vehicular visitation. The cost of this type of data collection is not cheap; each TRAFx device costs several thousand dollars. It is not economically feasible to install monitors at every parking lot, pullout, and illegal parking area – or collect data over for multiple years. Furthermore, TRAFx devices could not be installed at every location due to costs and site specific limitations. For example, several sites of interest were too close to the highway to allow accurate collection, as highway traffic would generate false visits. Some of the traffic counters were vandalized and some were simply stolen further complicating the challenge and cost of collecting this data.

In spite of the limitations, DPR was able to collect much useful data. DPR found a spike in visitation occurs during the summer, coinciding with the warmest temperatures of the year. The Bodega Head and Goat Rock areas see between 15,000 and 20,000 visitors during

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<sup>25</sup> Third Annual Coastal Fee Collection Impact Monitoring Report – Exhibit B.

the summer months. On an average day, visitors began to arrive at 8:00 a.m. and visitation peaks between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. when approximately 60 vehicles per hour move through the busiest day use areas. Saturdays and Sundays are the busiest days of the week, with an average vehicle count of approximately 650 per day at Goat Rock. A warm summer holiday, such as July 4th or Labor Day, will bring over 2,000 vehicles into the Bodega Head area where there are fewer than 200 parking spaces. Thus, over 5,000 people in 1,800 vehicles currently search for a parking space in one of the four Goat Rock day use parking areas. Data was presented in sections 1.4 and Appendix B (total car counts included in revenue projection figures) of DPR's de novo application

***b. Evaluation of expected changes in usage with fees***

The DPR has found that where these devices have been installed, new fees only cause a temporary deterrence, and that over a long period baseline usage goes largely unchanged. Additionally, flat fees and hourly rates combined can have the effect of producing more parking opportunity. For example, visitors will in some cases opt to select an hourly ticket that more accurately reflects their anticipated time at the beach, thus freeing up spaces for later users. Additionally, because of the popularity of these beaches and the fact that the DPR offers a host of choices for annual and use passes. Moreover, access to the State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount will allow services to be enhanced (such as restrooms, parking capacity lots, and trails), visitors will be even more likely to come and enjoy these beaches, particularly where lack of facilities like bathrooms and other basic necessities are currently creating a deterrent.

As noted in Appendix B of the de novo application, the DPR anticipates a 25% reduction in visitation numbers initially after upon fee implementation. This evaluation was based by the DPR's recent experience with initiating parking fees in the Orange Coast District. At the Orange Coast District the visitor levels began to rise again within 12 months. The initial decrease also resulted in an increase in pass sales. The DPR anticipates that the same trends would follow the initiation of parking fees in Sonoma County.

***c. Anticipated use of revenue on the Sonoma coastline.***

This was addressed in detail in Section 2.5 of the de novo appeal. As discussed earlier, and in light of the restrictions of Public Resources Code section 5010, the DPR cannot make absolute guarantees regarding the exact expenditure of any of its collected revenue. However, Public Resources Code section 5010.17 promises a new method of ensuring revenue dollars are reinvested into the parks that generate revenue. If Sonoma Coast SP becomes eligible for funds from the State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount, this revenue would be spent to reopen closed restrooms, eliminate seasonal closures of restrooms, resume full trash collection, improve current cleaning, and fund full public safety and natural resource staff.

***d. Further information regarding facilities improvements.***

As discussed earlier, and in light of the restrictions of Public Resources Code section 5010, the DPR cannot make guarantees regarding the exact expenditure of any of its collected

revenue. However, Public Resources Code section 5010.17 promises a new method of ensuring revenue dollars are reinvested into the parks that generate revenue. If Sonoma Coast SP becomes eligible for funds from the State Parks Revenue Incentive Subaccount, this revenue would be spent to timely replace damaged or worn restrooms, repair and enhance gravel and paved parking areas, enhance ADA compliance, and add additional trail capacity. The facility improvements related to the project (striping, ADA improvements, etc.) are clearly spelled out in Appendix E of DPR's de novo application

**7. At the request of the Commission, the DPR engaged in additional outreach and public participation.**

Beginning in July 2015, State Parks convened the Sonoma Coast Fee Issue Working Group consisting of the DPR, County of Sonoma (Supervisor Carrillo, Permit Resource Management Department, and Sonoma County Regional Parks), Sonoma County Surfrider Foundation, Sonoma County Conservation Action, Coastwalk, Bodega Bay Fire Department, and Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. The group met seven times to discuss the DPR's need for the project, site characteristics, proposed fees and passes and other opportunities to address concerns that have been raised by stakeholders. Meetings were held on July 15, 2015; October 12, 2015; November 23, 2015; December 14, 2015; January 6, 2016; January 20, 2016; February 3, 2016; and a public meeting was held on February 17, 2016.

**8. The DPR has reduced the proposed parking fee program.**

After these numerous stakeholder meetings, the DPR modified and adapted its proposal to best fit the unique Sonoma Coast line. The DPR has reduced the number of proposed parking fee lots by nearly 43%, reduced from 14 to 8. The manner of fee collection was updated from the traditional "iron ranger" to a modern, technology-based fee collection device that can accept credit cards and cash and gather accurate usage data. The DPR has modified the fee schedule with a variety of fee options based on the amount of time a parking facility is used. These changes speak to concerns for maximizing access in that the APM's offer more payment options and the hourly rate & surf check provide free or lower cost options for coastal access in these areas. The proposal no longer includes entrance kiosks. Finally, the proposal includes a 30-minute free surf check, to accommodate surfers, fishermen, sunset viewers, and bathroom breaks. These changes were made in response to what DPR heard from the public and Commission staff. The DPR now proposes a substantially reduced proposal that has removed locations where traffic and neighborhood concerns were identified. Many beaches remain free of charge.

**9. The proposed parking fee program would not impair Native American access to sacred sites.**

In several footnotes the staff report noted concerns regarding Native American access to sacred places, including seaweed gathering for ceremonies.<sup>26</sup> The DPR takes its responsibilities to Native American tribes very seriously and wishes to ensure the record is

<sup>26</sup> See Staff Report Fns. 7 & 23.

accurate. In 2007, the DPR adopted one of the first and most robust state department Native American consultation policies.<sup>27</sup> Under this policy, the DPR consults with Native American tribes: (1) before acquisition of properties where cultural sites are present; (2) during the General Plan process and/or development of Management Plans; (3) planning, design, and implementation of capital outlay and other public works and development projects; (4) issues of concern identified by the tribes; (5) plant and mineral gathering by Native people; (6) access to Native California Indian ceremonial sites; (7) archaeological permitting; (8) mitigation of vandalism and development of protective measures at Native California Indian sites; and (9) when using the Native voice in presenting the story of Native California Indian people in park units. Effective July 2015, Assembly Bill 52 (AB52) requires consultation during the CEQA process with Native American tribes who have requested project notices.

The DPR practices on-going Native American consultation with two specific Native American entities in the Sonoma area, the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.<sup>28</sup> This ongoing and project specific Native American consultation did not result in any concerns about DPR's day use parking fee proposal. However, consultation is on-going to identify all concerns that Native American entities may have regarding this proposed project. The DPR has established protocols in the event of the discovery of human remains. In short, the DPR is committed to ensuring tribal access to public lands for ceremonial and traditional practices. Based on the record and available information, the proposed fee program would not impair Native American access to sacred sites or traditional gathering, and this is simply an unsubstantiated claim without further information in the staff report designed to sway Commissioners without basis.

#### **10. The parking fee program is compliant with CEQA.**

In 2012, the DPR concluded that the proposal was exempt from CEQA—a determination that was not challenged. While not required by CEQA, the DPR prepared and published a notice of exemption (NOE) in 2012. The 2012 NOE claimed the fee collection devices were exempt under sections 15303 (new small structures), 15304 (minor alterations to land), and 15311 (accessory structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. The fee program itself is statutorily exempt from CEQA.<sup>29</sup> In February 2016, when the DPR was contemplating kiosks, the DPR was preparing an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the installation of the kiosks. However, after the kiosks were removed from the project there was no further need to conduct additional CEQA review by either DPR or the Commission itself in its functional capacity.

#### **11. The DPR did consult with CHP**

At the request of the Commission staff, the DPR contacted the CHP for comments on March 11, 2016. The CHP responded on April 6, 2016, noting a preexisting problem of

<sup>27</sup> Native American Consultation Policy & Implementation Procedures, Departmental Notice 2007-05 - Exhibit C.

<sup>28</sup> Native American Consultation Letters – Exhibit D.

<sup>29</sup> Public Resource Code § 21080 (b); tit. 14 C.C.R. § 15273.

illegal parking along the highway. The CHP noted the receipt of “many complaints from the public about the fees” suggesting that many people park on the highway to avoid fees. Specially, the CHP stated that “The parking situation on the coast has worsened over the years (in many areas - mainly due to several locations that are now closed to the public).” The CHP mentioned Stump Beach as a location of concern, as there is an existing gravel lot near a blind corner where pedestrians currently cross the road. CHP was concerned that parking fees would encourage additional pedestrian traffic. CHP recommended a painted cross walk to encourage pedestrians to cross at a safer location. Unfortunately, DPR did not receive these comments in time to incorporate them into its application.

Stump Beach is the only proposed fee area directly adjacent to the highway. From FY 2011-2012 through FY 2013-2014, Stump Beach was closed year round and visitors to this area used the pull-out mentioned to access Stump Beach. DPR reopened Stump Beach during the 2014-15 FY. Stump Beach is a small parking area that fills quickly. Even after Stump Beach was reopened, on a typical day, the DPR still finds cars parked both in the pull out and in the designated parking area. Illegal parking is an issue whether or not the DPR charges fees at this location. Hourly parking fees would encourage turnover and provide more visitors with safe parking. The DPR intends to work with CHP and Caltrans to address this pre-existing situation. The CHP’s responses are attached as an exhibit.<sup>30</sup>

#### **12. The DPR did consult with CalTrans**

DPR Chief Deputy Director, Liz McGuirk, held a meeting with CalTrans. To date, CalTrans has provided no written comments.

#### **13. The DPR did consult with the county Sheriff**

At the request of the Commission staff, the DPR contacted the County Sheriff for comments on March 10, 2016. The Sheriff’s office responded on March 13, 2016. The primary feedback was: “These [iron rangers] have been very controversial with the locals. They are angry about having to pay to park at local beaches and believe that out of towners [sic] will be parking in their neighborhoods to avoid the fees... if at all possible, mitigating the impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods would be welcomed.” The DPR has attempted to incorporate these concerns and mitigation in its reduced proposal by eliminating proposed fees at parking areas close to residential subdivisions. The Sheriff’s Office responses are attached as an exhibit<sup>31</sup>

#### **14. The DPR did consult with Sonoma County**

The late DPR Superintendent Burko made several attempts to meet one-on-one with Sonoma County. The Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District has met with county officials during stakeholders meetings, including 2 meetings at Senator McGuire’s office (October 12, 2015, and August 8, 2015).

<sup>30</sup> CHP Comments – Exhibit E.

<sup>31</sup> County Sheriff Comments, Exhibit F.

**15. It is expensive to operate remote recreation facilities in the coastal environment.**

Sonoma Coast SP presents numerous unique operational challenges. First, the visitor facilities are remote and dispersed; requiring more staff, or more staff hours, to patrol and maintain each of the far flung sites. Instead of relying on fixed towers or central visitor centers or ranger stations, DPR lifeguards and rangers rely on patrol vehicles. Restroom facilities cannot be simply connected to sewer systems, but instead require constant pumping. Further, the rugged marine environment and heavy visitation take their toll on facilities. Salt, winds, and surf cause rapid damage and corrosion. Both visitors and the environment cause wear and tear on roads, parking areas, railings, trails, day-use areas, and rest facilities. The DPR cannot continue to provide this level of service if support from the general fund continues to decline and revenue generated at other districts is reinvested where the funds are raised.

