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**Individual Emails Part 1**

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VIA EMAIL (OR MAIL IF NO EMAIL ADDRESS)

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Re: NPS's Water Quality Strategy; Agenda Item CD-0006-20 (NPS, Point Reyes  
GMPA); Hearing on September 8, 2022

Dear California Coastal Commission:

I have read all the National Park Service (NPS) and California Coastal Commission (CCC) documents filed regarding this matter and there is something very basic and important that is not clear.

Does the CCC's conditional concurrence require NPS to come into compliance with applicable water quality laws and water quality standards established under those laws and, if so, when?<sup>1</sup>

The CCC, in its May 10, 2021, letter setting forth the CCC's position on its conditional concurrence for NPS's coastal consistency determination, doesn't explicitly state that NPS must come into compliance with applicable water quality standards, let alone set a deadline for such compliance. The Commission speaks in terms of "improving water quality" and "improve water quality" regarding actions to be undertaken by NPS. See pages 1 and 3. Yet, there are instances where the Commission seems to expect compliance without having explicitly asked for it. "Data collection should be sufficient to enable comparison to existing water quality standards . . . ." Page 2. "These annual reports should include monitoring results from all previous years, comparison of water quality data with relevant state and federal water quality standards . . . ." *Ibid*.

NPS, in its August 2022 Water Quality Strategy, also speaks in terms of "improving water quality" (pages 1, 4, and 12) and "improve water quality" (pages 2, 4, 8, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 39). However, it also states: "The water quality goals are to protect public health in high recreation areas, meet regulatory requirements, and limit

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<sup>1</sup> NPS should, of course, already be in compliance for all watercourses in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area but it is not, and that includes Lagunitas Creek and Olema Creek.

exceedances of established water quality benchmarks in waterways.” Page 5. (Emphasis added.)

CCC staff, in its August 2022 report, also speaks in terms of “improving water quality” and “improve water quality.” See pages 2, 6, 11, 12 and 14. Yet, the staff report repeats the two above quotes from the CCC’s May 10, 2021, letter: “Data collection should be sufficient to enable comparison to existing water quality standards . . . .” Page 7 and 17. “These annual reports should include monitoring results from all previous years, comparison of water quality data with relevant state and federal water quality standards . . . .” *Ibid* at 7. “[T]he Strategy would satisfy the requirement in condition one for it to include ‘a comparison of water quality data with relevant state and federal water quality standards.’” Page 20. Near the end, there is an even stronger statement: “To address concerns with assuring compliance with water quality standards, NPS will implement an annual inspection process to track compliance and maintenance of ranch and dairy operations.” Page 23. (Emphasis added.)

Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act not only support conditioning concurrence on compliance with applicable water quality laws and standards, they require it, assuming, *arguendo*, that they didn’t require an outright objection.

If the Commission believes it has the authority to condition its concurrence on NPS’s compliance with the law, it should make that clear now and explicitly require NPS compliance with applicable water quality laws and standards. If the Commission believes it does not have the authority to condition its concurrence on NPS’s compliance with applicable water quality laws and standards, then how can it require improvement (in effect, partial compliance) in water quality conditions?

Please clarify the CCC’s position, for all the parties involved, regarding whether you are requiring NPS to comply with applicable state and federal water quality laws and standards and, if so, by what date?

Sincerely,

s/James Coda

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**Subject:** The problem of ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 11:19:03 AM

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Hello,

It is so very disappointing that ranching is still being allowed in Point Reyes National Seashore, and not only that, that these operations will expand to include other climate change-causing industries. This park needs to be able to fulfill its original purpose: to be a 100 percent wildlife refuge. As it is now, one third of this beautiful park is being polluted by ranching and dairy operations that should have left in the 1980s, per their original agreement when they sold their property to the park.

Tule elk and other wildlife are vital to maintain the ecological health of this park. You can clearly see the difference between the impact of wildlife and the impact of (non-native) cattle when you visit this park: the areas where the cattle graze are severely damaged with erosion and desertification, but the areas where the Tule elk roam are healthy. There is another park north of this area, Pacheco State Park, which used to have cattle. The cattle were removed. In one short year, that park's lands were 100 percent restored to their natural state with no human intervention. How was that possible, you may ask? It was because of the elk and other wildlife there, who restored this park themselves. Point Reyes National Seashore needs to follow the direction of Pacheco State Park, not the CAFO direction it is headed in now.

Why do you coddle these ranchers, these parasites who are living off our taxes and destroying the environment? Why are they always given a second chance? They are very aware of the destruction that they are causing to this once pristine park. Why are they allowed to continue polluting what is left of the water in Point Reyes National Seashore? [Skylar Thomas](#) brings up excellent points in his recent letter to you.

Encouraging animal agriculture in this day of droughts and climate change is insane. In January of 2021, environmentalists conducted long-overdue independent groundwater testing at Point Reyes National Seashore. They found almost 300 times the allowable limits of bacterial contaminants that are associated with fecal matter coming from cows. We, environmentalists and taxpayers, are very concerned about the future of this park for all of its wildlife inhabitants. The National Park Service in Point Reyes is well aware of this report, yet you still support ranching.

This year, California is undergoing another serious drought, which will lead to more wildfires. In these days of climate change, we do not need more CAFO operations. We need more wildlife sanctuaries. If wildlife goes extinct, then we will go extinct, too.

I've attached a photo of the plight of just one Tule elk. Why do you support this atrocity? What are you doing to save this elk?

Thank you,

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NORTH POND 2, TULE ELK RESERVE, PRNS, 8.18.21

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**COMMENTS FOR THE CCC 8/8/22 HEARING  
AGENDA ITEM Th10b, CD-0006-20 NPS**

**Robert A. Johnston, University of California, Davis  
August 29, 2022**

**My Background:**

I'm a retired professor of environmental planning from UC Davis. I taught and did research on land use planning, impact assessment, GIS, urban growth models, and related areas for 40 years. I have been a local planning commissioner for two California cities. I live in Inverness, in the Coastal Zone.

I have read the California Coastal Act, the CCC regulations, 50-80 other CCC documents, the Marin LCP, and all of the subject NPS Consistency Determination documents from this year and last year. Re. the NPS, I have read the Organic Act, the PRNS Acts, the GMPA DEIS, the EIS, the ROD, and many related documents. My eyes are going bad...

**1. Please require the Strategy to explicitly seek no more ongoing exceedances in surface waters.**

The Strategy WQ monitoring and improvement plan is long and complex, but does not commit the NPS to bringing WQ up to current objectives for the relevant beneficial uses for each surface water segment. Consistency with the California Coastal Act requires the elimination of persistent WQ violations, as that pollution affects streams, wetlands, and estuaries (Cal Pub Res Code 30231) and the near-shore waters of California.

Other provisions in the Coastal Act apply here. Our State fish and wildlife are injured by poor WQ. Anadromous fish travel between the park and the marine environment (Schooner Cr., Lagunitas Cr.) in this planning area. Elk move from inland areas in the park down to stream mouths at the ocean. Lastly, bacterial pollution of surface waters harms human health (PRC 30231) due to people wading and swimming in streams and estuaries in the park planning area.

**2. The CD must be conditioned on the NPS providing an ongoing funding source, within a year, and be reevaluated at that time. That would preclude granting long-term leases at this time.**

The NPS Strategy will be very expensive, around \$300,000-400,000 per year, for the NPS part. The Strategy does not include a funding plan.

This agency can not be trusted to perform the proposed work. For example:

- 1) the recent termination of the Genazzi lease happened after over 20 years of notorious overstocking by the lessee, visible from a public highway;
- 2) the bulldozing of a new road into a creek on one beef ranch last year was discovered and reported by citizens;
- 3) an illegal dump on a ranch was also noted by citizens two years ago and reported to the park;
- 4) the recent years-old and visible septic system leaks on several ranches were initially reported to the County by citizens, not the NPS; and
- 5) The park's own range condition report in the EIS showed consistent violations of the residual dry matter standard by some ranches and occasional violations by a large fraction of ranches in almost every year. The NPS obviously didn't inspect adequately and/or didn't enforce the rule.

It is doubtful that this ambitious WQ monitoring plan will be carried out as proposed. In the Strategy, we see that almost all monitoring and enforcement of WQ and other environmental conditions has been done in the past by citizens, NGO lawsuits, the County health department, the State water board, and the CCC. The Strategy represents a radical change from past NPS practices. In places it hints about reducing the number of tests if WQ is adequate in some areas. It also makes some proposals subject to staffing, rather than committing to funding the project adequately.

So, the CCC should require the NPS to find a long-term funding source for this WQ monitoring, or withdraw the CD approval with a "re-opener" hearing. Perhaps they can place their ranch lease revenues into a fund dedicated to WQ monitoring. There are about 5,000 cattle and so 60,000 animal unit months (AUMs). They rent for about \$8/mo. and so this gives around \$500,000 per year in income. If these funds are returned to Interior, this policy must be changed to



keep the funds in the park, but only to be used for monitoring. Without funding, this whole Strategy is just talk.

**3. The Strategy policy of making the ranches pay for their BMPs should be noted in the record and required as part of the Strategy. That policy should be strengthened by urging BMP completion within two years of ranch plan approval by the park.**

In the past, the park and NRCS have funded most improvements on these ranches. The Strategy says the dairies will pay for their BMPs, after they get their plans approved, which can take up to two years (pg. 10). If they can't pay for the improvements, they must close. This is a good policy, placing the financial burden on the operators. It is likely that several BMPs will be needed on some dairies and some may never achieve adequate WQ. So, this policy could result in most dairies converting to beef cattle ranches.

It is likely that the new State methane rules will drive small dairies out of business in the next few years and small beef ranches out of business by 2030. Most will go to the Central Valley and other states. The upcoming expansion of the Grazing Waiver from the Tomales Bay watershed to the rest of the park will also increase costs for the beef ranches in the peninsula part of the Seashore.

**4. The proposal to consider reducing herd sizes as a BMP should be noted in the record and required to be a policy in the Strategy. It should be adopted explicitly as a contingency (automatic back-up) BMP, to be used whenever an infrastructure BMP can't be funded.**

The park already closed one dairy, but that was because it ran out of well water. More importantly, the NPS adopted in the ROD a policy to not allow another dairy to come in when one retires. This amounts to a slow phase-out of the dairies. The park converted part of one ranch into elk habitat. The NPS also reduced aggregate herd size for dairies and beef ranches by 22% (due to drought) and is committed to improving range conditions, according to the Strategy (pp. 2, 8, 13). This document also states that some operators will be moved to seasonal grazing, another way of reducing impacts on rangelands. Please note that reducing the number of grazing operations and reducing herd sizes on ranches were used to attain the WQ standards in the Napa River watershed and the Sonoma Creek

watershed TMDL plans (USEPA Success Stories, nonpoint water pollution web site).

Because many BMPs will take 2-3 years to plan and implement, reductions in herd size should be required in the interim, to improve WQ sooner. This requirement would act as an incentive to the dairy operator to fund and install the other BMPs rapidly. If the BMPs work as intended, herd size could be restored to the former level. In some cases, herd size will have to be permanently reduced in order to avoid repeated WQ exceedances.

**5. Please require the Strategy to closely monitor runoff on all dairies to determine whether BMPs are working. Each location must be monitored with full 6-week sampling protocols until WQ meets the relevant objectives for 2 years. Then, sampling could go to monthly, but should not be stopped.**

The CCC's Adopted Findings from the previous CD hearing on 4/22/21, in the section on Coastal Act Consistency, emphasized that the NPS Strategy must be able to evaluate individual BMPs as to their impacts on pollution discharges (pp. 56-61). The Strategy commits to this under "Monitoring Program 1: Short Term" by saying they will "isolate" WQ problems on ranches. That is good. However, the Strategy then goes on to equivocate by saying that "...stations may be added or subtracted over time..." based on results and on "staff capacity". We need a clearer commitment to this monitoring. Long-term data are needed to determine if BMPs work, due to yearly fluctuations in rainfall timing and amounts.

The Strategy will likely take many years of ranch improvements to meet the WQ standards and may never meet them. The Strategy explicitly states that adding BMPs will improve WQ (pp. 22-26). However, the referenced Lewis et al. paper states that BMPs will have diminishing marginal effects on WQ (will have decreasing positive impacts). The cited research papers by Lewis et al. and by Voeller et al. both suffer from various data limitations. The sample sizes and intervals in both papers do not meet current State protocols for such WQ analyses, so that should be mentioned.

The before-and-after time periods in the Voeller paper do not accurately represent the date before which BMPs were implemented and afterward, due to the dividing date being selected based on irrelevant matters, inadequate spacing

(separation of the two time periods), and not enough time represented in the “after” period to pick up all WQ changes.

Our private WQ monitoring project undertaken in the Winter of 2021-22 showed exceedances of State WQ standards over the entire (4- or 6-week) sampling periods for several dairies (sent to the CCC separately, Lovell Report, 8/28/22). We followed the current State protocols for sample size and sampling intervals in that study.

#### **6. With two changes, the proposed WQ sampling procedures will meet the State standards.**

The WQ sampling methods proposed seem to meet current State protocols for sample sizes, indicators used, sampling intervals, and statistical methods applied. However, the recently Reinitiated Sampling for Coastal Watersheds (pp. 46-47) was done incorrectly, based on pre-2019 requirements. Most samples were taken monthly, instead of weekly. Also, Figure A-1 applies a statistic used for samples taken “in a calendar month” but then uses data collected “monthly.” (p. 46).

Also, the use of “triggers” based on single-sample data to decide whether to do additional sampling or not (p. 46) violates the State rules for sampling. The State requires five or more samples, taken within 30 or 42 days, spaced about a week apart but scheduled after rainstorms when possible. If they do make decisions to discontinue sampling, they should be based on accurate data (larger samples with higher confidence intervals).

After meeting the WQ standards for 2 years or more, sampling could go down to monthly, but should not be completely discontinued. Only continued sampling will detect new exceedances caused by increases in herd size, different management activities, or other changes.

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Dear Commissioners:

Although I submit these comments prior to having access to any staff reports on the subject, I want to express my concerns that whatever the water and air pollution mitigation plans the National Park Service (NPS) has come up with, there is a real issue of credible and consistent enforcement, once the terms of the plan are determined.

Having tried mightily to engage the NPS in constructive ways over the past few years to address the private, for-profit cattle and dairy ranches in Pt. Reyes National Park (PRNS) and their excessively damaging impacts, I have been ignored, stonewalled, and even lied to by NPS staff, including "Outreach Coordinator" Melanie Gunn. Over the past several years, it has become clear to me that the NPS's approach to dealing with citizen complaints, concerns and issues is to downplay, distract, obfuscate, and whitewash.

On the other hand, their responses to the ranchers' requests and demands is immediate, supportive, and protective of their interests. Rarely does the Park

Service hold ranchers accountable for environmental damage or violations of the terms of their leases, such as overgrazing, overstocking, chasing the public off legally accessible areas, creating huge dumps, amassing piles of used tires, etc. That mostly occurs when responsible park users discover some nasty situation and alert the Park Service, and the Service is aware that the public is watching. But mostly the NPS acts like the public is a nuisance, not its partner or constituency.

