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**A-2-DYC-21-0001 (OLYMPIC WAY GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION)**

**MARCH 12, 2021**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)  
**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:40:08 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal  
**To:** KoppmanNorton, Julia@Coastal  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

*Maria Elena Marquez*



**From:** Phillip Seitzer <phillipseitzer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 04, 2021 9:25 PM  
**To:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

Please find below my public comment.

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In the appeal I filed regarding this permit, I mentioned that “[the project site] and surrounding areas have historically suffered a high degree of coastal erosion and landslides.” However, in the staff recommendation responding to my appeal, this concern is not addressed. In fact, all that is said in regard to the matter is that commission staff “[do] not believe that the temporary exploration work will lead to site instability inconsistent with LCP requirements”. Why does the commission staff believe this to be true? Are there any facts that support this belief? In fact, there is no need to speculate as to whether or not the work would lead to site instability, because this experiment was already conducted 25 years ago: in the mid-1990s, the Olympic Club converted a nearby coastal bluff (parcel number 002011020) into four holes of a golf course. In this process, soil was dug up and put back, and in the transfer, significantly aerated. When El Niño arrived in 1997, the heavy rains made short work of the aerated, unstable soil, causing significant landslides, coastal erosion, and destruction of this portion of the golf course. The damage was so extensive that the Olympic Club chose to abandon the damaged area instead of repair it, thus quickly turning a previously lovely coastal bluff into an uninhabitable garbage dump. This geotechnical investigation permit proposes excavation and replacement of material (via the exploratory trench and soil borings), which will aerate the soil in the same way as was previously done by the Olympic Club. Though the displacement of soil may be temporary, the effects will not be – in addition to increased susceptibility to weather-associated erosion, the replaced soil will not be as structurally sound after it has been disturbed, potentially posing a safety risk for any unsuspecting persons or animals walking over the disturbed areas.

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I would like to have this statement read into the record. I am willing to read the statement into the public record myself, if need be.

Let the record show that I am the appellant.

- Phillip Seitzer

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:39:53 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal

**To:** KoppmanNorton, Julia@Coastal

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

From: Elizabeth Edmonds <[receptionistmovement@riseup.net](mailto:receptionistmovement@riseup.net)>

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2021 8:34 PM

To: NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <[NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov)>

Subject: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

Dear Coastal Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the first phase of excavation and digging by Sand Hill Properties at Thornton Beach Bluff. This beautiful property is made of sandstone, which is very unstable and vulnerable to landslides. The daily changes in the landscape are easily visible. It is common to see large areas collapse and sink. Please protect the safety of the public as well as the animals and wildlife by NOT allowing this project to move forward. The community loves this open space and building a Christian recreation center would be detrimental to the public, wildlife, the horses and the land. Allowing the first phase to go forward, and replacing loose dirt into six pits up to 250 feet deep and a trench 5 feet deep, poses a great safety risk to everyone.

There is VALUE in open spaces. There is value in protecting the land. Do not allow a developer to come in from a different county and excavate and test this land when we already know it is NOT fit for building on and it will never be the same if you do. The church and homes on the hill are on the verge of sliding down the cliffs just like the complete destruction of the Olympic Club's 4-holes golf course in 1997.

Please do not allow Sand Hill Properties to move forward with testing on this beautiful land.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Edmonds

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

**Date:** Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:55:38 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Martinez, Erik@Coastal

**To:** KoppmanNorton, Julia@Coastal

Hello!

Passing this along.

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**From:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 4:15 PM

**To:** Martinez, Erik@Coastal <erik.martinez@coastal.ca.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

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**From:** Simone Herko Felton <[sachiko.felton@gmail.com](mailto:sachiko.felton@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:26 PM

**To:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <[NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed testing at the Thornton Beach Bluff, which has the potential to cause injury. This area is unstable due to the constant erosion; as cited on the Thornton Beach Bluff Preserve website, "As an example of how rain can impact bulldozed, aerated sandy bluffs, you only need to recall the complete destruction of the Olympic Club's 4-holes west of Skyline on their Ocean golf course in 1997." In the interest of public safety and of protecting this area from further erosion I ask that you please cancel this testing.

Sincerely,  
Simone Felton

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a – Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:51:09 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal

**To:** KoppmanNorton, Julia@Coastal

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**From:** Ernesto Fong <ernfong@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:14 PM

**To:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

**Subject:** Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a – Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

I am opposed to any exploration to building on land located at 2152 Skyline Boulevard, Daly City, CA 94015. It is irresponsible of any developer to consider developing land that has already been proven by time to be unstable due to it being geographically located next to the San Andreas Fault and the Pacific ocean. We have learned from many past events that building next to sandy dunes that is land is unstable and will continue to erode due to climate change.

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/national-news/deadly-cliff-collapse-is-a-warning-sign-for-california-coast/>  
<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Daly-City-halts-church-building-near-slide-2524988.php>

Any additional distribution of this land will accelerate this erosion process. In addition, this open area with access to the beach has been a gift during this pandemic. It has allowed me to spend time outside the house with family and friends safely. Thank you for your time.

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Thanks,  
Ernesto Fong

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)  
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**From:** taterkng <taterkng@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2021 5:00 PM  
**To:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

Dear California Coastal Commissioners;

I'm writing in support of the appeal filed by Phil Seltzer with regard to the subject property/project. I'm a resident of Daly City and am very concerned with the soil disturbance that will occur as a result of the geologic testing that is proposed, which is pretty intensive considering the large trench that will be dug into sandy soil. This danger is all the more critical if you have been walking along the beach from Mussel Rock to Thornton Beach where you will see a ton of recent erosion along the cliffs.

Thank you, Tatum King

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**Date:** Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:15:17 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal

**To:** KoppmanNorton, Julia@Coastal

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**From:** Arya Zarrinkelk <arya.zarrinkelk@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 3:39 PM

**To:** NorthCentralCoast@Coastal <NorthCentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov>; citycouncil@dalycity.org

**Subject:** Public Comment on March 2021 Agenda Item Friday 15a - Appeal No. A-2-DYC-21-0001 (Sand Hill Property Company, Daly City)

I would like to humbly and respectfully voice my objection to the way retreat center project.

Thank you for keeping public lands sacred.

Arya

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Arya Zarrinkelk, MPP  
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