In the March 2016 de novo application, DPR estimated that the 2013/2014 revenue for Sonoma Coast SP was \$768,878, but the operation costs for Sonoma Coast SP was \$4,020,656. For that fiscal year Sonoma Coast SP ran on an operational loss of \$3,251,778. Further, the DPR estimated that the annual operational costs for Goat Rock, Shell Beach, Bodega Head, and Stump Beach were \$1,320,902.00 (\$52,812 for environmental resource protection; \$319,640 for maintenance; \$29,547 for interpretation and education; \$851,373 for public safety; and \$68,530 for cultural resource protection). These areas currently generate no revenue. In the future, these costs are anticipated to rise as visitor levels continue to increase and sea level rise threatens visitor facilities.

**16. The DPR has developed effective mitigation to avoid spill over impacts.**

The staff report indicates concern that the existing practice of visitors parking along the highway and cut outs as overflow parking will worsen as the public seeks to avoid fees. Indeed, the 2001 Sonoma LCP recognized this trend even before the DPR proposed this fee program. The only fee location adjacent to the state highway is Stump Beach. As identified by the CHP, motorists already park illegally along the highway outside of Stump Beach. The other proposed fee sites are well within park boundaries and unlikely to impact the highway. To prevent resource degradation, DPR currently utilizes a combination of low barriers and signage at the Bodega Head, Shell Beach, and Goat Rock areas. In the event of overuse and resource degradation, the Sonoma Coast SP General plan calls for implementation of measures including: facility design; installation of barriers; surface treatments; area or facility closure; change in access locations, or redirection of visitors to other areas.<sup>32</sup> Further, within the program the DPR has proposed new signage to limit illegal parking and the creation of illegal trails through sensitive habitat. Section 5.1 of the de novo application contains an in-depth discussion of the potential impacts to each location and available mitigation. Finally, the future and hypothetical illegal acts of the public should not serve as a reason to prohibit otherwise lawful development.

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<sup>32</sup> Sonoma Coast SP General Plan (2007) (available at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21299/files/sonoma%20coast%20final%20gp%20and%20eir%205-07-2%20cover-chap%203.pdf>.)

**17. DPR does not need to take the modified program back before Sonoma County.**

The reduced parking fee program is still before the Commission on de novo review. At the April 15, 2015, Commission hearing, the Commission found that the appeal raised a substantial issue. The modification and reduction of the proposal at behest of public input and recommendations by Commission staff does not require it to be re-submitted to the Sonoma County planning commission.

**18. The DPR has re-opened closed state parks in Sonoma County.**

The staff report notes that several DPR parks are closed and requests an update on plans to re-open these facilities. Specifically, footnote 23 stated: "DPR's website for Sonoma Coast State Park indicates that Bodega Head East, Russian Gulch Day Use, Vista Point Day Use, Pomo Canyon Environmental Campground and South Salmon Creek parking are currently closed to the public. Within Salt Point State Park, the Kruse Day Use area is a pack-in/pack-out facility with no trashcans or restrooms available. Woodside Camping area is also closed." Prior to the recession (FY 2009-2010), when the service reductions were first implement there were no seasonal closures of day use facilities on the Sonoma Coast. In recent years Seasonal closures to campgrounds were common, based on environmental and weather concerns (i.e. Willow Creek adjacent to the Russian River which floods) or low demand (Woodside, Reef Campground, Pomo Canyon). The DPR is happy to announce that Woodside Campground<sup>33</sup>, the Russian Gulch Day Use, Campbell Cove, Blind Beach, Vista Point Day Use,<sup>34</sup> Pomo Canyon Environmental Campground, and South Salmon Creek parking are all currently open. The DPR plans to have Bodega Head East reopened by May 1, 2016. While these facilities are open for public use, certain services such as restrooms and trash collection remain limited. Seasonal closures at some facilities remain likely without the generation of additional revenue.

**19. The DPR is developing a Sonoma regional state park permit.**

The DPR is currently planning to introduce a regional Sonoma State Park Pass that would increase regional recreation opportunities and encourage park visitation. However, creating a regional pass is not an easy task or one that can be completed overnight. The pass is currently modeled after the Tahoe Regional Vehicle Day Use Annual Pass, which was the result of a multiyear process. The Tahoe Regional Pass provides yearly access to several popular parks including D.L. Bliss SP, Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point SP, Emerald Bay SP, Kings Beach SRA, and Donner Memorial SP. This new pass would be the first state park pass for a county region. Specifics, such as the cost, number of parks, and where the passes would be sold, are all details that still must be determined. While DPR is still pursuing this exciting innovation, the DPR objects to the implication that this is a requirement for Coastal Act compliance. Requiring the creation of a county-wide park pass is beyond the Commission's authority under the Coastal Act.

**20. The DPR has provided preliminary post-fee visitation data from Southern**

<sup>33</sup> [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=453](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=453).

<sup>34</sup> The Vista Point restroom is currently closed.

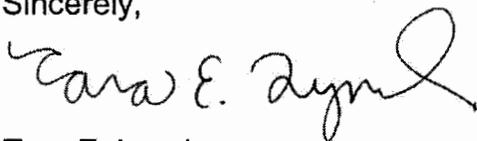
**California parks and is committed to developing mutually agreed upon reporting methods.**

The Orange Coast District was the first DPR district to implement the new statewide fee collection system and the Electronic Receipt of Collections (eROC) system. The eROC was first deployed at Orange Coast District on March 1, 2015. Since that time, eROC has been deployed in all districts. eROC allows digital collection of visitor numbers tracking trends in real-time. The eROC reconciles electronically with the banks regarding cash and credit card deposits. This new system has required staff to adapt, modify and try different methods of program implementation. The Orange Coast District has submitted its preliminary 2013-2014 data to best comply with the applicable permit conditions.<sup>35</sup> The Orange Coast District is still compiling the 2014-2015 data and hopes that the new eROC system and pending modernizations will improve the detail and speed of this information. As the scope and detail of the collected data improves, the Orange Coast District believes that it can develop a reporting method that the Commission will accept. It should also be noted that a majority of local governments that charge parking fees at coastal access points have not been required to conduct baseline data collection or been required to develop monitoring and reporting programs. These appear to be permit conditions primarily targeted at the DPR and DPR facilities managed by other entities.

In conclusion, the DPR hopes that the Commission will carefully consider the important regional and statewide implications of this application. In an ideal world, state parks and beaches would be free and there would be ample parking and facilities available for all. But we inhabit a reality where there is not enough parking spaces to accommodate the public, especially on busy summer days, and in order to support the beaches and parks that we are inclined to love to death – we are expected to pay our fair share. If the Commission decides to approve this project, the DPR has prepared the attached proposed motion and conditions.<sup>36</sup>

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Exhibits A-H

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<sup>35</sup> APM Data Analysis - Exhibit G.

<sup>36</sup> Proposed Motion and Conditions - Exhibit H.

## Coastal Vehicle Fees

### Local Governments

City	Meters	APM	Kiosk	Fees /hour	Fees/day
Del Mar	X	X		\$3.00	
Oceanside	X	X		\$2.00	\$5-\$8
Newport Beach	X		X	\$1.50	\$15.00
San Clemente		X		\$1.50	
Dana Point				\$1.00	
Laguna Beach	X	X	?	\$1.25-2.25	\$7/day
Huntington Beach	X	X		\$1.50	\$15.00
Seal Beach		X		\$3.00/2hours	
Long Beach	X	?	?	unkn	unkn
San Pedro	unkn	unkn	unkn	\$1.00	
Rancho Palos Verdes	unkn	unkn	unkn		\$5.00
Terrance		X			Varies seasonally \$2.00-7.00
Redondo Beach	X	X		\$0.25/15 minutes	\$2.00/hour (Summer) \$1.50/hour (winter)
Hermosa Beach	X			Unkn	
Manhattan Beach		X		\$1.50	
Santa Monica	X		X	unkn	\$6.00-\$15.00
Malibu	Unkn	Unkn	Unkn		\$3.00-10*
LA County	Unkn	Unkn	Unkn		\$3.00-15.00
Orange County		X			\$1.00
Santa Barbara County		Unkn	Unkn		\$10.00
Pismo Beach		X		\$1.00	
Capitola	X				
City of Monterey	X	X		\$1.50	\$10
Santa Cruz		X	X		
Humboldt County	Unkn	Unkn	Unkn		\$2.00
Pacifica		X			\$8.00/day \$4.00/4 hours
Sonoma County	Unkn	Unkn	Unkn		\$7.00

## Coastal Vehicle Fees

### **Coastal State Parks<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Bolsa Chica SB**

Bolsa Chica Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

#### **Border Field SP**

Border Field Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$5.00 \$5.00

#### **Cardiff SB**

Cardiff Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$10.00 \$15.00

#### **Carlsbad SB**

Tamarack Lot Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Crystal Cove SP**

Crystal Cove Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

#### **Carpinteria SB**

Carpinteria Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Doheny SB**

Doheny Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

#### **El Capitan SB**

El Capitan Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Emma Wood SB**

Emma Wood Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Half Moon Bay SB**

Half Moon Bay Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Huntington SB**

Huntington Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

#### **Malibu Lagoon SB**

Malibu Lagoon Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$12.00 \$12.00

#### **Manresa SB**

Manresa Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **McGrath SB**

McGrath Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Natural Bridges SB**

Natural Bridges Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **New Brighton SB**

New Brighton Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Oceano Dunes SVRA**

Oceano Dunes Paid Vehicle Undeveloped Parking \$5.00 \$5.00

#### **Pescadero SB**

Pescadero Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

#### **Pismo SB**

Pismo Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

#### **Pomponio SB**

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<sup>1</sup> Based on information from: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/Current\\_web\\_day%20use.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/Current_web_day%20use.pdf)  
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## Coastal Vehicle Fees

Pomponio Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Refugio SB**

Refugio Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Robert H. Meyer Memorial SB**

Robert H. Meyer Memorial Paid Vehicle Undeveloped Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **San Buenaventura SB**

Main Day Use Lot Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$5.00

Pier Lot Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **San Clemente SB**

San Clemente Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

### **San Elijo SB**

San Elijo Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$12.00 \$8.00 \$15.00

### **San Onofre SB**

San Onofre Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00

### **Seacliff SB**

Seacliff Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **San Gregorio**

San Gregorio Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Silver Strand SB**

Silver Strand Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00 \$15.00

### **South Carlsbad SB**

South Carlsbad Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$10.00 \$15.00

### **Sunset SB**

Palm Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Torrey Pines SB**

Torrey Pines Beach Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$15.00 \$12.00 \$20.00

### **Tomales Bay SP**

Tomales Bay Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Prairie Creek Redwoods SP**

Prairie Creek Redwoods Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Salt Point SP**

Salt Point Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Point Mugu SP**

La Jolla Paid Vehicle Undeveloped Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

Mugu Beach Paid Vehicle Undeveloped Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

Sycamore Canyon Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$12.00 \$12.00

Sycamore Cove Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$12.00 \$12.00

### **MacKerricher SP**

MacKerricher Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **China Camp SP**

Back Ranch Developed Parking \$5.00 \$5.00

### **Crystal Cove SP**

Crystal Cove Developed Parking \$15.00 \$15.00 Paid Vehicle

## Coastal Vehicle Fees

Moro Campground (beach day use area) Paid Vehicle Developed Parking  
\$15.00 \$15.00

### **Big Basin Redwoods SP**

Big Basin Main Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00 Paid Vehicle

Rancho del Oso Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Limekiln SP**

Limekiln Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Gaviota SP**

Gaviota Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Julia Pfeiffer Burns SP**

Julia Pfeiffer Burns Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Fort Ross SHP**

Fort Ross Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00 Paid Vehicle

Reef Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP**

Del Norte Coast Redwoods Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Leo Carrillo SP**

Leo Carrillo Developed Parking \$12.00 \$12.00

### **Point Lobos SNR**

Point Lobos Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

### **Patrick's Point SP**

Patrick's Point Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Morro Bay SP**

Morro Bay Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$8.00 \$8.00

### **Portola Redwoods SP**

Portola Redwoods Paid Vehicle Developed Parking \$10.00 \$10.00

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CENTRAL COAST AREA OFFICE  
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April 12, 1995

Kenneth B. Jones, Deputy Director  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: XS-91-1 through 16

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have reviewed the Department's third (and final) monitoring report for the fee collection devices. Based upon the information submitted, we concur with the Department's conclusion that where the devices have been installed there has not been any significant impacts.