For instance, I've tried to find out from the NPS what they've done to mitigate the football field-sized dump discovered by a hiker over a year ago. This blight in our national park should have been abated immediately, and at the cost of the leasee. But to date, requests for an update by the Park Service have been completely ignored. I and others who have enquired still don't know the status of that situation.

Likewise, the issue of providing water to the captive tule elk at Peirce Point was brought to the public's attention, after which the NPS provided water tanks and troughs to prevent the elk from dying of thirst. Despite NPS denying that it was an issue, they did respond, only to drain the tanks or let them go empty this summer, according to the most recent observations. No one has been able to find out what NPS is doing to address this issue. It appears they're hoping the public will forget about it and just go away.

NPS' record of putting ranching interests above the public's, and above their own mandated mission to protect our natural resources, shows that they are not to be trusted. That was corroborated by their pathetic previous mitigation plan submission, which triggered the Commission's directive that they work with CCC staff to come up with a real plan. It is my hope that the plan will have oversight and enforcement provisions that allow the CCC to make sure NPS does what it commits to do.

If the NPS is to implement a real mitigation plan but fails to do so, I ask that the CCC include a mandatory provision that allows you to rescind Consistency Determination No. CD-0006-20 for the 2020 General Management Plan Amendment for PRNS and the north district of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and that the Commission do just that. This is crucial for the protection of our

waterways, clean air, and the chance for the one-third of the land in the park that the ranches occupy to heal from the destruction caused by the confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Ultimately, these private ranches need to be removed from our park, as none of their operations can function without notable damage to the natural biome.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: September 2, 2022

Re: Agenda Item Thursday, September 8, 2022: CD-0006-20  
(National Park Service, Marin Co.)

Thank you for taking the time to review these comments.

As Sir Winston Churchill famously said, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”<sup>1</sup>

I am a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore and a homeowner in Inverness. Over the past several years, I have watched the GMPA process closely, reviewing National Park Service (“NPS”) documents at each step. I am writing today to ask that you withhold approval on the NPS water quality strategy until ALL elements are met. In its current form, the plan lacks important components that this Commission said were necessary.

This Commission set clear expectations for what the NPS needed to include in their Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore. As set forth in the staff report for this Agenda item, NPS has not met all of the requirements in their submission. This Commission should not approve any plan unless all of the conditions are met. The lack of public trust is pervasive, and this Commission has heard extensive comment about the lack of transparency, accountability and enforcement in Point Reyes National Seashore. Even now, there is zero public transparency about the specific corrective actions being taken to address the septic system violations that led to raw human sewage in fields and ponds in the park. Similarly, there is no transparency about the short-term ranch leases that are currently being negotiated.

In light of the history of this park and decades of water contamination, this Commission’s mandate requires you to withhold approval on the NPS water quality plan until all elements of the Strategy are included. Section 30231 of the California Coastal Act

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<sup>1</sup> Paraphrasing George Santayana.

states: “The biological and quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and **for the protection of human health** shall be maintained.

I have three main areas of concern with the Water Quality Strategy:<sup>2</sup>

Transparency of results: In addition to specifically committing to annual reporting to the Commission, the results of the ongoing water quality testing should be made available to the public in real time – NPS updates its website for road closures, trail closures and other events within the park. Water quality results should be posted on the park’s website as well as signs posted at any/all affected areas. In addition, the park has electronic signs at several locations as visitors enter the park – they could be used to identify places where water contact is unsafe. Timely disclosure to the public is essential to protecting public health; an explicit commitment to provide annual reporting to this Commission is critical as well.

Actions to be taken if standards are not met: The Water Quality Strategy needs to include clear and explicit consequences for the failure to meet water quality standards. And those consequences should be disclosed to the public and listed on the park’s website. The Water Quality Strategy lacks a key provision (element 5) “A commitment to updating the strategy and timeline on an annual basis based on data and analysis from the previous year.”

Explicit Strategy Targets: Finally, there needs to be a clear goal for the Water Quality Strategy. The Strategy should explicitly state that, at a minimum, the goal is compliance with state and federal water quality standards.

In closing, I respectfully request that you watch a short film (3 minutes) that I made regarding water quality in Point Reyes National Seashore. You can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/745261023>

Sincerely,

Sarah Killingsworth

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<sup>2</sup> The lack of funding for the Strategy, and the lack of an explicit plan to obtain funding, is also a concern.

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September 1, 2022

**TO:** Chair Donne Brownsey; Vice-Chair Dr. Caryl Hart; and Commissioners Dayna Bochco, Sara Aminzadeh, Meagan Harmon, Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Katie Rice, Carole Groom, Linda Escalante, Roberto Uranga, Steve Padilla, and Mike Wilson. Wade Crowfoot, Mark Gold, Jenn Eckerle, Betty Yee, Kristina Kunkel, Toks Omishakin, and Jeremiah Ketchum. Zahirah Mann, Belinda Faustinos, Francine Diamond, Matt O'Malley, Rafael Mandelman, Maricela Morales, Rick Divas, and Paloma Aguirre.

**CC:** Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director; Kate Huckelbridge, Senior Deputy Director; Cassidy Teufel, Manager; Alexis Barrera, Environmental Scientist

**RE:** California Coastal Commission Hearing, September 8, 2022. Pismo Beach, CA  
AGENDA ITEM Th10b, CD-0006-20

Dear California Coastal Commission Chair, Vice-Chair, Commissioners, Executive Director, and Staff:

Thank you for your attention to my public comments regarding the [Water Quality Strategy developed by National Park Service \(NPS\) as specified in Conditions I and IV of the Coastal Commission's conditional concurrence on Consistency Determination No. CD-0006-20 for the 2020 General Management Plan Amendment for Point Reyes National Seashore and the north district of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County.](#)

*(Note from the CCC's Own Public Notice of September 8, 2022 Agenda: "The California Coastal Commission's enforcement division has opened an investigation into potential Coastal Act violations associated with this site, Point Reyes National Seashore.")*

**Context: Can Point Reyes National Seashore Management and Its Tenant Ranchers Ever Be Trusted?**

Point Reyes National Seashore (the Seashore) was [established](#) on September 13, 1962 with [enabling legislation](#) signed into law by President John F. Kennedy. We are about to have *the Sixtieth Anniversary* of the only National Seashore on the United States' West Coast. Were David Brower, Clem Miller, and all the others who worked so hard to found this national park unit alive today, they rightly would be outraged at the wholesale mismanagement and desecration of the Seashore's original mission, lands, waters, wildlife, habitat, and public health, safety and enjoyment.

As with all federal, state, and local public lands, Point Reyes National Seashore belongs to the American people—not to a small, politically powerful special interest group financially backed by



local, regional, and national rancher-ag power mongers. For 60 years, cattle rancher-ag businesses have co-opted not only the letter and spirit of the enabling legislation, but decades of political and governmental agencies, representatives, and officials with effective lobbying against what the public at large voices to have and sound science begs to implement and enforce.

Hence, occupation of the Seashore by private, for-profit, commercial, factory-level dairy and beef cattle ranchers has not ceased as intended by the enabling legislation. In the 1960s-1970s, a co-mingled, interrelated group of now-five core rancher families received ~\$440M in present dollars to vacate the Seashore within a couple decades of federal purchase of lands or the death of the occupant signee (or, in some cases, surviving spouse). Also per the enabling legislation, all commercial activity within the Seashore was to cease within 50 years—meaning: 10 years ago.

For 60 years now, National Park Service officials and Point Reyes National Seashore superintendents and staff and their political and governmental accomplices have acceded to the small number of organized, well-funded, politically powerful ranchers still controlling the Seashore—while blithely ignoring or minimizing these rancher-ag businesses’ uncountable mild to severe violations of federal, state, and local environment-and-health-based laws, regulations, and policies. As public records and media reports demonstrate time after multiple times, it is the public that discovers and reports cattle ranch businesses’ environmental and health violations. These violations include raw human sewage leaking from multiple ranchers’ residences into the Seashore’s soils and waters; massive hidden dump sites containing hazardous, abandoned heavy machinery remnants, chemical/fuel containers, and all types of waste and refuse; illegal no-trespassing signs with locked gates and fences; and more.

In just recent years, hundreds of thousands of Americans (as well as international residents)—not a now-five core group of rancher families—have written and called the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, and Point Reyes National Seashore leaderships and other federal officials and representatives to urge complete and final removal after six decades of these private rancher-ag businesses from the Seashore. If the vast numbers of the public had their way—rather than that of these politically powerful commercial special interests with their governmental enablers—the solution to all the water quality degradation in the Seashore would be prompt and total eviction of these millions-dollar rancher-ag businesses.

For just measure, these entrenched faux public-lands stewards (de facto embarrassments to environment and health stewardship) would pay out-of-pocket the entirety of expenses for removal of and environmental remediation for all their hazardous structures and materials. Areas of the Seashore may border on Superfund designation, which informs how disingenuous these erstwhile responsible rancher tenants and their federal government landlords have conducted affairs. (The Interior Secretary can act to rescind all these occupancy agreements using the provided discretion in the enabling legislation. Yet, federal, state, and local enforcement officials all continue to shirk duty before this exclusive, concentrated cattle-ag business coterie. The 60 years of regulatory monitoring and enforcement back-bends to not offend these special interests, rather than at last taking these scofflaws head-on, is offensive and counter to the wishes of the vast majority of people who provide public comments to federal, state, and local regulatory authorities. It begs, are ranchers’ dollars better than taxpayers’ dollars? And, what will the CCC Commissioners do to at last stop this?

I provide this incomplete snapshot of dereliction, malfeasance, and outright disdain by ranchers and their officialdom cronies (including one each of our longtime U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives) to drive home some essential points to you.

***Why Would the CCC Commissioners as Coastal California Protectors Bestow Any Concurrence At All in the Barely Revised Consistency Determination (CD) Proffered by NPS/PRNS?***

- Why would the California Coastal Commission—guardian of our state coastal zones including ocean, estuaries, lagoons, watersheds, and riparian courses—trust the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); National Park Service (NPS); Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS); and other federal departments and agencies to enforce [after 60 years] any kind of slapdash Water Quality and Climate Strategy? These entities have rarely, if ever, enforced already-existing standards, laws, regulations, and policies which have bite to protect the Seashore’s natural resources and habitats and to thus assure water quality. Why would the CCC trust these entities to monitor and enforce new environmental policies, much less begin to fine or evict these private, for-profit, factory-level rancher-ag businesses who have evaded legal and financial consequences despite decades-long environmental, health, and safety violations?
- Why would the California Coastal Commission bestow even Conditional Concurrence now after NPS/PRNS’s usual delay and obfuscation tactics against this very same CCC? PRNS managers and staff have evaded, misappropriated, and delayed response to prolonged legitimate CCC queries about Seashore water quality and climate strategy. This ongoing I-see-a-mark snub at the CCC Commissioners follows upon decades of NPS/PRNS thumbing at federal, state, and local regulatory authorities as well as public watchdogs and common citizens and Seashore visitors. NPS/PRNS managers and staff boldly proclaim through inaction their lack and disregard for decades-overdue planning, operations, enforcement, remediation, and restoration of the Seashore.

Whether or not the CCC Commissioners bestow Concurrence or Conditional Concurrence—or Object to Concurrence—in this woeful CD will be discussed later. But first, let’s take a closer look.

***The Partly-Cooked “Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore” Approved by the CCC’s Own Executive Director, Senior Deputy Director, Manager, and Environmental Scientist Has:***

- **NO** Detailed/Outlined Current/Mid-Long Term Climate Strategy, as Requested by CCC.
- **NO** Detailed/Outlined Water Quality Strategy or Ops Plan with Science-Based Specifics.
- **NO** Detailed/Outlined Budget, Staffing, Timelines, Mechanisms, or Enforcement for Ultimate Compliance to Federal, State, and Local Water Quality Standards, Laws, Regulations, and Policies.
- **NO** Delineated Boundary Between NPS/PRNS and Rancher-Ag Business Tenants for Water Quality and Climate Strategy Financial Responsibilities.

- **NO** Defined Water Quality (and Related) Monitoring and Remediation Requirements for the Seashore's Cattle Rancher-Aq Business Tenants.
- **NO** Clearly Stated Mechanisms or Enforcement for Compliance to Current-through-Future Science-Based Water Quality Monitoring, Analysis, Remediation, and Sustainment Policies.
- **NO** Defined Consequences, Costs, or Penalties for Violations by Cattle Rancher-Aq Business Tenants of Federal, State, Local Water Quality Standards, Laws, Regulations, and Policies. (i.e., rancher-ag businesses' financial responsibility for water quality installations, monitoring, inspection, damages, and remediation; monetary fines and penalties; rancher eviction warnings; rancher evictions; etc.)
- **NO** Clearly Stated Recognition of or Remediation for Water Quality Hazardous Harms by Cattle Rancher-Aq Business Tenants Occupying 1/3 of the Seashore to Coastal-Related Wildlife, Birdlife, Natural Habitats, Soils, Waters, Air, and Public Safety, Health, Wellbeing, and Enjoyment.
- **NO** Reputable Past NPS/PRNS Water Quality Study Program. (The one that ended in 2013 has been disputed, if not debunked, as poorly conceived and conducted, per the written federal and state agency directives to meet water quality standards. The one conducted 1999-2017 at Olema Creek provided recommendations to protect waters from cattle waste and degradation. Unsurprisingly, no action since has been taken by NPS/PRNS.)
- **NO** Positive Track Record in 60 Years by NPS and PRNS Managers and Staff to Monitor and Enforce Nearly ANY Federal, State, or Local Standards, Laws, Regulations, Policies vis-à-vis Cattle Rancher-Aq Business Tenants in the Seashore.
- **NO** Public Transparency of Shared-Joint Communications (Written/Verbal), Meetings, Decision-Making, Inspections, Damages, Harms, Degradations, Agreements, Deals, Notes, Monitoring, Remediations, Enforcement, Etc. among NPS, PRNS, and Cattle Rancher-Aq Business Tenants. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests routinely ignored, delayed, or obfuscated.
- **NO** Public Transparency of Shared-Joint Communications (Written/Verbal), Meetings, Decision-Making, Agreements, Deals, Notes, Etc. among NPS, PRNS, CCC Executives and Staff, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB), Elected Representatives, Political Appointees, Regulatory Agencies, and other governmental, political, public, and private stakeholders. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests may be necessarily filed.
- **IN SHORT: NO** Defined NPS/PRNS Accountabilities—Just Maybes, Kindas, Sortas, Buts, Etc.

