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**2-20-0282 (Caltrans' Gleason Beach Highway 1 Realignment)**

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November 5, 2020

Steve Padilla, Chair  
California Coastal Commission  
455 Market Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Gleason Beach Roadway Realignment Project – Application Number 2-20-0282

Dear Chairman Padilla,

I am writing in support of the Gleason Beach Roadway Realignment Project submitted by The California Department of Transportation for consolidated permit approval. The Gleason Beach Project will realign a section of State Route 1 near Gleason Beach in Sonoma County. State Route 1 is a highly important highway, providing the only connection between Bodega Bay and Jenner for local residence and visitors. The Project will protect State Route 1 from sea level rise and coastal erosion, improve the connection between Scotty Creek and the Pacific Ocean, and maintain local and regional connectivity.

I appreciate the strong public outreach program that Caltrans has implemented to share information about the Project with the residents in my district.. Since 2014, Caltrans has conducted eight community meetings both required as part of the environmental planning process and proactively, to keep the community informed of Project developments and to garner input at key points in the Project development process. Caltrans has also kept the community informed through newsletters mailed to local residents in addition to coordinating with local stakeholders and elected officials to share information about the Project and solicit feedback. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors also received a recent update on the project on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout the planning process, my office and the County of Sonoma has worked collaboratively with Caltrans on this important Project. I support this important collaborative effort that will benefit North Coast residents and the environment from the impacts of sea level rise for years to come. This project will also provide a secure route for residents to use during inclement weather and the unfortunate disasters that we have become too familiar with. I respectfully ask that the California Coastal Commission approve this Project.

Sincerely,

Lynda Hopkins  
Supervisor, Fifth District