Thank you for your attention to the monitoring requirements imposed by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Linda Locklin  
Manager, Coastal Access Program

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cc: Peter Douglas, Executive Director  
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The Honorable Carl L. Williams, Chairman  
and Members  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, California 94105

**Third Annual Coastal Fee Collection  
Impact Monitoring Report  
Permit Numbers X-8-91-01 through 16 and 6-3-216**

As part of its application for new fee collecting devices in the State's Coastal Zone, the California Department of Parks and Recreation had proposed to prepare annual reports describing our efforts to monitor potential impacts to the surrounding environment. You will find the third of these reports attached. We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have been unable to identify significant impacts resulting from the installation of the approved devices.

You will find that the enclosed report describes more of the status of these permits than was required either by our application or by permit condition. Because of your continued interest in this issue we felt it important to keep you informed not only of our efforts to document impacts possibly caused by the installed fee collection devices and the public's reaction to them, but of our progress in implementing our permits.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-8288.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Kenneth B. Jones  
Deputy Director  
Park Stewardship

**Attachments**

cc: Douglas P. Wheeler, Secretary for Resources  
Peter Douglas, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission

bcc: Ed Navarro  
Bob La Belle  
Carl Drake  
KBJ:BNP:lghtman:bcw

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THIRD ANNUAL  
PARKING FEE IMPACT MONITORING REPORT

California Department of Parks and Recreation

**INTRODUCTION:** The California Department of Parks and Recreation applied for and was granted coastal development permits for a variety of parking fee collection devices and the necessary signing at 16 locations (XS-91-1 through -16 and 6-93-216) within 11 units of the State Park System. As part of its applications, the Department proposed to monitor the effects, if any, of the new parking fee collection devices. The monitoring would include identifying where any new unauthorized trails had been established in order to avoid paying parking fees, as well as tabulating and reporting letters and phone calls of adverse off-site impacts. Based upon an analysis of this information, we would identify specific mitigation measures, as we deem appropriate and feasible, such as installing fences or signs to prevent new trails which might impact sensitive resources.

A condition of permits XS-91-12, 13, 14, and 16 requires the Department to include, as part of our monitoring report, efforts we had made to increase participation in our annual and special pass program. These permits have not been exercised but the Department has gone ahead with increased efforts in respect to this pass program. The following paragraphs constitute the Department of Parks and Recreation's third annual coastal parking fee collection impact monitoring reports to fulfill the letter of our applications and, as applicable, the conditions of the permits.

**BACKGROUND:** Applications XS-91-1 through XS-91-7 were approved in June 1991. Applications XS-91-8 through XS-91-11 and XS-91-15 were approved in August 1991. Four applications, XS-91-12 through XS-91-14 and XS-91-16 were approved in January 1992. Application 6-993-216 was approved on March 17, 1994. These last five applications were approved for limited terms and could only be used if a local agency failed to reimburse the Department for lost revenues, and were further conditioned that a monitoring report be submitted. Two local agencies, the City of Carlsbad and the County of Sonoma, had initially paid fees to the Department in lieu of the permits being exercised at the four sites. Currently, only the City of Carlsbad continues to pay the in-lieu fee.

**INSTALLATION STATUS:** Of the 17 Coastal Development Permits issued to this Department for parking fee collection devices, we have chosen to exercise eight of them in five Southern California locations and one in Central California. Installation of one of these devices, at San Onofre State Beach, has not been completed. The Department generates about \$300,000 annually from the seven permits plus four other sites approved locally or through a Public Works Permit.

As reported to you in our Second Annual Report, the Department has elected not to exercise the six permits at Dry Lagoon (Humboldt Lagoons State Park), Westport-Union Landing State Beach (two permits), Jug Handle State Reserve,

Third Annual Parking Fee Impact Monitoring Report  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Russian Gulch (Sonoma Coast State Beach), and Campbell Cove (Sonoma State Beach). The Department has determined that it would not be economically feasible to charge a parking fee at these locations. Permits were not initially exercised because the Department received in lieu payments from local agencies. The County of Sonoma no longer makes a payment for the Goat Rock site (Sonoma Coast State Beach). The Department did not exercise the permit at this location and allowed it to lapse pending other alternative funding options being explored. With the mandatory expiration of XS-91-16, the Department chose to make a new application of the Tamarack site at Carlsbad State Beach. The City of Carlsbad continues with an annual payment for this site.

RESULTS OF THIRD YEAR'S MONITORING: The Department monitors each location for the presence of new trails to the beach, changes in parking patterns, new traffic problems, and any complaints from the public. There continues to be no new environmental damage reported by the public or employees due to new trails. Local officials report no new traffic problems.

STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OUTREACH PROGRAM: As a condition of approval for the three devices at Sonoma Coast State Beach and one at South Carlsbad State Beach, it was required that we report to the Coastal Commission the Department's efforts to inform the public of the availability of our pass programs, trends in usage, and our efforts to reimburse pass users for the expenditure of previous parking fees. These four permits have not been exercised. However, because of the Commission's interest, these concerns are addressed hereunder.

As described to the Coastal Commission during the course of the hearings and in the first report, the Department has a number of passes and discounts designed for the elderly, disabled, and those with low incomes.

As mentioned in previous report, the Department, in its reorganization, created two positions to focus on an outreach program to non-traditional users of state parks. These positions have been introducing non-traditional users to the coastal units.

CONCLUSION: The Department of Parks and Recreation is encouraged by the general acceptance of its fee schedule and parking fee collection methods. We have been unable to document any adverse impacts to the environment or complaints about the parking fee collection. There have been no significant changes to the Department's Fee Schedule in the last three years. This can be attributed to a combination of continued tight controls on expenditures and success in obtaining funds from other sources with identified impacts on the State Park System. The Department is committed to continuing its monitoring procedures and reporting to the Coastal Commission on any response actions through 1994.

STATUS SUMMARY  
 Summary of Coastal Permits for Fee Collection  
 February 17, 1995

<u>Date of CEQA Notice</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Device</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Status</u>
5-17-91	XS-91-1	Half Moon Bay SB (Venice Beach)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 7/91
5-17-91	XS-91-2	Malibu Lagoon SB (Beach Parking Lot)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 8/91
5-24-91	XS-91-3	South Carlsbad SB (Ponto Beach)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 6/92
12-6-90	XS-91-4	Cardiff SB (N. Parking Lot)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 10/91
12-6-90	XS-91-5	Cardiff SB (S. Parking Lot)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 10/91
12-6-90	XS-91-6	Torrey Pines SB (N. Parking Lot)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 8/91
6-90	XS-91-7	Torrey Pines SB (S. Parking Lot)	Park-ur-self	6-11-91	1, 2	Installed 7/91
12-6-90	XS-91-8	Humboldt Lagoons SP (Stone Lagoon)	Iron Ranger	8-13-91	2	Lapsed
1-8-91	XS-91-9	Westport-Union Indg. SB (Howard Creek)	Iron Ranger	8-13-91	2	Lapsed

<u>Date of CEQA Notice</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Device</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Status</u>
1-8-91	XS-91-10	Westport-Union Lndg. SB (De Haven Creek)	Iron Ranger	8-13-91	2	Lapsed
1-8-91	XS-91-11	Jug Handle SR	Iron Ranger	8-13-91	2	Lapsed
12-6-90	XS-91-12	Sonoma Coast SB (Russian Gulch)	Iron Ranger	1-13-92	2, 3, 4, 5	Lapsed
6-90	XS-91-13	Sonoma Coast SB (Goat Rock Beach)	Park-ur-self	1-13-92	2, 3, 4, 5	Lapsed
12-6-90 (Kiosk 5-24-91)	XS-91-14	Sonoma Coast SB (Campbell Cove)	Iron Ranger/ Portable Kiosk	1-13-92	2, 3, 4, 5	Lapsed
12-6-90	XS-91-15	San Onofre SB (Trestles)	Park-ur-self	8-13-91	2	Effecuated 7/93
12-6-90	XS-91-16	Carlsbad SB (Tamarack)	Park-ur-self	1-13-92	2, 3, 4, 5	Lapsed
12-6-90	6-93-216	Carlsbad SB (Tamarack)	Park-ur-self	3-17-94	4 Condi- tions	In Lieu
	PWP 4-82-6	Crystal Cove SP (El Moro) (Los Trancos) (Pelican Point)	Park-ur-self Park-ur-self Park-ur-self	4-29-91 4-29-91 4-29-91		All became operational 5/91

Note: In addition to the "Conditions of Approval" below, the Department agreed as part of its application submittal (except for the three sites at Crystal Cove and 6-93-216) to submit to the Coastal Commission three annual reports of its monitoring program. This monitoring would, at a minimum, identify new unauthorized trails, and tabulate letters and phone calls of complaint relative to the new devices. Based upon an analysis of this information, the Department would identify appropriate mitigation and take corrective action it deems appropriate and feasible.

Adopted  
Conditions of Approval  
XB-91-1 through -16

1. Prior to transmittal of the Coastal Development Permit, permittee shall submit evidence to the Executive Director that the Department has held public meetings to receive public input on the Department's fee schedule.
2. This Coastal Development Permit is for the installation of fee collection devices for the purpose of parking cars.
3. By acceptance of this permit, the applicant agrees that the fee collection devices will only be used if a local agency fails to execute an agreement reimbursing the Department for lost revenues.
4. The annual monitoring report shall include such information as: (1) the efforts the applicant has made to inform all sectors of the public about the availability of alternatives to collection of parking fees through its annual and special pass programs; (2) baseline information on the numbers and types of passes currently being sold and the existence of any trends after implementation of the fee collection devices, and (3) the efforts the applicant has made to explore reimbursement to day users who were unable to purchase annual and special passes at the time of their park visit and who subsequently purchased annual and special passes.
5. This permit is valid for two years, until January 13, 1994.

Condition 6-93-216

1. This permit shall be limited to the use of the device for collecting parking fees only.
2. This permit is valid for three years, until March 17, 1997.
3. The Department shall submit three annual reports to the Executive Director for review and approval, which monitor any adverse impacts from the installation of the device. Monitored impacts shall include the establishment of unauthorized trails in order to avoid paying the parking fee, and tabulation of any phone calls and letters of complaint from the public and surrounding public officials relative to adverse off-site impacts. Mitigation measures shall be identified, such as installing fences and signage to prevent new trails from impacting resource areas.
4. By acceptance of this permit, the applicant agrees that the fee collection device will only be used if the City fails to execute an agreement reimbursing the Department for lost revenues.

State of California - The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION		MANUAL
<b>DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE</b> <b>No. 2007- 05</b>		Operations
SUBJECT Native American Consultation Policy & Implementation Procedures		CHAPTER 0400 Cultural Resources (old DOM 1600)
ISSUED November 16, 2007	EXPIRES When incorporated	REFERENCE The Cultural Resources sections of Old DOM 1600 & the Resource Management Directives (1979)

DPR 375 (Rev. 10/2001)(Word 6/25/2002)

WHEN APPLICABLE, ENTER THE NUMBER AND DATE OF THIS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE IN THE MARGIN OF THE MANUAL PAGE, ADJACENT TO THE SECTION(S) AFFECTED BY IT.

*This Departmental Notice has been re-created for transmittal in electronic format. The original notice was signed by Theodore Jackson, Jr. – Deputy Director for Park Operations.*

The purpose of this Departmental Notice is to set forth the Department’s policy for consultation with Native California Indians<sup>1</sup> regarding activities that affect matters relating to their heritage, sacred sites, and cultural traditions. This Departmental Notice is effective immediately and until incorporated into the Department Operations Manual (DOM).

See “Definitions of Key Terms” for definitions used in this Departmental Notice.

## LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Department is required, by state and federal laws and regulations, to protect and preserve Native American resources within the State Park System. Departmental policy also provides specific guidelines, stated in the Resource Management Directives concerning the involvement of Native California Indian groups in all plans and practices that have impacts on the Native American resources under the Department’s stewardship. The Federal laws related to Native American resources that may apply to the Department include: The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq.); The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.); the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470aa et seq.); Executive Order No. 13007, 61 Fed. Reg. 26771 (May 24, 1996) regarding Indian Sacred Sites; the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 469 et seq.); the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. § 3001 et seq.); and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996). State laws and regulations related to Native American resources that may apply to the Department include: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Cal. Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.); Native American Historical, Cultural, and Sacred Sites (Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 5097 et seq.); Historical Resources (Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 5020 et seq.); Preservation of Significant Archaeological Resource Areas and Associated Artifacts (Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 5079.60 et seq.); Removal, Destruction, Mutilation of Human Remains (Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 7050.5 et seq.); Destruction of Archaeological Sites and Caves (Cal. Pen. Code §§ 622

<sup>1</sup> The intent of the Department’s policy is to consult with both federally and non-federally recognized tribes or groups of Native California Indian people, which, in this Departmental Notice, may be referred to as ‘tribe’ or ‘group’. Additionally, the Department recognizes that some tribal territories cross present international and state boundaries. It is the intent of the Department to include such tribes in consultation regarding activities within such geographic areas.

½ & 623); Investigation, Excavation and Preservation of Historic or Prehistoric Ruins (Cal. Wat. Code § 234); Government Code Sections regarding disclosure of archaeological site information (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 6253, 6254, & 6254.10.); and Title 14, California Code of Regulations § 4307 regarding Geological Features; and Governor's Executive Order No. W-26-92 [management of significant heritage resources under jurisdiction of state agencies] April 8, 1992. Within the Department see Resource Management Directives #50, #52, and #71. Recent legislation regarding disclosure of information and consultation by local governments with Native California Indian tribes can also be found in Civil Code Section 815.3; Government Code Sections 65040.2, 65092, 65351, 65352, 65352.3, 65352.4, 65560, and 65562.5 (also known as Senate Bill No. 18 (2003-2004 Regular Session)).

## **BACKGROUND**

Since at least 1979, with the issuance of the Department's Resource Management Directives, it has been the informal guidance of California State Parks to strive for open communication and ongoing consultation with Native California Indians on matters relating to their heritage, sacred sites and cultural traditions. This Departmental Notice is intended to establish a process of consultation between Native California Indian tribes and California State Parks by clearly defining the circumstances under which consultation should occur and the process of such consultation including the timing of consultation with project development, the negotiation process, or when to consider consultation 'concluded' with regard to a specific issue.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION POLICY**

The Department recognizes its special responsibility as the steward of many sites of cultural and spiritual significance to living Native peoples of California. Therefore, it is the policy of California State Parks to engage in open, respectful, ongoing consultation with appropriate Native California Indian tribes or groups in the proper management of areas, places, objects or burials associated with their heritage, sacred sites and traditional cultural properties or cultural traditions in the State Park System.

The primary responsibility for Native American consultation is vested in the District Superintendent in each park district. This Departmental Notice outlines nine primary areas where consultation is appropriate, but other areas for this type of dialogue may include aspects of park operations such as visitor use, interpretation, facility maintenance, special events, prescribed burning, and resource management. District Superintendents will annually report to the Department Preservation Officer a summary of consultations with local Native California Indian tribes that occurred in their districts. This information will be compiled in the Annual Report on Historic Preservation Activities, which is submitted by the Department to the Office of Historic Preservation (see Departmental Notice 2004-2).

Prior to implementing projects or policies that may have impacts to Native California Indian sites within the State Park System, the Department will actively consult with local Native California Indian tribes regarding the protection, preservation and/or mitigation of cultural sites and sacred sites in the State Park System. Consultation between local Native California Indian tribes and California State Parks is required in the following nine areas of activity: 1) acquisition of properties where cultural sites are present; 2) during the General Plan process and/or development of Management Plans; 3) planning, design, and implementation of capital outlay

and other public works and development projects; 4) issues of concern identified by the tribes; 5) plant and mineral gathering by Native people; 6) access to Native California Indian ceremonial sites; 7) archaeological permitting; 8) mitigation of vandalism and development of protective measures at Native California Indian sites; and 9) when using the Native voice in presenting the story of Native California Indian people in park units.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURE OUTLINE**

**Guiding Thought:** Consultation is a process in which both the Native California Indian tribe and California State Parks invests time, effort, and understanding to seek a mutually respectful resolution for the purpose of preserving or mitigating impacts to a cultural place, site, object or human burial where feasible.

### **A. California State Parks initiates contact with Native California Indian tribes:**

1. When a project area has been identified in one or more of the nine different areas of activity described above, District personnel shall request, and obtain, from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) the Native American Consultation List for the effected area (the District should regularly coordinate with the NAHC to maintain an accurate list).
2. District personnel shall then contact each group or tribe listed for the appropriate area requesting a consultation. Written notice should be used (in some circumstances by certified mail with return receipt requested) – but this does not preclude contact in person, by telephone, FAX, or e-mail. Personal follow up contact to any of the above methods is highly encouraged to increase successful information sharing and understanding.

In the event written notice is used, such notices should be concise, clear, and informative to ensure understanding by all parties, and contain the following information:

- a. A clear statement of the purpose of the consultation, inviting the Native California Indian tribe to consult and re-enforcing the importance of the tribe's participation in working to identify, protect and preserve their heritage and traditions.
- b. A narrative description of the proposed activity, project, acquisition area, or General Plan. In the case of vandalism, the site of the crime and extent of damage.
- c. Maps clearly showing detail of the geographic area(s) described in the narrative. Maps should be of reasonable scale with sufficient references for easy identification of the affected area(s).
- d. The deadline (date) by which California State Parks requests the tribe to agree to consultation with District personnel. The tribe shall have 90 days from the date of the notice to request consultation.
- e. Contact information of representatives of California State Parks to whom the tribe should respond.
- f. Technical reports, including summaries of cultural resources reports and archaeological reports applicable to the area, if available.

- g. Information on proposed or potential grading or other ground-disturbing activities, if applicable (this may be included in the project description).
3. Subject to confidentiality procedures, it is advised that the District and the tribe maintain clear records of communications, including letters, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mails. Both parties may send notices by certified mail and keep logs of telephone calls, faxes and e-mails. A file of returned or unanswered correspondence shall be retained by the District in order to verify efforts to communicate. Documentation of notification and consultation request will be included in the California State Parks public record (with the exception of any sensitive, confidential elements pursuant to laws and regulations; litigation holds or on-going investigations that may preclude such public release).
4. California State Parks shall provide additional information about the proposed project, General Plan, or event, if available, if so requested by the tribe. In the event new information is discovered regarding a proposed project, California State Parks may consider extending the 90-day timeframe for the tribe to review the new information and respond accordingly.
5. If the tribe does not respond within the 90 days or declines consultation, consultation will be considered waived. However, both parties will retain the right to re-open consultation efforts at a later date if warranted.

**B. Native California Indian tribe initiates contact with California State Parks:**

1. If a Native California Indian tribe requests consultation for the purpose of identifying, preserving, protecting cultural sites, traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, or gathering areas; mitigating impacts to cultural resources; or entry for gathering certain plants or minerals, the consultation shall begin within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 90 days from the request for consultation. The goals of such consultation include:
  - a. For all parties to recognize cultural places that are essential elements of Native California Indian tribal culture, traditions, heritages and identities.
  - b. To establish meaningful dialogue between California State Parks and local Native California Indian tribal governments in order to identify and take into consideration cultural places on State park lands.
  - c. To avoid potential conflicts over the preservation of Native California Indian cultural places by ensuring that both California State Parks and tribal governments have information available early in the land use planning process.
  - d. To encourage the preservation and protection of Native California Indian cultural places on State park land by avoiding them or developing appropriate management for them in project planning, design and development when possible and minimizing both primary and secondary impacts.
  - e. To facilitate the development of proper treatment and management plans to preserve Native California Indian cultural places.
  - f. To enable Native California Indian tribes to enter into cooperative agreements with California State Parks to act as caretakers of their cultural places.

**When is Consultation Concluded?** When engaging in consultation, both California State Parks and Native California Indian tribal representatives should consider leaving the process

open-ended to allow ample opportunity for mutual agreement to be reached. Some consultations will involve highly sensitive and complex issues that cannot be resolved in a short period of time. Consultation may require a series of meetings before a mutually acceptable agreement may be achieved. One method of efficient consultation would be to schedule quarterly meetings for on-going dialogue.

While consultation may be on-going, with regard to any individual project, consultation should be considered concluded at the point in which:

- The parties to the consultation come to a mutual resolution concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
- Either California State Parks or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that the parties are at an impasse and resolution cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measure(s) of preservation or mitigation.

When a mutual resolution is reached, a Memorandum of Agreement<sup>2</sup> may be written and the project will proceed implementing the measures agreed upon.

If an impasse is declared, written documentation of all efforts and alternatives shall be forwarded to the Departmental Preservation Officer (DPO) for review. The Department Preservation Officer may recommend mitigation or preservation measures for the project, alternatives to the project, abandonment of the project, or proceeding with the project as planned and shall forward such recommendation with the reasons therefore, along with all documents, to the Director for the final decision regarding the project.

## **DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS USED IN THIS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE**

“Consultation” means the timely and active process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of the participants to obtain a mutually respectful resolution for the treatment of heritage sites, objects, or human remains.

“Cultural sites” are those places or areas where gathering, ceremonies, everyday living, or burial of the dead would occur. A village site would be an example; however other types of places may also be identified by the tribe.

“Gathering area” means any area where traditional food, plants, or other natural materials that are used in a traditional practice by a Native California Indian group are gathered, collected, assembled, or maintained.

“Native American Consultation List” means the list developed and maintained by the NAHC pursuant to Government Code Section 65352.3 – as outlined in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research’s *Tribal Consultation Guidelines – Supplement to General Plan Guidelines, November 14, 2005*, that identifies for local governments California Native American

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<sup>2</sup> For large, complex projects, the Department recommends the parties execute a Memorandum of Agreement detailing the agreed upon measure(s) of preservation or mitigation. However, a Memorandum of Agreement may not be necessary for smaller, less complex projects where the documentation of the consultation process is sufficient.

groups to be notified or consulted about proposed local land use planning decisions for the purpose of protecting traditional cultural places and sacred.

“Department Preservation Officer” means the Department Director or designee assigned to coordinate State Park cultural preservation activities. Currently this position is held by the chief of the Archaeology, History and Museums Division (Governor’s Executive Order No. W-26-92 [management of significant heritage resources under jurisdiction of state agencies] April 8, 1992).

“Native California Indian group” means a California Indian tribe, band or nation recognized by the NAHC.

“Project”, for the purposes of this Departmental Notice, is any activity that has potential to cause an adverse effect on Native American archaeological and ethno-historical sites, objects or burials.

“Traditional Cultural Property” is as defined in National Register Bulletin #38, *Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties*: “A traditional cultural property...can be defined generally as one that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register because of its association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that (a) are rooted in that community’s history, and (b) are important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community.”

“Sacred Sites” are places of spiritual/religious significance to a tribe where religious ceremonies are practiced or which are central to their origins as a people; but sacred sites may also include those areas where California Native people gather food, medicine, or materials for cultural purposes. It is always up to the tribe to determine whether or not a site is sacred. A list of Sacred Sites is maintained by the NAHC - that office will provide a contact person who is qualified to discuss any sacred site issues in an identified project area.

#### **Other Key Terms Not Included – Provided for Clarification**

“Most Likely Descendent (MLD)” means the Native California Indian group or person(s) that the Native American Heritage Commission designates as most likely descended from ancestral Native Americans in an area or region of California (Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 5097.94a & 5097.98). The MLD List is not distributed by the NAHC. Groups or people on this list would only be contacted to develop agreements with regard to specific human burials or grave goods discovered during the course of a project.

“Native American monitor” means a person who is hired to monitor archaeological resources during a project. Preference for these positions should be given to California Native Americans culturally affiliated with the project area. The monitor should be familiar with local ancestral California Native American village sites and cultural practices, and follow the “Guidelines for Monitors/Consultants of Native American Cultural, Religious and Burial Sites” (approved Sept. 13, 2005) prepared by the NAHC (available on their website [www.nahc.ca.gov/guidelines4mon.html](http://www.nahc.ca.gov/guidelines4mon.html)).

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding this notice, its implementation, interpretation, application or deviation, contact the Cultural Resources Programs Supervisor, Archaeology, History and Museums Division, John Foster at (916) 4529, or [JFost@parks.ca.gov](mailto:JFost@parks.ca.gov).