***Will CCC Commissioners, Executives, and Staff Finally Stand Up for the Point Reyes Coast—and Against the Decades-Long Egregiousness of NPS, PRNS, and Cattle Rancher-Ag Businesses There?***

Each of you—as CCC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Commissioners (and including the apparently-subservient CCC advisory executives and staff)—have the means to do what's right to protect and benefit the

Seashore, the California Coast, Wildlife and Habitat Biodiversity, the Global Climate, and our present and future Generations.

Let's explore.

The States have absolute power over federal agencies and facilities with respect to air, water, and hazardous waste because, while state governments normally have no power over the federal government because of the Supremacy Clause in the U.S. Constitution, Congress can waive Sovereign Immunity—which it has done for air, water, and hazardous waste issues. The state and regional water quality boards then have as much authority over NPS, PRNS, and the involved commercial rancher-ag businesses as they do over private parties and facilities.

As to the CCC, while Congress hasn't waived Sovereign Immunity in this specific case, federal agencies must still comply with a provision in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act which states: "Each Federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that affects any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone shall be carried out in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved State management programs." 16 U.S.C. § 1456 (1)(A). (emphases added) The CCC has influence and power in this regard.

What enforceable California state policies must NPS and PRNS be consistent with "to the maximum extent practicable" in its General Management Plan Amendment Record of Decision (GMPA ROD) and Consistency Determination (CD)?

*Notably, this provides an adherence path to federal law through California state pressure for coastal protection, and can be used in various conditions of any CD Conditional Concurrence.*

Two directly applicable state policies exist in the California Coastal Act itself:

- § 30230 Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and, where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of marine organisms adequate for long-term commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational purposes. (emphases added)
- § 30231 The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface waterflow, encouraging waste water reclamation, maintaining natural vegetation buffer areas that protect riparian habitats, and minimizing alteration of natural streams. (emphases added)

While the Seashore is technically defined as out of the “coastal zone”, these two cited statutes require the California Coastal Commission to protect PRNS and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) waters that empty into the ocean, bays, and coast-related waters; and to protect the fisheries (i.e., salmon, steelhead) and aquatic organisms that move from PRNS and GGNRA streams, creeks, and other riparian courses and habitats to the lagoons, estuaries, bays, and ocean.

Per § 30230, are NPS, PRNS, and the commercial rancher-ag business tenants *maintaining, enhancing, and restoring the marine resources* that exist in PRNS and GGNRA? Per § 30231, are these same entities *maintaining and restoring the biological productivity* of PRNS and GGNRA coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes? Overwhelming, clear, and damning science-based and experiential evidence says: No, and No.

Commissioners, this is a 60-year publicly led engagement of repeated circular motions into institutional and lobbyist brick walls. Help us extricate and free Point Reyes National Seashore from its not-necessarily-doomed downward spiral.

The CCC had three choices in September 2021 when dealing with the first PRNS Water Quality proposal (if we can actually call it that): 1) Concur in the NPS/PRNS Consistency Determination; 2) Conditionally Concur; or, 3) outright Object to Concur. In an agonized 5-4 vote, the CCC Commissioners chose to Conditionally Concur in that NPS/PRNS CD. Many of you were *extremely* hesitant to do so, and waffled on the border of Object to Concurrence in yet one more officialdom back-bend.

And now another year later, NPS/PRNS (in apparent consult with CCC and SFRBWQCB staffs) delivers a wholly inadequate, ill-considered, and scientifically faulty water quality and climate “strategy”. As you read this, be sure, the cattle rancher-ag businesses occupying the Seashore rack ever more violations.

***Today, September 8, 2022, the CCC Can Do the Right Thing—Unanimously Object in Concurrence. (Expediency or Ease or Unruffled Feelings Are Not Acceptable Alternatives. In Fact, These Can Lead to Disastrous, Long-Lasting Environmental, Health, and Safety Outcomes.)***

**In its *Object to Concurrence*, CCC Commissioners can include one (or a mix) of the following actions:**

- Use the mediation option in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act for NOAA to step in and resolve the matter.
- Legally sue, based on the NPS/PRNS CD not being consistent “to the maximum extent practicable” with the two California state statutes discussed.
- Revise the CCC position to oppose any new commercial rancher-ag business leases until NPS/PRNS provides the CCC with comprehensive and enforceable water quality and climate strategies. (The ranchers recently received “interim” two-year leases from the PRNS Superintendent.)
- Reopen the matter based on correctly accumulated and reported PRNS water quality data provided to the CCC for the September 8, 2022 meeting, including:
  - Require that no 20-year lease will be granted to any rancher until unequivocally proven to the CCC (based on scientifically sound water quality monitoring data and other established conditions) that his or her ranch has achieved federal, state, and

local water quality standards over an ongoing two-year sampling period, including continuous monitoring and remediation during and thereafter to CCC-approved best management practices.

- Require that no 20-year lease will be granted to any rancher until unequivocally proven to the CCC (based on scientifically sound water quality monitoring data and other established conditions) that the NPS/PRNS and/or rancher have properly and fully maintained and restored marine resources and biological productivity per § 30230 and § 30231 of the California Coastal Act, including continuous monitoring and remediation during and thereafter to CCC-approved best management practices.

***In Conclusion: Please Unanimously Object In Concurrence to this Latest NPS/PRNS CD***

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Commissioners—please pause to consider the hows and whys of the CCC executive’s and staff’s strange decision to support this current NPS/PRNS Consistency Determination.

And consider: The poor, ineffectual, decades-long monitoring and enforcement record of NPS/PRNS managers and staff; the independent and rigorous scientific water quality research recently provided to you; the failing purposes and devastating impacts of dairy and beef cattle ranching on local, state, national, and global natural resources and biodiverse habitats; and the ominous signs well underway of intensifying global climate-heating, largely due to cattle and agricultural industries.

All these and more must drive you to conclude the NPS/PRNS “Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore” is still a total and abject failure in this profound, historic moment.

Please Unanimously Object in Concurrence to this latest, wholly incomplete, deeply faulty NPS/PRNS Consistency Determination. See through their happy talk and verbal assurances to their longstanding dereliction of seriousness when weighing existential issues of local to global import.

One day, may you visit Point Reyes National Seashore—rid of 30,000 acres with 400 miles of barbed-wire fences, 5,500 cattle, and extended trampled, muddy, and manure-sprayed dead zones. And say to family, friends, and colleagues: “I helped do this.”

Help us transform Point Reyes National Seashore to native coastal prairies and riparian habitats, with resurgent wildlife, lands, waters, and air—abundant in beauty for all.

Thank you for your serious attention and deliberation on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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**Comments for the California Coastal Commission  
September 8, 2022 Hearing  
Agenda Item Th10b, CD-0006-20 NPS**

From: Elizabeth Dodge  
September 1, 2022

The National Park Service submitted their *Water Quality Strategy for Management of Ranching Operations Version 2.0* (August 2022) in response to the California Coastal Commission's request for a water quality monitoring program that meets industry standards. As a retired site remediation manager with over thirty years of experience designing and implementing remedial investigations, I offer the following for your consideration.

### **1.0 Goals and Objectives (page 5)**

***The primary goal should be to meet water quality criteria.*** In *Goals and Objectives* (page 5) the document describes goals as 1) "for infrastructure to ensure water Quality Best Management Practices..." and 2) "limit exceedances" of water quality benchmarks. There should be only one goal and that is to eliminate, not "limit" water quality violations. Best Management Practices may be a means to that end, but they haven't achieved regulatory water quality goals on the PRNS GMPA area for the two decades the NPS says it has been using them.

### **2.0 Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment (page 18)**

**Editorial:** Inconsistent terminology is used throughout this section such that it is difficult to match text and figures. Monitoring Program 1 is variously referred to as "Monitoring Program 1", "short term" and "assessment monitoring". Monitoring Program 2 is called "Monitoring Program ", "Coastal Watershed", and "Long Term". These inconsistencies are confusing and need to be corrected.

***2.1 Sample frequency is insufficient.*** The major flaw in the proposed plan is that it will not capture the variation in water quality that accompanies winter rainfall events. Monitoring Program 1 states that six continuous weekly samples will be collected in winter and summer and Monitoring Program 2 "initially" for bacteria. Continuous weekly monitoring should be performed from November to March for samples from all seventeen locations in these two programs. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) goals specify the geometric mean and statistical threshold value (STV - upper 90th percentile of a data set). Both benchmarks are calculated based on five weekly samples collected over a 30 day period. Using standard rolling geometric mean and STV calculations, this will yield only two statistical data points in winter and two in summer for comparison with regulatory benchmarks. For example,

if six consecutive weekly samples are collected at a location, the first five data points (samples 1 -5) will be used to calculate the geometric mean and statistical threshold values for that time period. Samples 2 – 6 would then be used to calculate the rolling geometric mean and statistical threshold values for the next time interval as illustrated here:

Example of rolling Geometric mean and STV calculations based on 6 consecutive weekly samples

First 5 week data set (blue highlight)						
Sample	Date	Measured <i>E. coli</i> (mpn/100 mL)	Geomean samples 1 - 5	30 Day Objective for Mean Coliform	Upper 90th Percentile Fecal Coliform	Objective for Upper 90th Percentile (STV)
1	1-Nov-22	900				
2	8-Nov-22	470				
3	15-Nov-22	350				
4	22-Nov-22	300				
5	29-Nov-22	100	338	100	728	320
6	6-Dec-22	50	Not used in calculation			

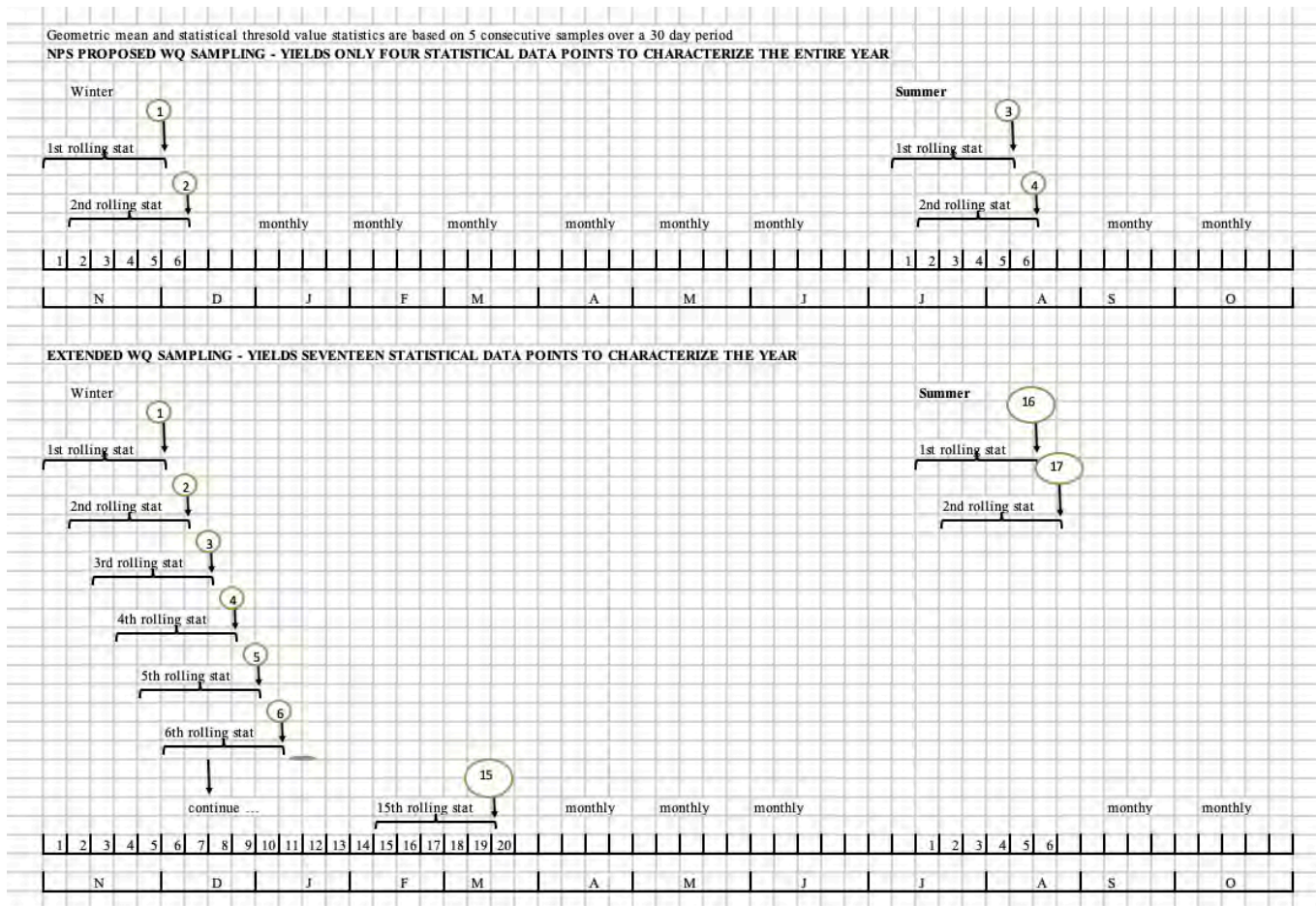
Second 5 week data set (green highlight)

Sample	Date	Measured <i>E. coli</i> (mpn/100 mL)	Geomean samples 2 - 6	30 Day Objective for Mean Coliform	Upper 90th Percentile Fecal Coliform	Objective for Upper 90th Percentile (STV)
1	1-Nov-22	900	Not used in calculation			
2	8-Nov-22	470				
3	15-Nov-22	350				
4	22-Nov-22	300				
5	29-Nov-22	100				
6	6-Dec-22	50	190	100	422	320

This example shows that six consecutive weekly samples would only allow two sets of calculations to be made for comparison with water quality benchmarks. In this example, the geometric mean and STV criteria would both be exceeded for the first five day monitoring interval and only the geometric mean would exceed criteria for the second sampling interval. The concern is that six weeks of sampling results in winter and again in summer will result in only four statistical data points for comparison with benchmarks, which is not sufficient to characterize and evaluate water quality over the course of an entire year, as illustrated in Figure 1.



Figure 1 – Continuous weekly sampling will increase statistically relevant data from four points per year to seventeen



Contrary to the CCC staff declaration that the monitoring program “is robust and designed to exceed the minimum standard” (page 19 of summary Staff recommendations) the NPS program as currently proposed will not adequately characterize water quality trends at PRNS, especially during winter seasonal rains.

Continuous weekly sampling during the winter (November to March) season is needed at the seventeen sites in Monitoring Programs 1 and 2 to fully evaluate seasonal water quality variability. For monthly monitoring, the NPS program proposes to compare data to the “single sample STV”, a term which is not found in RWQCB regulations but which in this context presumably means individual samples would be compared to the STV rather than the five week statistical analysis specified in the RWQCB protocol. This does not accurately characterize water quality over an entire month; and it should be noted that STV benchmarks (320 MPN for *E. coli*) are higher than the geometric mean benchmarks (200 MPN for *E. coli*) giving ranchers another reprieve from full compliance with water quality goals.