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February 26, 2016

Lorin Smith, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria  
1420 Guerneville Road, Suite 3  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Lorin,

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) proposes to install fee collection stations at up to 5 discontinuous locations in Sonoma Coast State Park (SCSP) and Salt Point State Park (SPSP) to comply with State Law mandating DPR to generate increased revenue to alleviate decreased General Fund support. The fee collection stations could be manifested as automatic pay parking machines (APPMs) or manned entry kiosks, or a combination of the two. APPMs would be located at (from north to south), Stump Beach, Russian Gulch, South Goat Rock, North Goat Rock, Arched View, Blind Beach, Shell Beach, Portuguese Beach, Schoolhouse Beach, North Salmon, Bean Avenue/South Salmon, Campbell Cove, Bodega East, and Bodega West Day Use Parking areas. Additionally, manned entry kiosks would be located on Westshore Road at Bodega Head, Goat Rock Road, and on Willow Creek Road in the Willow Creek subunit.

The self-pay stations proposed in the original project consisted of what DPR refers to as "Iron Rangers"; consisting simply of an square iron tube set in concrete 3' into the ground and extending from 32" to 38" above ground. CSP now installs electronic APPM at many of its busier parks, even in remote areas with limited infrastructure. APPMs are solar powered units which have Wi-Fi connectivity to allow for the purchase of day use access through the use of cash, debit, credit, and Pay Pass options.

Work at each location may include:

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Sincerely,

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Buffy McQuillen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
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Dear Buffy,

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**Allen, Rory@Parks**

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**From:** Palacio, Michael@CHP  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lair, Mike@Parks  
**Cc:** Harvey, Shawn@CHP; Laurie, Sean@CHP  
**Subject:** RE: Fee Proposal

Mike,

My apologies as I meant to send this information out to you a while ago and got sidetracked.

After talking with my two officers on the coast they are in agreement that parking along the coast, especially during the holiday weekends, is challenging to say the least. One of the biggest parking issues is the fact that several spots along the coast are closed during certain times of the year, and unfortunately this does not stop the public from coming out and illegally parking. The officers constantly address the situation and educate the public about legal parking at every opportunity, but feel it will continue to be an ongoing issue.

The officers have heard many complaints from the public about the fees and have experienced many people simply parking on Hwy 1, or other roads, to avoid the fees. The parking situation on the coast has worsened over the years (in many areas - mainly due to several locations that are now closed to the public).

The Stump Beach location is an example of a problem area and although there is a reasonable gravel parking area across SR-1, from the proposed pay-area, this parking area is less than 100 feet north of a blind and nearly-90 degree turn of SR-1 n/b. Pedestrian traffic currently crosses at that point in the highway, and that ped. traffic will likely increase significantly once the park-and-pay system gets implemented. It would be a good idea to have a clearly painted crosswalk on SR-1 at the north end of the non-pay parking area. A marked cross walk would encourage more pedestrians to cross at the safer north end, allowing n/b approaching vehicles rounding that blind turn a little more time/distance to yield if necessary.

If you'd like me to draft something in writing with departmental stationary, to make it more formal, I can. I hope this helps and feel free to call me any time you'd like to discuss things.

Mike

*Michael Palacio, Captain  
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**From:** Lair, Mike@Parks  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 9:19 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Michael@CHP  
**Subject:** RE: Fee Proposal

Hi Mike,

Just wanted to check in with you to see if you were able to get with staff and discuss the Fee Collection Device locations. If so, was there any concerns from your end. I wanted to update our proposal before the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance,

Mike

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**From:** Palacio, Michael@CHP  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 2:03 PM  
**To:** Lair, Mike@Parks  
**Subject:** RE: Fee Proposal

Mike,

Don't mention it and I'll discuss this with my staff next week and send you back a reply by the following week of the 21<sup>st</sup>, if that works?

Take Care,

Mike

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**From:** Lair, Mike@Parks  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 11:30 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Michael@CHP  
**Subject:** Fee Proposal

Captain Palacio,

Thanks for taking my call this morning. As I mentioned on the call I don't think this will impact CHP but take a look at the proposal and see what you think. If you have any questions or concerns I would be happy to meet with you to discuss further.

If you could send back a response in an email or letter so that I can document we have contacted your office regarding the proposal I would appreciate it.

I look forward to meeting you in person at some point.

Thanks again,  
Mike

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**From:** Andrea Salas <Andrea.Salas@sonoma-county.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 1:51 PM  
**To:** Lair, Mike@Parks  
**Cc:** Dave Berges; James Naugle; Jerry Turney  
**Subject:** RE: Fee Collection Devices.

Hello Mike,

Hope all is well with your group. I sent your email to our 3 resident deputy posts and to Lt. Naugle who oversees our work location. The feedback we got was that some of the Bodega Bay communities are concerned with park visitors using the adjacent neighborhoods to park in rather than having to pay the fee.

These communities will be looking for some parking enforcement in response. Deputy Turney who is our Bodega Bay Deputy has received the following concerns:

(These are the "Iron Rangers" that are being installed. These have been very controversial with the locals. They are angry about having to pay to park at local beaches and believe that out of towners will be parking in their neighborhoods to avoid the fees. Carmet and Surena Del Mar.)

I think we all understand that the State is entitled to fee whatever property they control, if at all possible, mitigating the impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods would be welcomed.

I'm including Deputy Turney on this email chain. If you would like to contact him. He has local contacts that may or may not assist you.

Take care and good luck with the project.

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**From:** Lair, Mike@Parks [<mailto:Mike.Lair@parks.ca.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:24 PM

**To:** Andrea Salas

**Subject:** Fee Collection Devices.

Hi Andy,

Mike Lair with California State Parks. As I am sure you are well aware that State Parks is proposing installing Fee Collection Devices at certain locations along the Sonoma Coast. The locations starting south and moving north are Bodega Head, Shell Beach, Goat Rock and Stump Beach up at Salt Point. All devices will be installed on State Park property and will be in the parking lots at said locations. We have been asked by Coastal Commission to reach out to the Sheriff's office and CHP to see if they have any concerns. I have attached a short description for your review. If you can't comment on it could you forward it on to who may be able to review and comment on the proposal. I am working on a short timeline and would appreciate the help.

I would be happy to talk to you about it too, my contact information is below.

Thanks Andy,

Mike

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**White Paper**

**CONDITIONS OF PERMITS PERTAINING TO AUTOMATED PAY MACHINES OPERATED BY STATE PARK UNITS  
WITHIN ORANGE AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES**

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 11, 2013 California Coastal Commission provided the Orange Coast District of the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) a Notice of Intent to Issue Permit for three permits (Application No. 5-13-0349, 50, 51). These permits provided DPR authority to install Automated Pay Parking Machines (APMs) at San Onofre State Beach, San Clemente State Beach, and Crystal Cove State Beach. To date no hard copy of any permit has been provided to DPR.

APMs are currently installed at the following locations:

San Onofre State Beach

- San Onofre Bluffs (Day Use and Campground)
- San Onofre Surf Beach (Day Use)
- Trestles Parking Area (Day Use)

San Clemente State Beach

- San Clemente State Beach (Day Use and Campground)
- Calafia Parking Area (Day Use)

Crystal Cove State Park

- Reef Point Parking Area (Day Use)
- Moro Campground (Day Use and Campground)
- Moro Parking Area (Day Use)
- Los Trancos Parking Area (Day Use)
- Pelican Point Parking Area (Day Use)

Each permit contained standard boiler plate language pertaining to coastal development permitting; however, an additional 14 "conditions" were found within the permit, under **SPECIAL CONDITIONS; Section 2.**

**Monitoring Requirement.** The conditions are as follows:

- a. Data and analysis done currently to develop the DPR Annual Statistical Report;
- b. Available baseline data of park and parking lot use prior to operation of the APMs;
- c. Any data collected and analysis performed from use of APMs prior to this permit authorization;
- d. Data/analysis currently included in the DPR Annual Statistical Report;
- e. Collection of daily attendance figures;
- f. Parking fees assessed and collected including mode (daily, hourly, holiday, etc.) and amount of fee;
- g. Parking lot usage, vacancy and/or turnover rates, and other data relevant to understanding visitation patterns;
- h. Analysis of the relationship of use fees to park attendance and parking lot use;
- i. Available information regarding factors such as weather, water quality, water temperature, surf conditions, etc. that may affect visitation patterns;
- j. Use of annual passes, senior/disabled or other discounts;

- k. Parking violations or tickets issued;
- l. Special Events.
- m. Demographic information about who is using each of the parks;
- n. Impacts of changes in parking fees on off-site parking on adjacent highways, streets, roads, or neighborhoods. Consult with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol about parking problems outside of the parks.

These above conditions were heavily debated by the District when first introduced and it should be noted conditions l. through m. were presented to the District after the Commission had voted to approve the application for permit. Considering these items were added after the final vote for approval was recorded by the Commission and for reasons which will be addressed within this document, the District is unable to complete these and other actions the conditions suggest.

During the month of November 2013 the District met with Coastal Commission staff to discuss some of the topics and presented baseline data and explanations of the APM program. The below information is provided as an introduction to processes and a follow-up to that meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

**a. Data and analysis done currently to develop the DPR Annual Statistical Report;**

The Department currently prepares an "Annual Statistical Report" with the purpose of providing information on the basic parameters of the California State Park System for a specific period of time. The report is completed annually and spans a period of July 1 through June 30. The statistics are based on total visitation and revenue collection with no ability to "Drill Down" to how a specific visitor utilized the park or by what avenue revenue was collected.

Excerpts from the DPR Statistical Reports:

2013/14	VISITOR ATTENDANCE				REVENUE			
	Paid Day Use	Free Day Use	Camping	TOTAL	User Fees	Concessions	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
San Onofre	1,306,855	305,901	216,824	1,829,580	\$3,498,925	\$459	\$0	\$3,088,975
San Clemente	220,145	9,469	235,059	464,673	\$2,323,201	\$10,158	\$245	\$3,648,047
Crystal Cove	1,136,638	415,454	113,284	1,665,376	\$3,877,460	\$299,551	\$1,244	\$4,178,255

2012/13	VISITOR ATTENDANCE				REVENUE			
	Paid Day Use	Free Day Use	Camping	TOTAL	User Fees	Concessions	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
San Onofre	1,107,276	289,363	218,049	1,614,688	\$3,242,480	\$357	\$0	\$3,242,837
San Clemente	144,933	53,726	203,406	402,0655	\$2,021,621	\$21,516	\$0	\$2,043,137
Crystal Cove	1,021,665	294,435	106,103	1,422,203	\$3,430,983	\$243,807	\$0	3,674,790

2011/12	VISITOR ATTENDANCE				REVENUE			
	Paid Day Use	Free Day Use	Camping	TOTAL	User Fees	Concessions	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
San Onofre	1,072,057	264,476	196,270	1,532,803	\$2,936,557	\$0	\$0	\$2,936,557
San Clemente	97,800	142,388	194,117	434,305	\$1,991,026	\$15,516	\$0	\$2,006,542
Crystal Cove	948,988	302,745	112,449	1,364,182	\$2,872,920	\$208,555	\$25	\$3,081,500

From these reports the District is credited with showing a 22.07% increase in visitation and a 35.59% increase in revenues from day use collections.

**b. Available baseline data of park and parking lot use prior to operation of the APMs;**

The District has attempted to dissect revenue collection in an effort to meet the mandates of AB 1478, as well as, to increase visitation to specific park units. The District has created a spreadsheet entitled "OCD Revenue Analysis" which is updated by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. The Data has been retrieved and recorded from fiscal 2008/09 to present.

This data was presented to Commission staff at the November 2013 meeting. The District demonstrates an average of a 12.4% increase in total "Day Use" collections across the District. Between 2013 and 2014 San Onofre State Beach posted an increase of approximately 11.76%, San Clemente 58.1%, and Crystal Cove State Park a 22.46% increase in Day Use revenue collections.

**c. Any data collected and analysis performed from use of APMs prior to this permit authorization;**

The District provided a presentation of data that may be retrieved from the APMs during the 2013 meeting; however, the District stated diminished staffing levels and the lack of the appropriate software made extracting data requested to be too time consuming without some type of additional funding support.