Possible typographical errors in Table 3: The table says the basin plan benchmark for *E. coli* is the geometric mean is based on six weekly samples but Table 3-1 of the RWQCB Basin Plan says five weekly samples. RWQCB STV for *E. coli* is 320 but Table 3 lists the “single day sample” benchmark as 400.

**2.2 Additional sampling locations are needed below ranches.** *Monitoring Program 1* (Page 18, last paragraph) states that Monitoring Program 1 will consist of samples collected “below ranch operations ...” Figure 1 shows 10 sampling locations for the 17 ranches located in the GMPA area. The document does not clearly state which ranches and water bodies are monitored by program 1, but to provide complete coverage for areas frequented by visitors, at least two additional monitoring sites near should be included at the Home Ranch Lagoon Estero Trail Bridge and the Estero de Limantour beach, both popular hiking destinations.

**2.3 Use and disposal of Hazardous substances should be investigated**

Improper disposal of containers, equipment, and debris have been observed on many ranches at PRNS, with the most egregious case being that on E Ranch (see photo). The SFRWQCB inspections should also include observations of evidence of improper disposal of pesticides, petroleum, chlorinated solvents and other hazardous substances on ranches.



**2.4 Sampling station PAC4 is not representative of background conditions.** It is located in the Elk Preserve where there are no cattle but there are a much larger population of Tule Elk than in the rest of the Point Reyes peninsula.

**2.5 Additional funding is needed to implement the plan.** The monitoring program, with the above recommended improvements, will require additional resources and it is apparent from statements made throughout this document that the NPS has neither the staff nor funding to oversee beef and dairy operations, monitor water quality, and enforce environmental regulations at PRNS. The NPS should demonstrate it can sustain the monitoring program before the CCC approves it. Lack of money and staff is no excuse to fail to monitor, regulate, and protect the coastal waters of California, especially in a National Park.

None of this would be necessary if the beef and dairy companies were not occupying thirty percent of the land in PRNS, so it is logical for water quality monitoring to be paid for by these private for-profit ranch businesses and not the tax payer-funded NPS. Except for abandoned

Superfund sites, I know of no other industrial operation that requires the US government to pay for their environmental monitoring and remediation.

### **3.0 General Comments:**

***Lack of supervision and enforcement.*** The document is riddled with vague promises for improvement without identifying responsibilities or funding sources. Statements about the “responsibility of lessees” to monitor and maintain operations per the lease agreements and meet regulatory conditions are not credible; history has shown that the for-profit beef and dairy operators will invest as little as possible in complying with environmental regulations. Only inspections of septic systems and CAFOs by regulatory agencies have prodded the NPS and ranchers to act.

### **4.0 Specific Comments:**

*Page 2, Condition II, Clarification of Intent:* states that “Submission of the first-year version of the strategy will be prior to NPS approval of any leases under the GMPA. This should be changed to read “Submission and approval” of the strategy prior to short term leases. The NPS has already submitted a strategy which the CCC did not approve.

Page 23 states that “specific watersheds or ranches” would be selected “dependent on staff capacity.” As stated above, staffing is not a legitimate reason to fail to monitor and protect our coastal water resources.

The terminology for Monitoring Programs throughout this document is inconsistent and confusing. Monitoring Program 1 is variously referred to as “Monitoring Program 1”, “short term”, and “assessment.” Monitoring Program 2 is referred to as “Monitoring Program 2”, “long term” and “coastal watershed.” The Monitoring Program terminology often does not match Figure 1. This should be corrected.

Page 24, item b (frequency) Monitoring Program 2: Coastal Watershed Monitoring, indicates this program consists of monthly monitoring and initial assessment consisting of 6 weekly consecutive sampling events in winter and summer. The 6 weekly consecutive samples should be expanded as described above to capture the full range of water quality conditions during winter and should not be limited to an “initial” period.

Page 24, item e (Corrective Actions) concludes with a statement that Management Activities successfully applied in other watersheds “will be effective at targeting source areas for improvement within Point Reyes Peninsula.” On page 16 the NPS states it has implemented “more than 170 management activities intended to improve water quality in the GMPA planning area...” The NPS claims of improved water quality fail to acknowledge that surface water contamination remains above regulatory criteria.

Page 39 GMPA Zoning Framework. The NPS “zoning framework” designates specific areas on ranches for various uses such as “pasture subzone, range subzone, and resource protection subzone. This is a complicated program and, while good in concept, has no oversight or enforcement mechanism and therefore, like many other NPS initiatives, is unlikely to improve water quality.

## **5.0 Attachment 1: Preliminary Water Quality Monitoring Results – Time Series FIB for Coastal Watershed and Recreational Beach Monitoring Programs**

**The data discussed in this attachment are not available for public review.** Page 36 of the Water Quality Strategy “Water Quality Sampling Protocols” states that data will be uploaded to the EPA STORET National Database. A search of this database on August 29, 2022 did not show the results of the 2021 – Present sampling. These data should be made available to the public, especially since the tiny graphs in Attachment A are almost illegible. It is not discernible when samples were collected, but presumably none conformed to the 5 consecutive weekly protocol for Monitoring Programs 1 and 2 because no statistical analysis of geometric means or STVs are presented. Instead, comparisons are made to the “single sample statistical threshold” a criterion which is not specifically mentioned in the SFRWQCB regulations, but appear to be the same as the statistical threshold value and are more lenient than the geometric mean benchmark.

Figure A-1 on page 47 shows the *E. coli* results for ABB4 but should show the Enterococci data instead since this is a salt water sampling location.

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Excellent, Susan, thank you!

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To California Coastal Commissioner

**Re: National Park Service Water Quality Strategy**

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

The NPS has belatedly delivered the required plan.

The "Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore," does not compel compliance with laws meant to protect our park, our coast, our water, our wildlife, our climate. It contains no performance benchmarks, no timelines, no enforcement protocols, no budget, no commitment to annual reporting, no funding, no plan to secure funding, no compliance. It offers no assurance that the plan can be or will be implemented. The NPS's plan is simply promises to try harder, while continuing to prioritize the survival of polluting private ranches over public health and coastal resources.

The Coastal Commission's approval of the plan would clear the way for the NPS to issue 20-year leases to the ranchers responsible for polluting the public's land, water and coast. Once these leases are issued, the Commission will have little, if any, leverage to hold the NPS accountable.

Only the Coastal Commissioners can hold the National Park Service to their word.

Do not approve the plan as written.

### **The plan's shortcomings**

1. The historical and current evidence shows that the NPS does not hold ranchers accountable for damage to coastal resources. The chosen language in the NPS strategy document states that the Park Service "can" do so. It does not say it will.
2. The NPS strategy assures the Park Service's "active engagement in securing funding," for the plan. It does discuss how it will raise the necessary money to implement the plan and does not provide a budget.
3. The NPS has not committed to providing the Annual Reports the Commission has required. In her memo, Dr. Huckelbridge characterizes this omission as an oversight, but the NPS has previously ignored deadlines and failed to deliver reports to the Commission.
4. The NPS suspended its water monitoring in 2013. The NPS's monitoring plan seems to rely on the

Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC), a local nonprofit. EAC employees five staff to carry out a range of education and advocacy programs. None on staff are scientists. In 2021 and 2022 EAC assisted the County in testing water quality at two Seashore, Drakes Beach and Drakes Estero. This testing was possible only because EAC raised private donations for that purpose. Continued funding for water testing at the Seashore is by no means assured.

5. Ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore have never been in compliance with State of California regulations of waste discharges for commercial Confined Animal Operations (CAFOs). NPS has long been aware of bacterial exceedances and their sources. The NPS does not “address the adverse effects of waste water discharges, nor attempted to minimize them,” per Section 30230 of the California Coastal Act.

6. In 2021 and 2022 independent analyses of water samples taken from streams that drain Seashore ranches revealed pathogens from cattle manure at levels hazardous to human health. The NPS did not warn the public. It disputed the methodology that exposed the problem.

7. The NPS stopped monitoring water quality on these federal lands a decade ago, relegating testing to the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, which routinely issues Clean Water Act waivers based on data Seashore ranchers themselves provide. Recent RWQCB inspections of the dairy ranches (Feb. 2022) found some antiquated waste-management infrastructure at risk of failure. Follow up is unclear.

8. The NPS recently resumed water testing in the park. It intends to use data from 2013 (its most recent available) as a benchmark. Geoengineer Doug Lovell, who has analyzed water samples from the Seashore, found that the NPS's 2013 data is not a reliable basis for comparison with current sampling. “The historical Fecal Indicator Bacteria data set (collected in 2013 and prior years) lacks the requisite number of samples over the requisite time intervals- valid assessments regarding compliance with current-day Fecal Indicator Bacteria Levels are not possible using the historical data. Despite this limitation, the NPS and its employees assessed compliance using the historical data set; these assessments are not valid.” This report was made available to the Commission.

9. The CCC's staff report concluded that the NPS strategy “should be informed by existing water quality data and water quality enhancements that have proven successful elsewhere.” It refers to a study conducted between 1999 and 2017 at Olema Creek <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/11/19/5516/htm>). Much touted by the NPS, the study concluded that pathogens from cattle manure are reduced when fencing is installed to keep cattle out of streams. The study offered numerous recommendations for protecting water from cattle pollution. But, in the five years since the study was published, none of the recommended measures have been required at Point Reyes National Seashore. Only now the does the NPS say it will make them mandatory.

10. Millions of public and private dollars have been spent over years to monitor and improve the water quality of Tomales Bay. To date, compliance with water quality standards has never been achieved. Testing by Marin County Environmental Health Services consistently finds the popular Chicken Ranch Beach a chronic hot spot for pathogens.

11. To our knowledge, no data are available pertaining to the groundwater or the effects of groundwater pumping at the Seashore. Climate change and record drought have severely diminished water supplies, with hotter dryer conditions projected. Seeps, springs, streams and ponds used by wildlife have dried up. Recent photographs by park visitors document dead and dying elk where water sources previously existed on Tomales Point. Regardless, the NPS has agreed to drilling more wells to meet the demands of the ranches.

12 Section 30231 of the California Coastal Act states: “The biological and quality of coastal waters,



streams, wetlands, estuaries and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health **SHALL** be maintained. This is not optional.

13. The NPS's Water Quality Strategy calls for reducing the number of cattle; moving them around in the park; converting silage acreage to pasture (essentially trading some impacts for others); and more robust water monitoring. It does not address ranchings' climate impacts; the unsafe conditions at farmworker housing or the untreated human sewage flows that the NPS has overlooked for decades.

14. The plan does not provide for public transparency. Although publicly subsidized, the ranch leases are being finalized behind closed doors. The results of water quality monitoring, cases of non compliance and how (or if) they are resolved, are not available to the public.

### **Conclusion**

The NPS has had sixty years to do what it says it will do now. It offers no assurances that its Water Quality Strategy is economically feasible or will be implemented. The Tule Elk Management Plan was relegated to the shelf when ranchers pushed back—with tragic results. If past is prologue, this plan promises more of the same.

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

The NPS has belatedly delivered the required plan.

The "Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore," does not compel compliance with laws meant to protect our park, our coast, our water, our wildlife, our climate. It contains no performance benchmarks, no timelines, no enforcement protocols, no budget, no commitment to annual reporting, no funding, no plan to secure funding, no compliance. It offers no assurance that the plan can be or will be implemented. The NPS's plan is simply promises to try harder, while continuing to prioritize the survival of polluting private ranches over public health and coastal resources.

The Coastal Commission's approval of the plan would clear the way for the NPS to issue 20-year leases to the ranchers responsible for polluting the public's land, water and coast. Once these leases are issued, the Commission will have little, if any, leverage to hold the NPS accountable.

Only the Coastal Commissioners can hold the National Park Service to their word.  
Do not approve the plan as written.

**The plan's shortcomings**

1. The historical and current evidence shows that the NPS does not hold ranchers accountable for damage to coastal resources. The chosen language in the NPS strategy document states that the Park Service "can" do so. It does not say it will.
2. The NPS strategy assures the Park Service's "active engagement in securing funding," for the plan. It does discuss how it will raise the necessary money to implement the plan and does not provide a budget.
3. The NPS has not committed to providing the Annual Reports the Commission has required. In her memo, Dr. Huckelbridge characterizes this omission as an oversight, but the NPS has previously ignored deadlines and failed to deliver reports to the Commission.
4. The NPS suspended its water monitoring in 2013. The NPS's monitoring plan seems to rely on the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC), a local nonprofit. EAC employs five staff to carry out a range of education and advocacy programs. None on staff are scientists. In 2021 and 2022 EAC assisted the County in testing water quality at two Seashore, Drakes Beach and Drakes Estero. This testing was possible only because EAC raised private donations for that purpose. Continued funding for water testing at the Seashore



is by no means assured.

5. Ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore have never been in compliance with State of California regulations of waste discharges for commercial Confined Animal Operations (CAFOs). NPS has long been aware of bacterial exceedances and their sources. The NPS does not “address the adverse effects of waste water discharges, nor attempted to minimize them,” per Section 30230 of the California Coastal Act.

6. In 2021 and 2022 independent analyses of water samples taken from streams that drain Seashore ranches revealed pathogens from cattle manure at levels hazardous to human health. The NPS did not warn the public. It disputed the methodology that exposed the problem.

7. The NPS stopped monitoring water quality on these federal lands a decade ago, relegating testing to the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, which routinely issues Clean Water Act waivers based on data Seashore ranchers themselves provide. Recent RWQCB inspections of the dairy ranches (Feb. 2022) found some antiquated waste-management infrastructure at risk of failure. Follow up is unclear.

8. The NPS recently resumed water testing in the park. It intends to use data from 2013 (its most recent available) as a benchmark. Geoengineer Doug Lovell, who has analyzed water samples from the Seashore, found that the NPS's 2013 data is not a reliable basis for comparison with current sampling. “The historical Fecal Indicator Bacteria data set (collected in 2013 and prior years) lacks the requisite number of samples over the requisite time intervals- valid assessments regarding compliance with current-day Fecal Indicator Bacteria Levels are not possible using the historical data. Despite this limitation, the NPS and its employees assessed compliance using the historical data set; these assessments are not valid.” This report was made available to the Commission.

9. The CCC's staff report concluded that the NPS strategy “should be informed by existing water quality data and water quality enhancements that have proven successful elsewhere.” It refers to a study conducted between 1999 and 2017 at Olema Creek (<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/11/19/5516/htm>). Much touted by the NPS, the study concluded that pathogens from cattle manure are reduced when fencing is installed to keep cattle out of streams. The study offered numerous recommendations for protecting water from cattle pollution. But, in the five years since the study was published, none of the recommended measures have been required at Point Reyes National Seashore. Only now the does the NPS say it will make them mandatory.

10. Millions of public and private dollars have been spent over years to monitor and improve the water quality of Tomales Bay. To date, compliance with water quality standards has never been achieved. Testing by Marin County Environmental Health Services consistently finds the popular Chicken Ranch Beach a chronic hot spot for pathogens.