The District does run random "spot testing" to analyze how visitors utilize the parking program. This data includes average number of hours paid for, length of stay, and how the park is utilized (i.e. days which lack visitation, or what times the park unit is most heavily visited).

A demonstration of what is provided by the machine can be accessed by notifying the District.

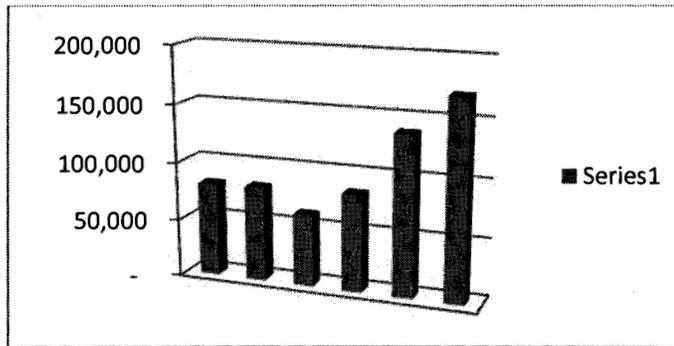
**d. Data/analysis currently included in the DPR Annual Statistical Report;**

Please see "Condition a." The DPR Statistical Report is a public document and easily found on the DPR website. Commission staff is welcome to hard copies of the DPR 449- Daily Visitor Attendance Record at the conclusion of each calendar year for the year previous. These documents cannot be made available electronically.

**e. Collection of daily attendance figures;**

Park and Recreation Departments throughout the world have a difficult time accounting for daily attendance figures. DPR owned park units are not an exception. Many, if not all, park units have fenceless borders, and provide access to anyone so long as parking or public transit is available inside or outside the unit. All park units use due diligence to collect attendance figures, however, it should not be considered an exact science.

The District, for the purposes of providing data requested by the Conditions of Permit count vehicles as part of the data analysis. This formula provides a more accurate account of how day use and pass sales equate to visitation per vehicle.



In 2008/09 a total of 80,722 day use passes were sold through State Park Day Use revenue collection areas. In 2013/14 day use revenue tickets sold more than doubled to 170,515. For 2014/15 the District demonstrates a 4.50% increase of the same time period in 2013/14.

This information can be found on the District’s “OCD Revenue Analysis” spreadsheet.

- f. **Parking fees assessed and collected including mode (daily, hourly, holiday, etc.) and amount of fee;** The District has utilized a “flexible fee schedule” as a pricing index for all Day Use lots housing APMs. No parking area has the same pricing, or do days of the week, or months of the year. Rather, fees are set to increase visitation, while capturing the most revenue agreeable to the consumer. Hourly options are included in the pricing structure as a consumer choice.

Below is an example of how a flexible fee schedule may work:

Park Unit or Area	Hourly Rate Peak Season	Hourly Rate Off-Season	Max Day Use Rate	4 <sup>th</sup> July Holiday Rate	Specific Project Pricing
Calafia	\$2.00	\$1 - \$2.00	\$15.00	\$20.00 Flat	\$3.00 per Hr. / No Max Rate
Los Trancos	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$20.00 Flat	Concession Validation Program
Trestles	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$15.00	\$3.00 Hourly	\$3.00 per Hr. / No Max Rate

- g. **Parking lot usage, vacancy and/or turnover rates, and other data relevant to understanding visitation patterns;**  
The District may be able to provide some information with proper staffing levels and with the necessary program software. At present, the District is only able to perform “Spot Checks” concerning lot usage and turnover rates.
- h. **Analysis of the relationship of use fees to park attendance and parking lot use;**  
The District has done an outstanding job of providing analysis of how “flexible fee schedules” increase visitation, while increasing revenue streams. Hourly and Off-season pricing allow all visitors access to parks and maintain turnover in parking areas, which can create greater visitation per day to each park unit as experienced at Crystal Cove State Park’s Historic District.

It should be noted the District began a “Pay by Phone” (PBP) pilot program within Huntington State Beach, providing hourly parking options to all visitors through the use of their personal cell phone device.

The District chose to offer this service without an APM installation do to the laborious, time consuming, and notable constraints of the Coastal Commission Application for Permit process, as well as, the conditions placed on the current APM program.

Parking is offered to visitors of Huntington State Beach during the off-season, as well as, Monday through Wednesday during peak season at an hourly rate of \$2.00 per hour by paying for parking through the PBP program. During its first full year, the Park Unit increase revenues by 4.08%. Day Use ticket sales rose by more than 6.98% during the same time period.

i. **Available information regarding factors such as weather, water quality, water temperature, surf conditions, etc. that may affect visitation patterns;**

The District has a "Proud Partnership" agreement with *Surflife* which can provide weather and surf data for the last 50 years. Currently the Department does not have the IT staffing to support merging the data bases to properly analyze how surf and weather patterns affect day use revenues. Anecdotally, the District can correlate good weather with good visitation and poor weather or surf with a downturn in visitation.

j. **Use of annual passes, senior/disabled or other discounts;**

Currently the Department has no way to track the use of passes within the park system. The District has been able to analyze Pass sales and Pass sale revenue trends. All of this information may be found on the OCD Revenue Analysis spreadsheet.

k. **Parking violations or tickets issued;**

The District has recorded all absentee citations issued to vehicles in the field; however, staffing levels and a lack of IT employees thwarted progress to merge this information with the current OCD Revenue Analysis spreadsheet.

It should be noted that any "park yourself" program requires additional enforcement to ensure compliance.

The District can provide absentee citation records from the time the permit was approved to present.

l. **Special Events.**

The Department is unclear of what this condition was meant to track or record. Currently, the Department operates under an MOU with the Coastal Commission to permit and operate our own special events program. The District currently collects \$1.7 million in gross revenue from special events hosted on those properties managed, as well as, continues to build new constituents through spectators or participants in those events learning about and utilizing our park units.

m. **Demographic information about who is using each of the parks;**

Currently the Department cannot find a vendor or program which can track demographic information pertaining to who is utilizing the park unit. The District is currently tracking zip codes from on-line Annual Day Use Pass Sales through a "Proud Partnership" program, however, these sales account for less than 1% of all passes sold solely in the Orange Coast District.

n. **Impacts of changes in parking fees on off-site parking on adjacent highways, streets, roads, or neighborhoods. Consult with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol about parking problems outside of the parks.**

The District has completed two studies, both during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday (2013 and 2014) concerning impacts to local neighborhoods and local roadways as it pertains to parking fees being collected within the Calafia Parking Area. Both studies found no additional impacts to local roadways during this busy holiday weekend.

One major concern with this specific condition is that Caltrans and Highway Patrol are not the managing authorities of any local roadway areas around Orange County Parks. The District works with more than seven separate municipalities and two counties all of which are dependent on tourism and understand the benefits both monetarily and through visitation, as well as, the impacts of having world class beach units operated within their boundaries.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Orange Coast District was and still is opposed to the conditions set forth by the Coastal Development Permit as it requires the District to provide items which are simply not attainable or unnecessary when demonstrating how visitation and revenue may be analyzed to insure coastal access is provided to all Californians.

The District has and continues to express coastal access is at the forefront of our Mission. Through this permit process DPR has demonstrated the ability to both increase visitation and revenues, while maintaining access to the coastline for all Californians.

With that said, the District has pulled together data for more than six years which allows management to make positive business decisions which attract visitors, as well as, allows for intelligent price structuring of day use, overnight camping experiences, and park amenities and programs. We, the Orange Coast District would be more than happy to provide a demonstration of our programs and spreadsheets, as well as, a tour of our dynamic park units to all.

The District has implemented several other programs in both an effort to maximize revenue streams, as well as, increasing visitation to these high profile Southern California recreational areas without a need for any coastal development permits:

- **Implementation of Debit/Credit Card Terminals:** The District is responsible for being the first DPR managed property to deploy Debit/Credit card readers throughout our revenue program offices. More than 30 readers are available to the public as an alternative payment option to cash currency or personal check.
- **Electronic Report of Collections:** The District is currently piloting an on-line report of revenue collections entitled the E156/EROC. This process of providing electronic tracking of revenue will allow for greater accountability of revenue streams, provide additional data concerning our revenue collections, and reduce staff time by an estimated 10,000 hours annually.

- **Implementation of Pay By Phone Programs:** The Pay By Phone program offers visitors the option to pay fees through the use of their personal cell phone device. Currently the program is offered at San Onofre State Beach, San Clemente State Beach, Huntington State Beach, Bolsa Chica State Beach and will be expanded to Doheny in the Fall of 2015.
- **Creation of the “Expand your Experience” Pass for Underserved Students:** In an effort to reach our underserved populations and draw a connection to our Parks, the District launched the “Expand your Experience” pass program which provides one free day use voucher to urban area students who participate in District Interpretive programming. Students are encouraged to talk about their experiences and the knowledge gained through their park activities and bring their families back for a self-guided recreational experience.
- **Junior Lifeguard Family Passes:** The District piloted a very successful Junior Lifeguard Program Family pass which provides a “Jr. Guard” Program participant the opportunity to purchase discounted park pass allowing the student and family to explore the park unit where the program is offered outside of program specific hours. Families are encouraged to utilize the beach for recreational activities to instill the skills and knowledge provided through the program.
- **Special Event “Pre-Sale” Parking Passes:** The District provides some opportunities for special event promoters and permittees to purchase day use passes at a discounted rate if paid for prior to the event date. This allows small venue weddings, banquets, and athletic events to offer these discounts to attendees or participants.
- **Consignment of Annual Day Use Pass Sales through Proud Partnerships:** The District is currently offering DPR Annual Day Use Passes on consignment through a Proud Partnership with *Surflife*, an on-line surf forecasting business. The partnership provides the full face value of the pass to be collected by the Department with a small service fee to cover credit card transactions and processing of *Surflife*. DPR retains management of the passes, collects email addresses and other information from the pass purchaser, as well as, records the zip codes of all inquiries. The District also receives advertising banners on several areas of the web site.
- **Alternative Overnight Accommodations:** The District has several concession partnerships which provide trailer and recreational vehicle rentals for visitors who may not wish to tent camp or simply cannot afford to own their own RV. The District is expanding this program to host a vintage trailer rental concession within San Clemente by the Summer of 2014. With this program restored trailers from the 1950-70’s will be offered to visitors to rent as overnight accommodations, as well as, providing a fantastic interpretive display of the bygone era of camping simply.
- **Expanded FamCAMP opportunities:** The District participates in the DPR’s Office of External Affairs “FamCAMP” program which provides underserved youth groups the opportunity to participate in overnight camping experience by providing low cost group sites and all the necessary equipment to camp including tents, sleeping bags, stoves, and cookware. The District recently relocated the camp

area to a larger and more suitable location within San Clemente State Beach and is now able to host more students annually.

- **Continuance of DPR Discount Pass and the Volunteer In Parks Programs:** The District, through the policies of the DPR, continues to provide many offerings of discounted day use passes including Golden Bear, Limited Golden Bear, Disabled Veteran's Pass, Memorial and Veteran's Day Free Day Use to all Active and Retired Military men and women, Disabled Discount Pass, and the Volunteer in Parks Program.

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## **PROPOSED MOTION TO APPROVE: REGULAR CALENDAR**

Appeal No.:	<b>A-2-SON-13-0219</b>
Applicant:	California Department of Parks & Recreation
Location:	Sonoma County
Local Decision:	Coastal development permit application number CPH12-0004 denied by the Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments on January 17, 2013, and that denial upheld through an appeal to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2013.
Project Description:	At 8 State Parks parking areas (South Goat Rock, North Goat Rock, Arched View, Blind Beach, Shell Beach, Bodega East, Bodega West, and Stump Beach) located within Sonoma Coast State Park and Salt Point State Park. Project Description: Install 8 automated payment machines (APMs) and signage and sign posts within existing parking areas.
Recommendation:	Approval with conditions.

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## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:**

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### EXHIBITS

**Exhibit 1** – Appeal of Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Decision Denying California State Parks Application for Iron Rangers.