11. To our knowledge, no data are available pertaining to the groundwater or the effects of groundwater pumping at the Seashore. Climate change and record drought have severely diminished water supplies, with hotter dryer conditions projected. Seeps, springs, streams and ponds used by wildlife have dried up. Recent photographs by park visitors document dead and dying elk where water sources previously existed on Tomales Point. Regardless, the NPS has agreed to drilling more wells to meet the demands of the ranches.

12 Section 30231 of the California Coastal Act states: “The biological and quality of coastal

waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health **SHALL** be maintained. This is not optional.

13. The NPS's Water Quality Strategy calls for reducing the number of cattle; moving them around in the park; converting silage acreage to pasture (essentially trading some impacts for others); and more robust water monitoring. It does not address ranchings' climate impacts; the unsafe conditions at farmworker housing or the untreated human sewage flows that the NPS has overlooked for decades.

14. The plan does not provide for public transparency. Although publicly subsidized, the ranch leases are being finalized behind closed doors. The results of water quality monitoring, cases of non compliance and how (or if) they are resolved, are not available to the public.

## **Conclusion**

The NPS has had sixty years to do what it says it will do now. It offers no assurances that its Water Quality Strategy is economically feasible or will be implemented. The Tule Elk Management Plan was relegated to the shelf when ranchers pushed back—with tragic results. If past is prologue, this plan promises more of the same.

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Re: Agenda Item Thursday, September 8, 2022: CD-0006-20  
(National Park Service, Marin Co.)

Thank you for taking the time to review these comments.

As Sir Winston Churchill famously said, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”<sup>1</sup>

I am a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore and a homeowner in Inverness. Over the past several years, I have watched the GMPA process closely, reviewing National Park Service (“NPS”) documents at each step. I am writing today to ask that you withhold approval on the NPS water quality strategy until ALL elements are met. In its current form, the plan lacks important components that this Commission said were necessary.

This Commission set clear expectations for what the NPS needed to include in their Water Quality Strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore. As set forth in the staff report for this Agenda item, NPS has not met all of the requirements in their submission. This Commission should not approve any plan unless all of the conditions are met. The lack of public trust is pervasive, and this Commission has heard extensive comment about the lack of transparency, accountability and enforcement in Point Reyes National Seashore. Even now, there is zero public transparency about the specific corrective actions being taken to address the septic system violations that led to raw human sewage in fields and ponds in the park. Similarly, there is no transparency about the short-term ranch leases that are currently being negotiated.

In light of the history of this park and decades of water contamination, this Commission’s mandate requires you to withhold approval on the NPS water quality plan until all elements of the Strategy are included. Section 30231 of the California Coastal Act

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<sup>1</sup> Paraphrasing George Santayana.

states: “The biological and quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and **for the protection of human health** shall be maintained.

I have three main areas of concern with the Water Quality Strategy:<sup>2</sup>

Transparency of results: In addition to specifically committing to annual reporting to the Commission, the results of the ongoing water quality testing should be made available to the public in real time – NPS updates its website for road closures, trail closures and other events within the park. Water quality results should be posted on the park’s website as well as signs posted at any/all affected areas. In addition, the park has electronic signs at several locations as visitors enter the park – they could be used to identify places where water contact is unsafe. Timely disclosure to the public is essential to protecting public health; an explicit commitment to provide annual reporting to this Commission is critical as well.

Actions to be taken if standards are not met: The Water Quality Strategy needs to include clear and explicit consequences for the failure to meet water quality standards. And those consequences should be disclosed to the public and listed on the park’s website. The Water Quality Strategy lacks a key provision (element 5) “A commitment to updating the strategy and timeline on an annual basis based on data and analysis from the previous year.”

Explicit Strategy Targets: Finally, there needs to be a clear goal for the Water Quality Strategy. The Strategy should explicitly state that, at a minimum, the goal is compliance with state and federal water quality standards.

In closing, I respectfully request that you watch a short film (3 minutes) that I made regarding water quality in Point Reyes National Seashore. You can watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/745261023>

Sincerely,

Sarah Killingsworth

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<sup>2</sup> The lack of funding for the Strategy, and the lack of an explicit plan to obtain funding, is also a concern.

September 2, 2022

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Re: September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)

Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Services' latest iteration of water quality strategy for Point Reyes National Seashore. As a long-time resident of California, a regular visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore, and an environmental attorney, I urge you not to approve the current water quality strategy. Critically, this strategy once again fails to comply with the conditions imposed by the Commission and fails to ensure the restoration and protection of water quality in the Seashore and in California's coastal waters.

The Commission and Commission staff should instead continue to work with the Park Service to develop a plan that will achieve these critical goals **before the plan is approved**. Needed improvements that are not made before the Commission approves the plan will almost certainly not be made once the plan is approved. Indeed, once the plan is approved, the Park Service will be able to issue 20-year leases, removing any leverage the Commission may have in holding the Park Service accountable for developing and implementing a water quality strategy that will protect California's coastal waters.

The National Park Services' latest proposed water quality strategy fails in multiple ways. It does not comply with the conditions imposed by the Coastal Commission. It does not ensure, or even attempt to compel, compliance with water quality standards. It does not contain performance benchmarks, timelines, or enforcement protocols. It does not provide a budget, source of funding, or a plan to secure such funding. It does not commit to a meaningful reporting schedule or to strategy plan updates. It does not ensure public access to any reporting that does take place. In short, it does not ensure that the plan can or will be implemented, or that it will achieve compliance with water quality standards if it is implemented.

Many of these failings are documented in the Staff Report. For example,

- The strategy **does not include the requested timeline**, but instead includes only short- and long-term actions and priorities. *Staff Report at 12 (emphasis added).*
- The strategy **“does not include a commitment to an annual update cycle** of the Strategy and timeline.” *Staff Report at 16 (emphasis added).* “Condition I is quite specific in the frequency and method to be used for these updates - annually and based on data and analysis from the previous year - and the Strategy does not include a commitment to do either.” *Staff Report at 17.*

- The strategy “**does not include a comprehensive evaluation of past monitoring programs.**” *Staff Report at 21 (emphasis added).*
- The strategy **does not include the critically important revenue generation plan that is essential for ensuring that the Water Quality Strategy can—and will be—carried out.** As the Staff Report makes clear:

NPS staff has not yet developed a revenue generation plan as part of this proposed Strategy. Objective Five on page seven briefly states that NPS and ranch operators continue active engagement in securing funding for additional Management Activities but does not describe a plan in detail. Similarly, Objective One on page 10 states that dairy operators would be expected to pursue funding in coordination with NPS and the Natural Resources Conservation Service within their two-year interim lease timeframe but does not provide further detail. Proposed funding sources, responsible parties, and timing for implementation of site-specific Management Activities are expected to be identified following routine inspections and water quality monitoring and described in annual reporting to the Commission. Commission staff recommends that NPS staff develop a revenue generation plan prior to the 2022 annual report, detailing potential funding sources and responsible parties. *Staff Report at 23.*

The other failings are self-evident from the text of the submitted Water Quality Strategy. For example, on its face, the Water Quality Strategy does not ensure compliance. Instead, it states only that after providing multiple opportunities for voluntary compliance “if a suitable explanation or reasonable need for extension is not provided, the leases provide enforcement tools that **could be utilized.**” *Water Quality Strategy at 12 (emphasis added).* The Water Quality Strategy does **not state that those enforcement tools will be utilized.** The lease provisions cited in the Water Quality Strategy also do **not** ensure compliance. To the contrary, the first cited lease provision merely states that the lessee can be fined \$100 a day for failing to perform a duty under the lease, while the second cited lease provision merely states that the lessee may be required to reimburse the Park Service if the Park Service opts to step in to address the deficiency. *Water Quality Strategy at 12, footnotes 4 and 5.*

Other failings are found in the Water Quality monitoring provisions. For example, they do not fully follow correct sampling protocols, do not require monitoring on a frequent enough basis to properly capture water quality problems, do not require monitoring of all dairies and ranches, and do not require monitoring of the effectiveness of best management practices or other corrective actions that are implemented, among other things. These problems will be exacerbated if the Park Service relies on its last set of monitoring data (from 2013) for comparison purposes, which a recent study shows cannot be used for that purpose:

The historical Fecal Indicator Bacteria data set (collected in 2013 and prior years) lacks the requisite number of samples over the requisite time intervals- valid assessments regarding compliance with current-day Fecal Indicator Bacteria Levels are not possible using the historical data. Despite this limitation, the NPS and its employees assessed compliance using the historical data set; these assessments are not valid.

Douglas W Lovell, Geoenvironmental Engineer, *Planning and Conduct of the October 2021-January 2022 Surface Water Monitoring Kehoe, Abbotts, Drakes Estero, and Drakes Bay Watersheds Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County CA (August 28 2022).*

The Water Quality Strategy also does not provide for any degree of public transparency. There is no indication that any of the following key information will be made publicly available: monitoring data, required corrective actions, reports on compliance with corrective actions, or updated ranch leases documenting any requirements or enforcement mechanisms.

These many failings—combined with the National Park Services’ long-standing inability or unwillingness to implement the changes needed to improve the Park’s water quality, which is well-recognized as being among the most polluted in the state of California—guarantees that the proposed Water Quality Strategy will not correct the significant and long-lasting water quality and wildlife spillover impacts to the incredible natural resources of California’s coastal zone. The proposed Water Quality Strategy will not ensure the protection, and where feasible restoration, of the biological productivity and quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes that is required by the California Coastal Act. CA Pub Res Code § 30231.

For these reasons, I urge you to not approve the current plan. Instead, the Commission and Commission staff should continue to work to ensure that the Park Service develops a plan that will achieve those critical goals before the plan is approved.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Samet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Executive Director John Ainsworth,

On behalf of In Defense of Animals, an animal protection organization with over 250,000 supporters, I oppose the National Park Service's final General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA) for the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Before moving forward with Alternative B, which will ruin the Seashore with continued and expanded cattle grazing and the growth of other private, for-profit businesses at taxpayer expense, I urge you to pursue further inquiry, including long overdue water quality tests and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on drought and wildfires.

Tourism is the primary source of income at the Seashore. Cattle are the Seashore's primary source of greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change. Private ranching at the Seashore has resulted in overgrazing, water pollution, invasive weeds, and the reduction of native species, including those protected under the Endangered Species Act.

Water quality degradation occurs from ranching practices like spreading liquid manure on fields, which increase human health risks, kill native fish, and pollute waterways. I implore you to conduct a Federal Consistency Review to address the lack of water quality testing, known environmental degradation, and impacts on migratory birds and endangered species at the Seashore.

A SEIS on the GMPA concerning the Woodward Fire would determine new impacts on free-roaming elk. The impacts of ranchers growing crops and raising sheep, goats, pigs, turkeys or chickens, which increase conflicts with wild animals, must also be assessed.

I also urge you to investigate the mass die-off of Tule elk who are fenced into a "preserve" — which is in violation of the Organic Act 1916 — without any perennial stream to serve fresh water. Please act urgently to ensure the NPS upholds its duty before any more of these rare native animals die.

Alternative B must not be finalized until all these steps above are taken, and the public's concern for the future of this natural treasure and the wild animals who call it home is acknowledged.

Thank you for your consideration of this pressing matter, I look forward to your response.

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Dear Executive Director John Ainsworth,

As a person who cares about animals and one of over 250,000 supporters of In Defense of Animals, I'm appalled to hear about new gas activity at Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve without proper approvals from federal, state, and county agencies.

Recently, local residents noticed workers digging and drilling inside the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, just feet away from endangered Belding's Savannah sparrows.

SoCalGas claims to be abandoning these wells, but plans for this fake "restoration" project reveal that it is merely repositioning the gas wells right outside the ecological reserve to continue storing gas beneath the wetlands, in a process called "slant drilling."

The gas field will be the same size and equally dangerous to wild animals and the surrounding community. Continued gas operations at the wetlands counters new statewide orders to reduce climate impacts from fossil fuels.

The LA County Democratic Party has voted to stop injecting gas into the field below the Ballona Wetlands. Despite public opposition, SoCalGas received CalGEM permits to operate without a certified Environmental Impact Report or a full coastal development permit.

Please halt SoCalGas activity at Ballona Wetlands until adequate environmental review and permits are completed. Federal laws and the California Coastal Act must be followed. Tribal consultation is also required for this site.

Instead of bulldozing Ballona Wetlands, why not opt for Alternative 4 on the Environmental Impact Report, which is a more gentle approach that preserves the existing vibrant and diverse ecosystem?

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Executive Director John Ainsworth,

As someone who is concerned about wild animals and wildlands, and one of over 250,000 In Defense of Animals supporters, I urge you to vote against the staff-recommended conditional compliance to the Point Reyes General Land Management Plan Amendment (GLMPA), and object to the National Park Service's consistency determination, which is not consistent with the California Coastal Management Plan.

The CCC received over 20,000 comments opposing the park's plan to continue ranching leases within the national park. We applaud the Commission for postponing the public hearing, which will allow enough time to adequately review and analyze comments with scientific and technical data.

The staff report focused on water quality, yet the last tests were documented in 2013. In Defense of Animals recently performed professional scientific water quality tests from key collection points at Point Reyes National Seashore. Now the Commission has ample opportunity to review these new findings.

The report also did not address other spillover effects from the Point Reyes GLMPA, including air quality and climate impacts from grazing cows, water quantity, and the loss of coastal public access.

Please vote against the conditional compliance to protect our waterways and the Pacific Ocean from harmful spillover impacts. Thank you for your consideration of this important and timely matter.

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Dear California Coastal Commission:

I have a question for the California Coastal Commission. Why is there a sense that the ranchers (and park service staff) are owed another chance? Just answer that question. What is this foregone conclusion based on? It seems predetermined that we the public always owe ranchers, no matter what it is they have done and no matter how long they have been doing it.

Let's be very clear about something. Over the last several decades as Point Reyes National Seashore made headlines for its water contamination, as ranching violations and shocking abuses to the land were revealed by citizens (not the park service) the ranchers themselves were NOT oblivious to these issues. These were not oversights. These were not accidents. On the contrary the ranchers were heavily engaged in their ongoing marketing campaign of being stewards of the land...small, local, organic, responsible, loyal, etc.

If any of those descriptive marketing words just mentioned in the paragraph above actually applied to the reality of these ranchers, then none of these violations would exist. Maybe some small issues here and there, but we are instead talking about violations that make one scratch their heads in disbelief. Responsible stewards would be out testing their own water and voluntarily contacting the CCC, Park Service, the county, etc. to find ways to make improvements rather than waiting to be shamed by citizens who took it on themselves to show the reality of the situation. No, these are instead people who chose the path of getting away with as much as they can as long as they can. This behavior is that of spoiled, entitled children who have never been spanked. The ranchers behave as though they operate with impunity, and with good reason, for indeed it seems that they do.

Reading historical documents over the last four years I noticed that the ranchers often refer to themselves as "loyal". The "loyal dairy ranchers of Marin." What does that mean, anyway, loyal? Loyal to who? These people engage in a for-profit business that hurts the land, water, plants, taxpayers, and animals all to put money in their own pockets. They are loyal to themselves and themselves alone.

We should be discussing reparations. We should be discussing how much money the ranchers will pay back to the citizens while they pack up and finally leave. We should be discussing how quickly they should be forced to exit to any of their multiple other ranches waiting for them outside the seashore. We should be discussing how much of the restoration process the ranchers will fit the bill for once nature finally has a chance to heal in their absence.

But instead we are discussing whether or not to put any limitations on their next reward. Yes, we continue to reward the spoiled child and, like a parent in denial, claim that things will get better. Or even worse, claim that nothing is wrong.

Perhaps worse than the ranchers themselves are those who supposedly manage the

ranchers. Yes, for those who have forgotten, the ranchers are lessees under the management of lessors and the lessors are the Point Reyes National Seashore Park Service. In this case we can summarize "management" as turning a blind eye to violations while making excuses for the violators. The violations that are so egregious that they make the news are NOT the only violations. No, there is a seemingly bottomless pit of them as I have discovered by perusing documents obtained via the Freedom of Information Act and there are numerous more waiting to be found although the park service is illegally refusing to release these. As for the violations that I have read, these appear to have all gone unpunished other than receiving a phone call.

I'd like to share one moment from my 2.5 hour phone interview with the Park Service's outreach coordinator, Melanie Gunn. After questioning Melanie about some of these violations (and she even volunteered to tell me about other ones) her response was, "You have to remember how long these people have been here and that they still think this is their land." Tell me, whose job is it to make sure the lessee is aware that they are the lessee? Correct, that would be the manager. But this manager would rather make excuses for the tenant rather than evict the tenant. Heck, this manager won't even make the tenant pay for punching holes in the wall of the rental unit.

As for the embarrassing excuse itself, are we really supposed to believe that after receiving a multi-million dollar payout and then signing new leases and operating permits each and every time these permits and leases need to be renewed, that these people actually think they still own the land? These same people who pay lobbyists to get their LEASES extend don't know that they are lessees? How pathetic of an excuse is that? And THAT, ladies and gentlemen, is the sort of excuse that the park service comes up with. Yes, the very people you are pretending we can trust to do better in future.

'Better.' What does that mean? Considering that the water quality is already the worst in the state we can only go up, right? Considering that everyone who has ever worked for the Department of the Interior in some capacity has looked at Point Reyes and said to me, "This is the most abused, mismanaged land I have ever seen," I guess we can only go up. Hurray, how inspiring! The bar has been set so low by the ranchers and their buddies, the defunct Park Service, that it will actually be hard to do worse. So in a few years, if indeed any improvements do take place, perhaps this National Seashore will only be the second most polluted location on the west coast and only a few more threatened species will have disappeared. Let's all cheer for the victory.

Put your fear of or loyalty to the ranchers aside for a moment and take a good look at who you are giving your blessing to.

While droves of wildlife die in horrific ways the park service constantly tells the public that they are actively monitoring the situation. The last several years are riddled with published quotes from the park service assuring the public how actively they monitor and manage Point Reyes. So if they already have been actively monitoring, on what grounds does the CCC, or anyone, think the park service can improve? They already claim to be putting in the work. Mind you, that every violation I read about in the FOIA papers was initially reported by a citizen. A birder, a hiker, etc. NOT the "actively monitoring park service". Even the violations so terrible that you can read about them in the news weren't found by the park service.

I've been documenting the damage caused by the ranchers and the suffering of the wildlife in Point Reyes National Seashore for the last four years. Never once have I encountered a park service staff member out in the field. Not once. Not even using my zoom lens to scan the horizon for anyone. Not once. Nor have any of my colleagues. How's that even possible? One would think it must happen at least once, if not to me, then to someone else since the park service is out there actively monitoring. No, the park service staff only appear when it is time to police the citizens of the United States when those citizens have the gall to hold protests about what is taking place in the park that THEY own, not the ranchers.

So, CCC, somehow you expect the park service to do a better job even though they claim they have already been doing a great job. You expect the ranchers to do a better job even though they are currently hailed as "models for agriculture and nature coexisting." Both parties involved already claim to be doing a great job, in fact, to hear their public comments, nothing is even wrong.

This blind hope that things will improve is a farce. The mindset that they deserve another chance to improve is a farce. Even giving this proposed plan a moment of consideration indicates that the CCC bows to the power of the ranchers and the politicians the ranchers control, the same way the park service does.

With that in mind let me share another moment from my conversation with Melanie Gunn. I said, "How can you expect the behavior to improve if you don't ever hold them accountable?" She replied, "We have tried, but when we try to come down on the ranchers the politicians come down on us."

And there you have it. The bottom line. This isn't about whether or not the ranchers will improve or whether the park service will improve, this is about the fact that the ranchers, supposedly harmless little families, do in fact control politics. This isn't about science. This isn't about the water quality tests. This isn't about conducting studies on native species populations. This isn't about measuring residual dry matter on ranch land or making sure that more massive landfills aren't dug in the future. This is about people who have too much power and have abused that power for too long. Please, CCC, be a source of inspiration for those still fighting the good fight. The evidence against the ranchers is overwhelming. The damage is overwhelming. The historical evidence that nothing will improve is overwhelming (and even if it did improve it would still be bad for the land and water and wildlife). You, CCC, can show the public that you care to restore health to the land of Point Reyes National Seashore simply by using the science and data in front of you to do what it is that data says you should do. Politicians and ranchers be damned, DO THE RIGHT THING!

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**From:** [mail@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mail@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Martha Herrero](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Further Inquiry Needed Before Signing Away Point Reyes National Seashore  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 11:04:07 PM

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**From:** [mail@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mail@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Martha Herrero](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Withdraw CalGEM Permits and Stop SoCalGas Activity at Ballona Wetlands  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 10:59:17 PM

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Dear Executive Director John Ainsworth,

As a person who cares about animals and one of over 250,000 supporters of In Defense of Animals, I'm appalled to hear about new gas activity at Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve without proper approvals from federal, state, and county agencies.

Recently, local residents noticed workers digging and drilling inside the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, just feet away from endangered Belding's Savannah sparrows.

SoCalGas claims to be abandoning these wells, but plans for this fake "restoration" project reveal that it is merely repositioning the gas wells right outside the ecological reserve to continue storing gas beneath the wetlands, in a process called "slant drilling."

The gas field will be the same size and equally dangerous to wild animals and the surrounding community. Continued gas operations at the wetlands counters new statewide orders to reduce climate impacts from fossil fuels.

The LA County Democratic Party has voted to stop injecting gas into the field below the Ballona Wetlands. Despite public opposition, SoCalGas received CalGEM permits to operate without a certified Environmental Impact Report or a full coastal development permit.

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Instead of bulldozing Ballona Wetlands, why not opt for Alternative 4 on the Environmental Impact Report, which is a more gentle approach that preserves the existing vibrant and diverse ecosystem?

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [mail@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mail@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Martha Herrero](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the Conditional Compliance to Point Reyes GLMPA  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 10:54:40 PM

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**From:** [robert raven](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** PRNS  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 12:11:43 AM

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Please remove cattle from PRNS, since they harm our Coast!

**From:** [robert raven](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PRNS  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 12:11:01 AM

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Robert Raven  
Petaluma

**From:** [prestonwentz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:prestonwentz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Preston Wentz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the Conditional Compliance to Point Reyes GLMPA  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 8:44:51 PM

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**From:** [jeff\\_toye@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jeff_toye@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jefferey Toye](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Further Inquiry Needed Before Signing Away Point Reyes National Seashore  
**Date:** Friday, August 19, 2022 4:30:39 PM

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**Subject:** Reject the Conditional Compliance to Point Reyes GLMPA  
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**From:** [Scott Webb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:06:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into

Sincerely,  
Scott Webb

**From:** [Vicki Gruman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:06:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Gruman



**From:** [mtwrivas@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mtwrivas@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Will Rivas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Further Inquiry Needed Before Signing Away Point Reyes National Seashore  
**Date:** Sunday, August 14, 2022 1:28:09 PM

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**From:** [rv221@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rv221@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Rivas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Further Inquiry Needed Before Signing Away Point Reyes National Seashore  
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**From:** [Youngeun Park](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 5:35:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Clyde Lerner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Kathy Cullen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:09:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Cullen

**From:** [Maulik Shah](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:40:07 PM

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Sincerely,  
Maulik Shah

**From:** [Jason Holmberg](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Sharon Heramia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Heidi Rhymes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Rhymes

**From:** [Ron Kent](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Alison Kilmer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:06:07 PM

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**From:** [Jeff Berlin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Zachary Elwood

**From:** [Lia Wilbourn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Lia Wilbourn

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**From:** [Michelle Westling](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 11:29:06 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Westling

**From:** [Jeremie Fremaux](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Jeremie Fremaux

**From:** [bradley stoll](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for September CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:46:06 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
bradley stoll

**From:** [elke.kunz@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elke.kunz@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elke Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:28:00 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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Sincerely,  
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Österreich  
[elke.kunz@dreier.at](mailto:elke.kunz@dreier.at)

**From:** [Imu93927@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Imu93927@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lioba Multer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:46:28 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

California is hell for everyone thanks to stupid Anglo takeover losers.

Don't kill the elk! I am sure they can co-exist with the cattle. But Anglos have the worst record re: farming and animals. Its their innate Viking brutality.

It must be stopped!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [galebel@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:galebel@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Georgette Lebel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 5:51:43 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Je vous écris pour exprimer à quel point je suis contrarié par le fait que les éleveurs de bovins et de produits laitiers sont toujours autorisés à confiner environ 5 000 bovins dans le parc national de Point Reyes National Seashore, polluant grossièrement nos terres financées par les contribuables pour leur propre profit personnel. Quelles que soient les mesures d'atténuation mises en œuvre, le grand nombre de bovins qui sont anormalement concentrés sur cette terre continueront à produire des quantités gargantuesques d'urine et d'excréments – et à émettre des quantités massives de méthane. Inévitablement, une partie – ou une grande partie – de cela a et continuera de contaminer grossièrement les cours d'eau, les terres et l'atmosphère du parc. C'est inacceptable et profondément troublant. Je vous implore respectueusement de NE PAS permettre que cette pollution injustifiable de Point Reyes se poursuive un jour de plus. Veuillez retirer votre détermination de cohérence conditionnelle accordée l'année dernière. Mettre fin depuis longtemps à la dévastation de Point Reyes par les exploitations commerciales de bétail qui enfreignent depuis des années la réglementation sur l'eau potable.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [cj\\_devries@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cj_devries@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Cameron DeVries](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:56:19 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am writing because I am concerned that administrators of Point Reyes are prioritizing dairy and cattle operations over wildlife and wildlands. I am especially concerned about the famous herds of tule elk.

I take issue with your policy that permits native elk to be killed in order to make room for cattle. I also take issue with the severe pollution caused by the cattle operations at Point Reyes; runoff from these ranches threatens the health of local waterways.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year and put an end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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[cj\\_devries@hotmail.com](mailto:cj_devries@hotmail.com)

**From:** [dapplegray@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dapplegray@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Diana Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 5:13:51 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I have seen the tule elk in person. They are a breathtaking treasure. We need to stop letting cattle starve and thirst and pollute them out. Please! Let's recognize what a true sin really is and protect these most beautiful creatures that God put on our planet. Stop giving in to whoever has the most money to offer and do what is so obviously the right thing to do.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Diana Robinson  
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[dapplegray@gmail.com](mailto:dapplegray@gmail.com)

**From:** [renaissance.room@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:renaissance.room@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Nik Westfall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 2:57:21 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

We must protect wildlife before they disappear.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [petsche.claudia@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:petsche.claudia@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Claudia Petsche](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 2:25:06 AM

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Sincerely,  
Claudia Petsche  
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[petsche.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:petsche.claudia@gmail.com)

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 10:27:58 PM

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**From:** [dianeluck@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dianeluck@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Diane Luck](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 6:38:03 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

It is SHAMEFUL that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately thousands of cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

The cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

PLEASE do not do this!

Sincerely, [Your information here]

Sincerely,  
Ms. Diane Luck  
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**From:** [ajessicapierre@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ajessicapierre@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jessica Pierre](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 2:21:59 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

National Parks are protected lands, and by definition they are not to be used for cow farming. Cattle farms at Point Reyes are causing immense suffering and death to the wild animals who actually BELONG in the park: the Tule elk.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Pierre  
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**From:** [lotsoftorque@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lotsoftorque@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jonathan Grasso](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 2:21:06 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Unfence the Elk so they can survive

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [beth.jones@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:beth.jones@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Beth Jones-Expat In Austria](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 8:49:52 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I write to express how reprehensible it is that selfish beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine some 5,000 cattle in the PUBLIC's national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting and degrading OUR taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit, all while harming and further endangering the wildlife that deserves to live there, like the Tule Elk.

If you think this deplorable state of affairs is perfectly all right, then your offices should be investigated for obvious corruption and preferential treatment of these outlaws.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle that are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

You should NOT permit this unjustifiable pollution of OUR Point Reyes to continue for a single day. Informed residents and citizens call upon you to revoke your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year.

Do the right thing and bring this needless devastation of Point Reyes by selfish commercial cattle operations to its long overdue END. These bovine squatters have been in violation of OUR clean water regulations for far too long as it is. Or haven't you heard that we're in the midst of a drought and that ALL sources of fresh, clean water are precious and should be protected?!

Sincerely,  
Beth Jones-Expat In Austria  
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**From:** [ed321@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ed321@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Bedwyr Griffiths](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 7:28:19 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am very upset to see that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Orhiker@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Orhiker@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [David Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 1:49:59 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year.

Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations: they have been in violation of clean water regulations FOR YEARS.

This is an unendurable situation - personal interests and profits at the expense of the everyone else and the natural good.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [forresrogano@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:forresrogano@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Autumn Klinge](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 1:00:18 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I respectfully ask you to address the fact that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [MULESNMONTANA@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:MULESNMONTANA@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Richard Clark](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 3:55:30 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

It's time to get the cows out of point Reyes national Park! You're ruining that Park get the cows out

Sincerely,  
Richard Clark  
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**From:** [edsimpson@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:edsimpson@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Edward Simpson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 2:41:36 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Why are "beef" aka cows killed or used for humans are confined in a NATIONAL PARK?

POINT REYES is our land, paid for by OUR taxes! We do not support the use of our land by cattle. They destroy land, add more methane to our dirty air, and interfere with the native species be they animals or plants!

We want them out now! Fewer people eat animals and milk/cheese. No need for this dying industry in OUR NATIONAL PARK!

You must retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. End the use of our public land for private destruction.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am very angry that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Please do not continue to allow profit to come before animals and people.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 12:18:49 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I write to ask you please stop the polluting at Point Reyes National Seashore and not longer allow the 5,000 cattle to be on these lands. This is tax payers land and should not be used for profit by the ranchers. Please allow the Tule elk to live free without the fence and to survive.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

It is very distressing to know that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 11:51:49 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce huge amounts of urine and feces, and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably, much of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere.