**Exhibit 2-** Full Staff Report Recommending denial, and all Exhibits attached thereto

**Exhibit 3** – Photograph of Automated Payment Machine

**Exhibit 4** – Memorandum of Peter Douglas Re: Coastal Development Permit Required When Imposing or Increasing Fees or Modifying the Hours of Operation of Public Beaches or Public Beach Parking Lots, Piers or Boat Launching Ramps, Dated October 29, 1993.

**Exhibit 5** – Letter from Lisa Mangat

## I. MOTION AND RESOLUTION

### Motion:

*I move that the Commission approve the de novo application for Coastal Development Permit Application Appeal No. A-2-SON-13-0219 subject to the following conditions*

### Resolution:

*The Commission hereby approves a coastal development permit for the proposed development and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a Local Coastal Program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.*

## II. STANDARD CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following standard conditions:

1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.** The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
3. **Interpretation.** Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission in collaboration with State Parks' Director.
4. **Assignment.** The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.

5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.** These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

### III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

1. **Permit Authorization.** This permit shall be automatically renewed by operation of this approval every three years, starting from the date of the first Commission approval of CDP A-2-SON-13-0219, unless the Executive Director expressly seeks a resolution from the Commission to either amend or revoke this CDP not less than 180 days prior to such automatic renewal. This permit is for installation and operation of the 8 proposed APMs in general accordance with the proposed flexible fee collection program and sample fee schedule identified by State Parks (Exhibit 1). State Parks shall endeavor to maximize visitation while addressing the need for increased revenue streams to support park facility management and operations through flexible fee implementation, and shall incorporate the following measures:
  - a. Provide hourly rate options at all locations 7 days a week, including holidays not to exceed \$3.00/hour and a flat daily rate of \$8.00/day which pass will allow a purchaser to park at any day use area within Sonoma County for the entire calendar day upon which it was purchased;
  - b. Reduce or eliminate hourly fees during off-peak days, or other low demand periods;
  - c. Provide areas within parking lots for short-term free parking (30 minutes) for stops to check the surf or engage in other similar activities. Peak days may be any day from March 1 to November 31, or any day where the temperature reaches or is projected to reach 68 degrees. Peak days may also include Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter.
  - d. Provide free disability parking for citizens with appropriate disability placards.
  - e. Provide public information at each location or at the Park entrance on how to purchase available state parks passes for low-income patrons, veterans, and other disadvantaged persons, and about any immediate discounts available.
2. **Access Monitoring Requirement.** State Parks shall monitor the implementation of the proposed parking and fee collection program for the duration of this permit authorization as follows. Within 180 days of Commission action, State Parks shall provide the following information to the Executive Director:
  - a. Baseline data and analysis done currently to develop the State Annual Statistical Report;
  - b. Baseline data of park and parking lot use prior to operation of the APMs on five selected days as follows: (1) an off-peak week day, (2) an off-peak weekend, (3) a peak week day, (4) a peak weekend, and (5) Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, or Labor Day.
  - c. Any data collected and analysis performed from use of the APMs at other parks prior to this permit authorization;

Within the first year of implementation of fee collection, State Parks shall provide to the Executive Director for review and written concurrence, a final report identifying its monitoring results in a format that analyzes the effect of operation of the APMs on parking, park visitation, revenues and public access by comparing baseline use to new use. Information used to develop the monitoring program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- d. Data/analysis currently included in the CSP Annual Statistical Report;
- e. Collection of daily attendance figures post installation of the APMs on at least five day types that shall include: (1) an off-peak week day, (2) an off-peak weekend, (3) a peak week day, (4) a peak weekend, and (5) a holiday that matches the holiday selected for the collection of the baseline data.
- f. Parking fees assessed and collected including mode (daily, hourly, holiday, etc.) and amount of fee on each of those day types being analyzed;
- g. Parking lot usage, vacancy and/or turnover rates, and other data relevant to understanding visitation patterns on those specified days;
- h. Analysis of the relationship of use fees to park attendance and parking lot use based on the comparison of pre and post installation of the APMs;
- i. Available information regarding factors such as weather, water quality, water temperature, surf conditions, etc. that may affect visitation patterns;
- j. Use of annual passes, senior/disabled or other discounts across the state parks system;
- k. Parking violations or tickets issued;
- l. Special events.

**c. Environmental Monitoring and Reporting.** State Parks has determined this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (see section IV.F), and that there will be no significant new impacts as a result of this proposal, even if more patrons begin to resort of use of existing informal and overflow parking areas. This is because, such areas are already heavily used on peak days, and are designed to allow sufficient ingress and egress by emergency vehicles without directing persons or vehicles into sensitive areas or habitat. However, State Parks is committed to quarterly review of any new use of these areas, and will provide analysis to the Commission annually on whether environmental changes are happening as a result of such unanticipated reliance on these parking areas.

## IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

### A. PROJECT LOCATION, BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

**Procedural Background:** On May 31, 2012, California State Parks (CSP) submitted an application to Sonoma County for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to install 14 self-pay station collection devices and necessary appurtenant signs at various sites within Salt Point and Sonoma Coast State Parks. On January 17, 2013, the Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) considered the pay-station project and denied CSP's application, on the basis that installation of the pay-stations is inconsistent with the 1976 Coastal Act, which encourages "maximum access" to coastal beaches. As a result of this finding, and based on additional reasons, the BZA found that the proposal was inconsistent with its certified local coastal development plan (LCP).

California State Parks appealed the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (Board) and on June 18, 2013 the Board denied the appeal of that decision, also on the premise that charging a fee would restrict the "maximum" access required per California Constitution Article X, Section 4 and Section 30210 of the 1975 California Coastal Act. CSP is appealing the Board's decision to the California Coastal Commission on the grounds that the proposed pay stations are both consistent with the County's LCP and on the basis that they are also consistent with the Coastal Act itself. The County's decision to

deny State Parks a permit based on its finding of reduced public access cannot reasonably be supported, and in fact is contradicted by its own revenue collection at beaches in the area. State Parks submits there are Substantial Issues the Board failed to consider that have the potential to set a regional and potentially state-wide precedent, and CSP will demonstrate pay station installation will not result in damage to coastal resources, and will actually enhance public access to the coastline within Sonoma County, consistent with both the Coastal Act and the LCP.

On April 15, 2015, the Commission found a substantial issue of statewide importance.

**Project Location:** Sonoma County. See Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2 (Staff Report Finding and Recommending a Substantial Issue).

**Project Description:** Installation of 8 APMs at beaches in Sonoma County consistent with State Parks proposed Appeal. (See Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2 (Staff Report Finding and Recommending a Substantial Issue), Exhibit 3 (picture of the APMs) which is incorporated by reference.

## **B. COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to the California Coastal Act, a coastal development permit is required for any “development,” unless specifically exempted under a variety of provisions or procedures set forth in the Coastal Act or pursuant to other provisions of law. If a local entity has a certified local coastal plan in place, the Commission may only review and overturn its decision to deny a coastal development permit if there is a substantial issue, and the Commission finds that the application is consistent with the local coastal plan and the Coastal Act. If the Commission finds this appeal presents a substantial issue, it shall consider de novo whether the proposal is consistent with the certified LCP and with the Coastal Act itself.

The Commission’s regulatory jurisdiction, as well as that of local governments in the coastal zone, derives from its mandate to assure that new development is consistent with the policies of the Coastal Act. One of the Commission’s most fundamental legislative mandates is to protect and expand public access to and along the coast and to guarantee the public’s Constitutional right to access state tidelands through the implementation of the Coastal Act (Public Resources Code sections 30210-30214). Thus, the Commission has a long history of assuring through its planning and regulatory process that existing public access to the sea is not closed or adversely impacted by new development; that where appropriate, new access and recreation is provided, including as mitigation for development impacts; and that prescriptive public rights to access the shoreline are protected.

The Commission also has a mandate to assure that public access is provided and managed in relation to the needs of all citizens, and to protect private rights, natural resources, and public safety. Hence, the Commission has long been involved in evaluating and resolving conflicts between competing uses, and in evaluating proposals that might affect the public’s ability or costs of getting to the coast, to assure that the public’s fundamental rights for coastal access, and the legislative mandates of the Coastal Act, are met.

For purposes of the Commission’s permitting requirements in cases like this, new development includes the placement of physical structures, such as a parking kiosk, pay machine, or meters, but also includes changes in the “intensity of use of water or access thereto” (PRC 30106). Clearly the placement of a physical barrier would change the ability to access the water, but the Commission also has long applied the Coastal Act definition of development to activities that may not involve any physical development but yet may affect access to the water. This includes both user access fees

and general restrictions on the hours of access or the types of users that may be allowed to use or park in an area that provides access to the shoreline (e.g. beach curfews, residential-only parking zones, etc.).

The Commission's jurisdiction with respect to parking regulation and fees was specifically affirmed in the case of *Surfrider Foundation v. CCC* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 151, which concerned the installation of Iron Rangers in Sonoma County. In responding to *Surfrider's* main contention that proposed State Park fees would impede access to the coast, the court addressed the legislative intent of the Coastal Act and concluded:

*...the concerns placed before the Legislature in 1976 were more broad-based than direct physical impedance of access. For this reason we conclude the public access and recreational policies of the Act should be broadly construed to encompass all impediments to access, whether direct or indirect, physical or nonphysical.*<sup>1</sup>

Although the Commission need only establish a change in intensity of use or access to water to invoke its jurisdiction, the Commission also has exercised its administrative discretion and provided guidance concerning when a change in access fees (such as new or increased parking fees) might be considered a substantial change that would likely trigger a coastal development permit (see October 1993 memo to Planning Directors of Coastal Cities and Counties and other interested persons Exhibit 4). As applied to the subject APMs, the proposed fee structure is new, and thus subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Beyond the physical installation, therefore, the APMs and their associated fees program have the potential to affect the intensity of use and access to beaches and state waters and are thus subject to the Commission's regulatory authority over new development.

### **C. PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION**

The California Coastal Act requires the Commission to maximize opportunity for coastal access and contains the following relevant policies:

**Section 30210:** *In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.*

**Section 30211:** *Development shall not interfere with the public's right of access to the sea where acquired through use or legislative authorization, including, but not limited to, the use of dry sand and rocky coastal beaches to the first line of terrestrial vegetation.*

**Section 30212.5:** *Wherever appropriate and feasible, public facilities, including parking areas or facilities, shall be distributed throughout an area so as to mitigate against the impacts, social and otherwise, of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area.*

**Section 30213:** *Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are*

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<sup>1</sup> The Coastal Act also expressly requires all state agencies to comply with the Act (Pub. Res. Code 30003) and clarifies that all state agencies shall carry out their duties and responsibilities in conformity with the Coastal Act and that Coastal Act policies should guide state functional planning in the coastal zone. Pub Res Code 30402, 30403. See also Govt. Code section 65036.

preferred. ...

**Section 30220:** *Coastal areas suited for water-oriented recreational activities that cannot readily be provided at inland water areas shall be protected for such uses.*

**Section 30221:** *Oceanfront land suitable for recreational use shall be protected for recreational use and development ...*

Other Coastal Act policies also are relevant to the public recreational access issues presented by the proposed project, including:

**Section 30240 (b):** *Development in areas adjacent to...parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade those areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of those...recreation areas.*

**Section 30252:** *The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast by (1) facilitating the provision or extension of transit service, (2) providing commercial facilities within or adjoining residential development or in other areas that will minimize the use of coastal access roads, (3) providing non- automobile circulation within the development, (4) providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation,....*

Among the most important goals and requirements of the Coastal Act is the mandate to protect, provide, enhance, and maximize public recreational access opportunities to and along the coast consistent with strong resource conservation principles. Within this guiding framework, the protection of and priority for lower cost visitor and recreational facilities is explicitly identified. The beaches at issue here provide a broad array of recreational opportunities spanning Sonoma County's coastline. They are primarily only accessible by car, and are located in areas of the County not fully developed.

### **Parking Fee Collection Program**

The facts provided by State Parks about the program proposed would allow State Parks to manage coastal access to its beaches with the goal of maximizing public access and protecting lower cost visitor and recreational opportunities on public land, while recognizing recent legislative direction to State Parks to create new and more sustainable sources of revenue streams to fund facility management and operations throughout the State Park system. The Coastal Commission finds this to be consistent with the Coastal Act.