Do not allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue any longer. Retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put an end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 9:43:59 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I'm upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still allowed to confine cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

The huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

Please do NOT allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue any longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 9:13:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Je vous écris pour exprimer à quel point je suis contrarié par le fait que les éleveurs de bovins et de produits laitiers sont toujours autorisés à confiner environ 5 000 bovins dans le parc national de Point Reyes National Seashore, polluant grossièrement nos terres financées par les contribuables pour leur propre profit personnel. Quelles que soient les mesures d'atténuation mises en œuvre, le grand nombre de bovins qui sont anormalement concentrés sur cette terre continueront à produire des quantités gargantuesques d'urine et d'excréments – et à émettre des quantités massives de méthane. Inévitablement, une partie – ou une grande partie – de cela a et continuera de contaminer grossièrement les cours d'eau, les terres et l'atmosphère du parc. C'est inacceptable et profondément troublant. Je vous implore respectueusement de NE PAS permettre que cette pollution injustifiable de Point Reyes se poursuive un jour de plus. Veuillez retirer votre détermination de cohérence conditionnelle accordée l'année dernière. Mettre fin depuis longtemps à la dévastation de Point Reyes par les exploitations commerciales de bétail qui enfreignent depuis des années la réglementation sur l'eau potable.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [gaboon@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:gaboon@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lori Paul RVT](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 8:41:42 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

As a former zoo keeper at the Los Angeles Zoo that has cared for endangered Tule Elk, I am outraged that beef and dairy ranchers are threatening the recovery of this native elk in Point Reyes National Seashore. 5,000 cattle should be removed from this national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore! Unlike elk and other native wildlife, cattle trample, overgraze, and pollute both land and water on parkland that belongs to all of us... not just the dairy industry and cattle ranchers.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. I respectfully demand that the California Coastal Commission retract its "Conditional Consistency Determination" granted last year. Please end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Preserve restoration of the Tule Elk in California as a top priority. Implement protection of the natural coastal ecosystem in Pt Reyes National Seashore as a top priority over cattle access! Prevent individual elk from dying of thirst or starvation in fenced reserves. Allow independent biologists and wildlife veterinarians to monitor and maintain the health of the remaining Tule Elk. Please act before this coastal park is further degraded and before more Tule Elk suffer and die.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Ich schreibe, um auszudrücken, wie verärgert ich darüber bin, dass es Rindfleisch- und Milchviehzüchtern immer noch erlaubt ist, etwa 5.000 Rinder in Nationalparklandschaften an der Point Reyes National Seashore einzusperren und unser vom Steuerzahler unterstütztes Land für ihren eigenen persönlichen Profit grob zu verschmutzen. Unabhängig davon, welche Minderungsmaßnahmen umgesetzt werden, wird die große Anzahl von Rindern, die sich unnatürlich auf diesem Land konzentrieren, weiterhin gigantische Mengen an Urin und Kot produzieren - und massive Mengen an Methan ausstoßen. Unweigerlich hat ein Teil - oder eine Menge - davon die Wasserstraßen, das Land und die Atmosphäre des Parks stark kontaminiert und wird dies auch weiterhin tun. Das ist inakzeptabel und zutiefst beunruhigend. Ich flehe Sie respektvoll an, NICHT zuzulassen, dass diese ungerechtfertigte Verschmutzung von Point Reyes einen Tag länger anhält. Bitte ziehen Sie Ihre im letzten Jahr gewährte bedingte Konsistenzbestimmung zurück. Setzen Sie der Verwüstung von Point Reyes durch kommerzielle Rinderbetriebe, die seit Jahren gegen die Vorschriften für sauberes Wasser verstoßen, ein längst überfälliges Ende.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Having visited Point Reyes National Seashore a few years ago, and hiking on a trail that took me past the tule elk, I am sorely frustrated and upset about the current situation there. It is simply wrong that the beef and dairy ranchers have the upper hand when it comes to this beautiful place. There are way too many cattle on this piece of parkland. It has been and continue to wreak havoc with what is supposed to be public land, taxpayer-supported, no less. This pollution and negligence must end!

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 6:29:54 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Unbelievably the beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 6:18:34 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am outraged that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to cruelly confine and torture approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Why do we continue to allow special interest groups to over-ride common sense in the pursuit of more and more wealth. I am speaking of the beef and dairy ranchers that are still ranching on Point Reyes National Seashore.

This truly is a disaster and needs to end.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 4:51:41 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

, jonka kirjoitan ilmaistakseni, kuinka järkyttynyt olen siitä, että naudanlihan ja maitotuotteiden karjankasvattajat saavat edelleen sulkea noin 5 000 karjaa Point Reyes National Seashoren kansallispuistoon, saastuttaen törkeästi veronmaksajien tukemaa maata omaksi henkilökohtaiseksi hyödykseen. Riippumatta siitä, mitä lieventäviä toimenpiteitä toteutetaan, valtava määrä karjaa, jotka ovat luonnottomasti keskittyneet tälle maalle, tuottavat edelleen valtavia määriä virtsaa ja ulosteita - ja päästävät valtavia määriä metaania. Väistämättä osa - tai paljon - tästä on saastuttanut ja saastuttaa edelleen törkeästi puiston vesiväyliä, maata ja tunnelmaa. Tätä ei voida hyväksyä, ja se on erittäin huolestuttavaa. Pyydän kunnioittavasti hartaasti, ettette anna tämän Point Reyesin perusteettoman saastumisen jatkua päivää pidempään. Ole hyvä ja peruuta viime vuonna myöntämäsi ehdollinen johdonmukaisuusmääritys. Lopettakaa point Reyesin tuhot jo kauan sitten kaupallisilla karjaoperaatioilla, jotka ovat jo vuosia rikkoneet puhtaan veden määräksiä.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 4:19:27 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

As an American citizen and farm owner, I have never let my cattle be raised anywhere except on my own land. I'm sickened by the fact that we still allow private use of federal land to raise cattle. It's a damaging business and must be stopped.

I am especially upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Je vous écris pour exprimer à quel point je suis contrarié par le fait que les éleveurs de bovins et de produits laitiers sont toujours autorisés à confiner environ 5 000 bovins dans le parc national de Point Reyes National Seashore, polluant grossièrement nos terres financées par les contribuables pour leur propre profit personnel. Quelles que soient les mesures d'atténuation mises en œuvre, le grand nombre de bovins qui sont anormalement concentrés sur cette terre continueront à produire des quantités gargantuesques d'urine et d'excréments – et à émettre des quantités massives de méthane. Inévitablement, une partie – ou une grande partie – de cela a et continuera de contaminer grossièrement les cours d'eau, les terres et l'atmosphère du parc. C'est inacceptable et profondément troublant. Je vous implore respectueusement de NE PAS permettre que cette pollution injustifiable de Point Reyes se poursuive un jour de plus. Veuillez retirer votre détermination de cohérence conditionnelle accordée l'année dernière. Mettre fin depuis longtemps à la dévastation de Point Reyes par les exploitations commerciales de bétail qui enfreignent depuis des années la réglementation sur l'eau potable.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022 3:02:34 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am contacting you about the fact that that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce extremely large amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Je vous écris pour exprimer à quel point je suis contrarié par le fait que les éleveurs de bovins et de produits laitiers sont toujours autorisés à confiner environ 5 000 bovins dans le parc national de Point Reyes National Seashore, polluant grossièrement nos terres financées par les contribuables pour leur propre profit personnel. Quelles que soient les mesures d'atténuation mises en œuvre, le grand nombre de bovins qui sont anormalement concentrés sur cette terre continueront à produire des quantités gargantuesques d'urine et d'excréments – et à émettre des quantités massives de méthane. Inévitablement, une partie – ou une grande partie – de cela a et continuera de contaminer grossièrement les cours d'eau, les terres et l'atmosphère du parc. C'est inacceptable et profondément troublant. Je vous implore respectueusement de NE PAS permettre que cette pollution injustifiable de Point Reyes se poursuive un jour de plus. Veuillez retirer votre détermination de cohérence conditionnelle accordée l'année dernière. Mettre fin depuis longtemps à la dévastation de Point Reyes par les exploitations commerciales de bétail qui enfreignent depuis des années la réglementation sur l'eau potable.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Point Reyes National Seashore's public parkland is spectacular in too many ways to list. Its magnificence is why so many people visit this somewhat "out of the way" public land. And getting a glimpse of wildlife is frosting on the cake. The last thing anyone would expect is that beef and dairy ranchers are still allowed to graze approximately 5,000 cattle in Point Reyes National Seashore that pollute our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

Worse is the fencing off and keeping elk and other wildlife out of areas where they rightfully belong—to benefit ranchers--or killing such wildlife either in culling operations or by starvation. We were assured that when the leases were up, the cattle and ranching business would have to leave.

No matter what excuses or mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

We respectfully urge that this unacceptable, unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes be stopped immediately.. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am dismayed that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Your duty is to expel the beef and dairy ranchers allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

Your duty is not to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations for the sake of the planet.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 7:53:22 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

National Parks are NOT for the use of the cattle industry - the re to project our wonderful wildlife.

I am upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 7:07:49 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

que escribo para expresar lo molesto que estoy de que a los ganaderos de carne y lácteos todavía se les permita confinar aproximadamente 5,000 vacas en el parque nacional en Point Reyes National Seashore, contaminando enormemente nuestra tierra apoyada por los contribuyentes para su propio beneficio personal. No importa qué medidas de mitigación se implementen, la gran cantidad de ganado que se concentra de forma antinatural en esta tierra continuará produciendo cantidades gigantescas de orina y heces, y emitirá cantidades masivas de metano. Inevitablemente, algo o mucho de esto ha contaminado y continuará contaminando gravemente las vías fluviales, la tierra y la atmósfera del parque. Esto es inaceptable y profundamente inquietante. Le imploro respetuosamente que NO permita que esta injustificable contaminación de Point Reyes continúe un día más. Por favor, retracte su Determinación de Consistencia Condicional otorgada el año pasado. Poner fin a la devastación de Point Reyes por las operaciones comerciales de ganado que durante años han estado violando las regulaciones de agua limpia.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

My family and I are extremely upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am disgusted that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

Mitigation measures will not eliminate the gargantuan amounts of urine and feces that continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Please read!

I am extremely upset these ranchers are being allowed to use our national land, paid for by OUR tax dollars, while polluting and destroying it for future generations.

They are irresponsible and don't care about polluting the water. All they care about is profits.

Even after many complaints, protests, and many Tule Elk dying they are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

Please, please step in and do something to stop this destruction. It's wrong, unethical!

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 5:25:37 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

It's not acceptable and not right that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is horrible, unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
**Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022 5:19:28 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces and emit massive amounts of methane. They contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations, destroying OUR National Seashore and wildlife.

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**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I do not feel it is fair that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit - and, our climate with all the methane produced by these domesticated animals.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully ask you to terminate this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes any further. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

The Tule elk were here first. Walling off their access to food and water is CRUEL. Please help the dairy and cattle industry find another place -- they do not belong at the Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

que escrevo para expressar o quanto estou chateado que os pecuaristas de carne bovina e leiteira ainda estão sendo autorizados a confinar aproximadamente 5.000 bovinos em parques nacionais em Point Reyes National Seashore, poluindo grosseiramente nossa terra apoiada pelo contribuinte para seu próprio lucro pessoal. Não importa quais medidas de mitigação sejam implementadas, o grande número de bovinos que estão não naturalmente concentrados nesta terra continuará produzindo quantidades gigantes de urina e fezes — e emitirá grandes quantidades de metano. Inevitavelmente, alguns - ou muitos - disso têm e continuarão a contaminar grosseiramente as vias navegáveis, a terra e a atmosfera do parque. Isso é inaceitável e profundamente perturbador. Eu respeitosamente imploro que não permita que esta poluição injustificável de Point Reyes continue um dia a mais. Por favor, retraia sua Determinação de Consistência Condicional concedida no ano passado. Acabar com a devastação de Point Reyes por operações comerciais de gado que há anos violam as regulamentações de água limpa.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am outraged that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am a hobby photographer, and I spend several days a month in Point Reyes observing and photographing wildlife. Point Reyes is my happy place, and I have walked dozens of miles through its hiking trails and cattle fields.

I write to express how upset I am that cattle ranchers are still allowed to use (and grossly pollute) such a unique and special coastal reserve for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow the pollution of Point Reyes any longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of their leases and clean water regulations.

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**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Remove polluting cattle ranchers from Point Reyes National Seashore — and free hundreds of Tule elk!  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am outraged that dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

Do you even bother to make ranchers pay for the free parkland grazing that is killing the Tule elk?

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces, emitting massive amounts of methane. Inevitably a lot of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is disgusting and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

cattle and other livestock are NOT endanger or rare, but the elk are and need full protection from starvation, lack of water and being killed to make way for more ranching. The park is being mismanaged and the people responsible need to be FIRED and replaced with biologists and conservationists that understand putting the needs of wildlife over livestock. Profit over elk is outrageous and needs to end now. The ranchers need to be evicted out. They can buy their own land and grew their animals on it instead of public lands.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

How can beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore??

They're grossly polluting taxpayer-supported land for their profit. It simply must stop.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year.

Put a LONG overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

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My friends, family, and I respectfully ask that you NOT allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

OUTRAGEOUS! I am very upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am so upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

The huge numbers of cattle unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce tremendous amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is disturbing and unacceptable.

Please, do NOT allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue even a day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Stop supporting a handful of ranchers taking advantage of public land. I do Not want my taxes used this way!

This is against the intent of this land !!! And the original agreement!!!

The torture of endangered species by allowing them to die without food or water is repulsive and amoral

The pollution of water and damage to land and native plants I have seen with my own eyes

I used to lead international groups of visitors there - no more!

This place is being turned into a stink hole with government support

You are stealing my land and my rights to enjoy land set aside for me and ther members of the public  
Dr Glazebrook

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

We all know what the story is. This is really bad for the environment and aren't we all concerned about the environment? Wait let's think about the Tule Elke and the beauty of Point Reyes National Seashore. Stand up and do the right thing. Get a backbone. Stop letting bad things happen to the Tule Elk and the environment. You know God watches all and you will answer in the end to him. We are to be good stewards of his land and animals. You are not following his word. Get with God's program before it's too late.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Please remove cattle from Point Reyes National Seashore and allow Tule elk to return.

Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

What you elicit from me as a taxpayer over the NPS' abuse of our trust and money?

OUTRIGHT FURY. YES, I AM FURIOUS WITH THE NPS--you are BLATANTLY FAVORING the profiting ranching industry while destroying the tule elk and our taxpayer rights!

There are ZERO mitigation measures you can do; JUST GET THAT CATTLE OFF THAT LAND---NOW!