In its proposal, State Parks has identified in a flexible fee schedule that will provide a range of options for day use; may reduce or eliminate fees during off-peak periods; has provided some areas within parking lots for short-term free parking for brief stops; is not increasing the daily flat rate on holidays, allows its daily pass to be used at all Sonoma beaches, and included hourly holiday rates; and promotion of annual regional passes and discount rates for seniors, the disabled, veterans and low-income income persons. It is also retaining a significant percentage of free parking. Special Condition #1 provides flexibility, and incorporates the above parameters into the approved fee collection program.

The Commission believes an hourly parking rate option is beneficial and would allow short-term visitors the opportunity to enjoy the sunset or engage in recreational activity such as a walk or jog on the beach, without incurring the expense of the full day fee. The flat fee program offers visitors

an alternative to access the park by motor vehicle for a full day, or any of the other beaches without having to pay additional hourly costs.

As was established by the Commission in Southern California at San Clemente State Beach in or around June of 2013, parking lots with hourly rates are “inherently a lower-cost visitor and recreational opportunity, and the Commission has found a blend of hourly and day-use fees is supported by the Coastal Act.” For example, the Commission found in June of 2013, that the Day Use blufftop parking lot in San Clemente was benefited by an hourly rate given the day use rate of \$15 dollars. It noted that this hourly option allowed neighborhood and regional use that would otherwise have been deterred. Similarly, it found the Calafia lot in that same hearing was a popular location for direct beach access and its proximity to the Coastal Trail, thus necessitating shorter term parking options for local and regional users. It noted a historic and currently provided hourly rate option at those Southern beach lots was “highly suitable to [those locations] and its replacement with a flat rate would be a significant impact to lower-cost recreational opportunities and access and would likely result in adverse spill-over effects on the adjacent neighborhoods.”

Just as was the case in Southern California, Parks believes offering a low-cost hourly options in Sonoma will allow regional use in short spurts for things like running, end-of-day hikes, and sunset/sunrise visits, while day rates would provide a capped and fixed fee, allowing visitors to determine the length of their trip and the most cost-efficient approach for it.

To provide additional opportunities for visitation, State Parks will expand and continue to promote the sale of annual regional passes. At kiosks staffed by park workers, and online, State Parks provides discounts for certain groups of visitors, including an immediate \$1 discount for senior citizens over 62 and a 50 percent discount for disabled persons who have a Department- issued pass. In the case of Sonoma, State Parks is providing full free parking to disabled patrons. The maintenance of these lower-cost options for beach access is a specific concern to assure that rates are not driven solely by increased demand, such as holidays or peak season, such that some segments of the population are priced out of recreational opportunities at the coast.

### **Hours of Operation/Beach Closures**

As stated above, one of the Commission’s most fundamental legislative mandates is to protect and expand public access to and along the coast and to guarantee the public’s Constitutional right to access state tidelands through the implementation of the Coastal Act. <sup>2</sup> This permit application does not address the hours of operation of the parking lots and beach closures. In its application and as part of the ongoing coordination effort with Commission staff, State Parks staff has indicated they shall consider supplemental means that increase visitation including extending park hours, parking lot hours and operations, and will work with Commission staff separately to address any closures or restrictions on actual access to and along the beach shoreline that may be in place as a result of budget shortfalls or other management needs. Commission staff anticipates that this discussion will proceed as part of the statewide commitment to addressing these types of issues.

### **Conclusion**

As conditioned, the proposed project to install 8 APMs and institute a new flexible fee schedule, including hourly and flat rates, has the potential to expand visitation, improve public access, and increase revenue. Through ongoing reporting and collaboration, the Commission will have the ongoing opportunity to review and reconsider this permit, which will automatically renew itself

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<sup>2</sup> See, Cal. Const. Article X, Section 4.

absent a decision by Commission staff to review it. The Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned, is consistent with the public access and recreational policies of the Coastal Act.

#### **D. VISUAL IMPACTS**

Coastal Act Section 30251 requires that “the scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas....”

The APMs would be installed at the entrance to or in paved parking lots. The machines stand about 54 inches off the ground. In some cases, the APMs are accompanied by a poles to mount informational signs and provide a location for solar collectors, which power some of the machines. Given this limited footprint, and the proposed location, the Commission finds that the proposed APMs will have a less than significant visual impact on the coastal area. Therefore, installation of the proposed APMs is consistent with Coastal Act Section 30251.

#### **E. CHAPTER 3 STANDARD OF REVIEW**

The Commission certified the Land Use Plan for the Sonoma County in 2001. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified Land Use Plan for the area. Approval of the project, as conditioned, will not prejudice the ability of the Sonoma County to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3.

## **F. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Section 13096 of the California Code of Regulations requires that a specific finding be made in conjunction with coastal development permit applications showing the application to be consistent with any applicable requirements of CEQA. Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of CEQA prohibits a proposed development from being approved if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment.

State Parks, acting as lead CEQA agency, determined that the proposed installation was categorically exempt from CEQA (pursuant to CEQA guidelines 15303, 15304, and 15311) and the fee program was statutorily exempt (pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080), and thus the Department did not identify any significant adverse environmental effects from the proposed project. The Coastal Commission's review and analysis of coastal development permit applications has been certified by the Secretary of Resources as being the functional equivalent of environmental review under CEQA. All public comments received to date have been addressed in the findings above. All above Coastal Act findings are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

State Parks has concluded that there will be no significant impacts relative to baseline use that would affect special habitat areas or other off-road areas. State Parks is committed to engaging in visual monitoring on a quarterly basis, which analysis it will provide to Commission staff, to make sure overflow parking is not being used in a manner that would result in changes to the baseline environment. As such, there are no additional feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse environmental effects which approval of the proposed project, as conditioned, would have on the environment within the meaning of CEQA. Thus, as conditioned, the proposed project will not result in any significant environmental effects for which feasible mitigation measures have not been employed consistent with CEQA Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A).

## APPENDIX

### A

#### **Substantive File Documents:**

Coastal Permit Application File Number A-2-SON-13-0219 .

California State Park System Statistical Reports 2013-2014 Fiscal Years California State Parks – Pass Descriptions – Department website: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1049](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049) which has been viewed by or shown to Commission staff.

California State Parks – Day Use Fees by Geographical Region – Department website: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/Current\\_GeoLoc%20web\\_day%20use.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/Current_GeoLoc%20web_day%20use.pdf).

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE FORM

Filed by Commissioner: Wendy Mitchell

1) Name or description of project: Sonoma Park / DPR

2) Date and time of receipt of communication: 8AM LA Telec.

3) Location of communication: LA

(If not in person, include the means of communication, e.g., telephone, e-mail, etc.)

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Wendy Mitchell

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: \_\_\_\_\_

Wendy Mitchell, Efron Cavillo

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

Discussed the efforts the County had made w/ DPR but were rejected. Sonoma only charges on parks that has committees. There are groups that would take the parks from DPR but parks rejected that idea. Worked about low-income visitor access.

4/8/16  
Date

Wendy Mitchell  
Signature of Commissioner

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Filed by Commissioner: Wendy Mitchell

1) Name or description of project: CDPI2

2) Date and time of receipt of communication: 3pm

3) Location of communication: Teleconference  
(If not in person, include the means of communication, e.g., telephone, e-mail, etc.)

4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication:  
Katrina Jose

5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made:  
Lisa Mengat, Karl Knapp

6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication:  
Wendy Mitchell

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication:  
Lisa Mengat, Karl Knapp

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

Transformation team for sustainable funding of parks; make parks more relevant to the diverse state population. Previous proposal 14 iron ranges - 6 automated parks for collection. Did extensive outreach and revised proposal based on feedback. Sonoma County charges for parking.

4/6/16  
Date

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**From:** [Cave, Nancy@Coastal](mailto:Cave.Nancy@Coastal)  
**To:** [Arellano, Melisa@Coastal](mailto:Arellano.Melisa@Coastal)  
**Subject:** FW: Correct letter - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria letter to Coastal Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:48:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [FIGR ltr - Coastal Comm 4.11.16.pdf](#)

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**From:** Angela Hardin [mailto:AHardin@gratonrancheria.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:47 PM  
**To:** Cave, Nancy@Coastal  
**Subject:** Correct letter - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria letter to Coastal Commission

Dear Ms. Cave,

Please see letter attached from Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to be read at tomorrow's meeting.

Sincerely,  
Angela Hardin

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FEDERATED INDIANS OF  
**GRATON**  
RANCHERIA

April 11, 2016

Steve Kinsey, Chair  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Dear Chairman Kinsey:

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria strongly oppose a measure from State Parks and Recreation to install parking meters on the coast of our aboriginal territory, which includes South Sonoma County and all of Marin County. We find the measure cruel in that it would limit who could use the ocean and who would have access to the parks on the ocean. Low income families must forever be mindful of their finances. Just spending money on gas and food for a trip to the beach can be trying. Your proposal will in effect create a haven for only those families who can afford to enjoy the beach, which all people living in Sonoma County should be able to enjoy equally. Secondly, the beach experience itself be available equally and beachgoers must be mindful of a meter and have a threat of a ticket.

Finally, as American Indian people whose ancestral ties to these beaches encompass, we find it sacrilegious to charge people money for access to what the Creator has provided to all of us not only to enjoy, but to learn from and protect. All of our sacred coastline has been cut off from us and the larger general public. So much of it in fact has been destroyed. How ironic that an agency whose job is to protect the coast for our benefit now is proposing that we pay for what is rightfully all of ours to protect and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Greg Sarris  
Tribal Chairman  
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Dear Commissioner Mitchell,

We are 40 year residents of the Sonoma Coast and wish to speak to you regarding Agenda Item 17(a); the proposal by State Parks to institute fees on Sonoma Coast State Park beaches and the reasons that you should **not** approve these fees.

We support the Commission staff recommended denial of the State Parks Fee proposal because we agree that there are not adequate facts provided by State Parks to show that there will not be significant impacts to public access or the sensitive coastal environment of the Sonoma Coast. Without these facts, there cannot be a proper decision to vote to approve fees.

We will be personally effected by these fees because we surf the coast on a regular basis. Many lower income families from our community will not be able to afford an \$8.00 fee just to park their car and walk on the beach or hike on the coastal trails. We would like to emphasize that there are **NO AMENITIES** on the beaches in question aside from an outhouse.

The real problem with our parks lies with the serial and chronic underfunding of them by our elected leaders. The percentage of the General Fund's contribution to our state parks has gone from **91% in 1979, to 64% in 1999 and less than 24% today**. General Fund dollars are **our** tax dollars, but the Legislature has chosen to devalue an important part of the state's infrastructure in their budget negotiations and are now asking the public to subsidize parks again.

If you are not able to to honor my request for a direct communication which we have copied to Commission staff, please read my comment letter which we submitted for the record regarding this matter.

Virginia Strom-Martin and Donald Martin

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4) Identity of person(s) initiating communication: Catherine  
Canfield

5) Identity of person(s) on whose behalf communication was made: West Marin Env. Action Committee

6) Identity of persons(s) receiving communication: Wendy Mitchell

7) Identity of all person(s) present during the communication: Wendy Mitchell, Catherine  
Canfield

Complete, comprehensive description of communication content (attach complete set of any text or graphic material presented):

Discussed the letter they submitted  
the hearing in 2011 where I  
was present, and the  
commitment to not develop  
in area 5-8.  
They agree w/ staff  
recommendation

4/11/16  
Date

[Signature]  
Signature of Commissioner

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**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2016 9:04 AM

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**Subject:** Land's End Beach Closure Completion (Emergency Permit No. G-2-16-0026)

Hi Patrick,

I wanted to confirm in writing that this morning the City removed the last temporary sign post installed as part of Emergency Permit No. G-2-16-0026 issued by the Coastal Commission on March 4, 2016, for a beach closure in conjunction with demolition of the building at 320 Esplanade Avenue. With removal of this sign post, all development has been removed from the area and work under this emergency permit is complete. Because all development has been removed, no follow-on Coastal Development Permit will be required.

Thank you again for the Coastal Commission's support of the City during this and other emergencies last winter. We are grateful for your assistance.

Best Regards,

Christian

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