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

Retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. You are devastating Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

THIS MUST STOP. YOU ARE KILLING ALL THE WILD ELK. GET THE CATTLE RANCHERS OUT OF THERE, THIS IS PUBLIC LAND. THIS IS NATIONAL PARKLAND!

CALIFORNIA IS SUPPOSED TO BE PROGRESSIVE. STOP CATERING TO CATTLE INTERESTS. STOP IGNORING YOUR MISSION TO SAVE THE PARKLAND FOR THE WILD ANIMALS. I AM DISGUSTED that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I need you to be heroes for our vulnerable ecological systems. The situation that the beef and dairy ranchers have created is nothing less than toxic waste dumping on public lands.

They are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

My family grew up in California and the wildlife at Point Reyes was a cherished memory. How is it that a small number of ranchers are overcoming the majority of the area citizens, to wipe out the Tule Elk?

We are disgusted that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I'm disgusted and dismayed that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am upset that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Who do you work for?

Why are beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit?

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year.

Your reputations are in jeopardy.

Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

As a resident of Sea Ranch, lifelong resident of California Bay Area, and taxpayer, I categorically oppose allowing dairy and beef ranchers to use national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore for personal gain and at the expense of wildlife and public enjoyment of our natural resources.

As we worry about drought and climate change, cattle industry is one of the worst contributors to water waste, pollution and climate change. It's time to end this grotesque charade of an ugly polluting cruel industry whose time is past.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

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Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

It is unconscionable that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

Massive amounts of urine and feces and methane are being emitted continuously as gross contaminants to the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is a horror story.

Do NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

WHY ARE beef and dairy ranchers still allowed to confine 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit?

Beef is the most polluting food. Get it out of Pt. Reyes!

Thank you.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Like a majority of Point Reyes lovers, I am furious that beef and dairy ranchers, after being paid for their land, are still being allowed to graze approximately 5,000 cattle at Point Reyes National Seashore, polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit. This land was supposed to have the highest level of 'protection' but has been horribly degraded and systematically neglected by the National Park Service, which seems to be completely in the pocket of the beef and dairy lobbies.

Regardless of any 'mitigation' measures implemented, the huge numbers of cattle unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce massive and damaging amounts of urine, feces, and methane. This is disgusting and deeply disturbing treatment of both OUR National Seashore and of the native animals and birds that should be undisturbed there.

I am asking you to use your power to end this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Why are beef and dairy ranchers still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit?

Quit allowing this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Ranchers should not be able to use the national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore which is for the public. Additionally, wildlife should be able to exist there.

The cattle that is allowed there pollute the land while their excrement contaminates the waterways. If the gov't of California is concerned about climate disaster, then it ought to be working to decrease methane, but instead by allowing cattle there, methane production is being promulgated.

Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I write to urge you to remove beef and dairy ranching operations from Point Reyes National Seashore. These operations grossly pollute our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I respectfully implore you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this serious situation.

Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

Ich schreibe, um auszudrücken, wie verärgert ich darüber bin, dass es Rindfleisch- und Milchviehzüchtern immer noch erlaubt ist, etwa 5.000 Rinder in Nationalparklandschaften an der Point Reyes National Seashore einzusperren und unser vom Steuerzahler unterstütztes Land für ihren eigenen persönlichen Profit grob zu verschmutzen. Unabhängig davon, welche Minderungsmaßnahmen umgesetzt werden, wird die große Anzahl von Rindern, die sich unnatürlich auf diesem Land konzentrieren, weiterhin gigantische Mengen an Urin und Kot produzieren - und massive Mengen an Methan ausstoßen. Unweigerlich hat ein Teil - oder eine Menge - davon die Wasserstraßen, das Land und die Atmosphäre des Parks stark kontaminiert und wird dies auch weiterhin tun. Das ist inakzeptabel und zutiefst beunruhigend. Ich flehe Sie respektvoll an, NICHT zuzulassen, dass diese ungerechtfertigte Verschmutzung von Point Reyes einen Tag länger anhält. Bitte ziehen Sie Ihre im letzten Jahr gewährte bedingte Konsistenzbestimmung zurück. Setzen Sie der Verwüstung von Point Reyes durch kommerzielle Rinderbetriebe, die seit Jahren gegen die Vorschriften für sauberes Wasser verstoßen, ein längst überfälliges Ende.

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Dear California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission,

I am outraged that beef and dairy ranchers are still being allowed to confine approximately 5,000 cattle in national parkland at Point Reyes National Seashore, grossly polluting our taxpayer-supported land for their own personal profit.

No matter what mitigation measures are implemented, the huge numbers of cattle who are unnaturally concentrated on this land will continue to produce gargantuan amounts of urine and feces — and emit massive amounts of methane. Inevitably some — or a lot — of this has and will continue to grossly contaminate the park's waterways, land, and atmosphere. This is unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

I strongly urge you NOT to allow this unjustifiable pollution of Point Reyes to continue one day longer. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. Put a long overdue end to the devastation of Point Reyes by commercial cattle operations that have for years been in violation of clean water regulations.

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Point Reyes Superintendent Craig Kenkel

Re: [Agenda Item Thursday, September 8, 2022: CD-0006-20 \(National Park Service, Marin Co.\)](#)

Thank you for accepting my comments regarding this matter. As a concerned, local citizen, I have closely read the various relevant publications and correspondence from the Park Service.

My initial comments pertain to this condition from the Commission to the Park Service: "The strategy should be informed by existing water quality data, and water quality enhancement efforts that have proven successful elsewhere." Your staff states that the Park Service complies with this condition.

The relevant section of the staff report is this: "The discussion in the Strategy on pages 21 and 22 describes how both existing data and successful enhancement efforts were used to help develop the Strategy. Specifically, this discussion cites two recently completed studies focused on the Olema Creek watershed (Lewis et. al. 2019) and Point Reyes Peninsula coastal watersheds (Voeller et. al. 2021 and GMPA Appendix L) that made use of water quality monitoring data from 1999 to 2017 and 2000 to 2013, respectively, to evaluate the efficacy of several dozen individual Management Activities intended to improve water quality..." (p14)

The relevant section of the cited NPS Strategy paper says, "Analysis of water quality data collected from 2000 to 2013 in the Abbotts, Kehoe, and Drakes Estero watersheds found that fecal indicator bacteria concentrations (after accounting for variation in rainfall) declined at all 13 water quality stations that were downstream of approximately 30 Management Activities... There was a 54 –99% reduction in fecal indicator bacteria concentrations with a sixfold increase in the frequency of samples meeting regulatory criteria over the 13-year study period ([Voeller et al. 2021](#); [GMPA Appendix L](#))." NPS Strategy, page 23.

But there are significant flaws in the named paper and your staff errs by referencing it approvingly.

Furthermore, the Park service has shown willingness to misrepresent the paper's findings. The Best Management Practices described in this paper have certainly not been "proven successful," unless successful means only moving water quality from abysmal to very bad.

Following is a list of problems with the cited paper or its use in the Strategy, summarized here and detailed in the post-script.

Inappropriate before/after approach: the paper uses a time point to determine the "before" and "after" cutoff for its analysis which is based on an irrelevant circumstance of the study and is more likely to introduce error into the findings than an arbitrary cutoff. The dividing line was set to when the researchers changed the type

of indicator bacteria they were actually measuring, rather than basing the cutoff on an analysis of when the BMPs were likely to take effect, for which the authors lacked the necessary data.

Poorly defined and quantified explanatory variables: the paper evaluates the effectiveness of Best Management Practices (BMPs) but arbitrarily counts them up at the project level. Fences of different lengths, roofs of different sizes, and troughs of different capacities are lumped together (e.g. putting up 100 yards of fencing is counted as one BMP, and putting up 1,000 yards of fencing are counted as just one more BMP. Etc.) In many cases, the paper's authors do not know when the BMP projects they are analyzing started or ended.

- Paucity of data and omitted explanatory variables: there were only 30 BMPs in the entire study, across 4 watersheds. Concurrent with the BMPs, dairies affecting two of three relevant watersheds converted their operations to organic. How much this affected the results was not analyzed. Uncontrolled variables are problems for causal studies. Converting to organic is something that can only be done once, and so whatever aspects of these conversions contributed to improved water quality cannot necessarily be expected to contribute anything further in the future. The only watershed not affected by these dairies' conversions had exactly two BMPs implemented over the study period and showed the least improvement. This suggests that to some unknown degree, it was the one-time (unrepeatable) conversion to organic that improved the water quality, not the BMPs, as the paper states.

Misrepresented results: Where the authors claim (and CCC staff repeat without comment) that "there was a 54 –99% reduction in fecal indicator bacteria concentrations with a sixfold increase in the frequency of samples meeting regulatory criteria over the 13-year study period," it should be noted that even after numerous, costly projects, water quality still exceeded regulatory thresholds between about half and three-quarters of the time. In other words, water quality got a lot better because it was so dire to begin with and even after the BMPs were done, it was still illegally bad most of the time. This might be OK if the observed trends were expected to continue, but they are not. See next point.

- Unacknowledged Diminishing Returns: the paper's authors admit that although BMPs are *initially* helpful, further BMPs help less and less over time. It is therefore ill-advised to observe an improvement trend from preliminary BMPs and assume that trend will continue. In fact, the opposite is known to be true: additional BMPs will have increasing less beneficial impact (the trend will peter out.) The Park Service should not claim, and the Coastal Commission should not accept, that the trends seen early on will continue as such – it is known that they will not.

So overall, whereas the paper is used to imply that things are already getting better, and future improvements are assured, a closer read actually reveals that things are still really bad and there's no reason to be confident that they'll get much better.

In summary, I argue that element 2 of condition 1 ("The strategy should be informed by existing water quality data, and water quality enhancement efforts that have proven successful elsewhere") is in fact not met, contrary to your Staff report. Furthermore, element 5 ("A commitment to updating the strategy and timeline on an annual basis based on data and analysis from the previous year") is uncontroversially not met, per your staff report. It's unclear what "partially compliant" might mean. If even one element of the Commission's requirements is not met, then presumably you should find the Strategy non-compliant. The Strategy should not be deemed "close enough for government work."

And whereas the Park Service did not comply with the Commission's condition to commit to regular analysis and Strategy updates, it of course did not comply with a more stringent condition that the Commission unfortunately did not make: *that the Strategy work.* There are no conditions on *outcomes.* What recourse will the Commission have if the Park Service and ranchers actually implement the Strategy, partially or in full, and yet water quality remains inadequate?

Another problem with the Strategy is the lack of a sure source of funding for implementation. This is especially concerning considering the Point Reyes national park staff has a historically poor record of enforcing existing rules and lease conditions. I believe the Commission is aware of recent occurrences in the park concerning illegal bulldozing of sensitive riparian habitat, longstanding and yet undetected toxic dumps, and nonfunctional septic systems at ranch residences, so I won't recount them here. All of these blatant transgressions of law and public trust were found and reported by the citizenry, not the National Park Service. But the park service, like Lucy holding the football for Charlie Brown, is saying this time it will be different. It's unclear why the taxpayer should bear *any financial burden whatsoever* regarding private businesses polluting public land, but in my opinion, the odds of implementation and monitoring aspects of this Strategy failing for budgetary reasons lean steeply toward the inevitable.

Finally, I have a comment about **restoration**.

The Point Reyes National Seashore enabling legislation states that the land must be administered "...without impairment of its natural values, in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, **restoration**, and preservation of the natural environment within the area..."

Section 30231 of the Coastal Act states, "The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, **restored** through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface water flow..."

So, both agencies, the National Park Service and the California Coastal Commission, are formally charged with **restoration**, not mere mitigation. And yet, neither seems to be pursuing it genuinely. Instead, the staff of each are exploring the arcane edges of minimally legal justifications. The true restoration of the waters and general environment of Point Reyes National Seashore is in fact trivially "feasible." After all, the ranch leases in the Seashore are at the **discretion** of the Interior Secretary. The painfully obvious first step in restoration is simply to remove these polluting, private-profit, taxpayer-subsidized businesses from the public's land. Meanwhile, band-aids, politics, and shifting technicalities thwart progress and plague efforts at what everyone knows is the right thing to do.

I sincerely hope the Commissioners do not rubber stamp the Park Service's overly optimistic and otherwise dubious strategy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bouley

PS: Below is a more detailed analysis of the Park Service's unsupported claims regarding expectations of future improvements in water quality in the Seashore. I would be happy to discuss any aspect of my review with any Commissioner.

In its March 4, 2022, letter to the California Coastal Commission,<sup>1</sup> the Park Service wrote to the Commission, "Changes related to more robust requirements for ranch operations and additional restrictions on diversification activities will increase the certainty of water quality protections and reduce environmental impacts from dairy operations and forage



production.” [emphasis added]

But *there is no such certainty*, and in fact the opposite is apparent. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for the General Management Plan Amendment<sup>2</sup> (GMPA) specifies, “Under alternative F [removing ranching], impacts on water quality would be noticeable, long term, and beneficial because ranching activities would be phased out across the entire planning area.” (GMPA, page vii), whereas “Alternative B [the selected plan] would continue to contribute adverse impacts on water resources in the planning area from beef and dairy cattle ranching, Manure and Nutrient Management, and water consumption related to ranching activities.” (GMPA, page 135). This much is as per the Park Service.

Yet by the time the Record of Decision<sup>3</sup> (ROD) was issued, the story had changed: “Implementation of the selected action and the measures discussed above will result in continued improvements in water quality in the planning area, consistent with trends that have been documented through long-term monitoring (Lewis et. al. 2019<sup>4</sup> and Voeller et. al. 2021<sup>9</sup>).” (ROD, p D-9) [emphasis added]

**Unacknowledged Diminishing Returns:** The Park Service omits the fact that the cited papers explicitly characterize the impacts of the evaluated BMPs as exhibiting a steep decline of effectiveness over time. For example, the discussion in the Lewis paper states:

An interesting aspect of our findings is that, while the downward trend observed across grazed sites was significant across the entire period (Figure 4), there was a notable reduction in fecal coliform concentrations with the completion of the 1999-2006 BMP phase ... Comparing the 1999–2006 mean (1906) to the 2007–2017 mean (291), it appears that the initial prioritization and implementation of BMPs was associated with a mean reduction of fecal coliform by 1615 cfu/100ml—an 85% mean reduction that persisted throughout the remainder of the study period... (pp 7-8).

Here is Figure 2 from the Lewis paper:

So, 85% of the benefit was achieved in the first 42% of the effort measured by time, the first 15% of the effort measured by number of BMPs, and in the first 14% of the effort measured by length of fence influenced.

When the Park Service claims additional BMPs will cause a similar trend in water quality impacts, what trend do they mean? They presumably mean to imply water will continue to improve to a point where it meets standards (a speculation), rather than to imply that BMPs get progressively more expensive and less effective (the actual trend).

The Lewis paper states, “Fencing to limit or exclude cattle access to stream corridors has been shown to be highly effective in improving water quality and riparian habitat” (p. 7) and “All six BMPs implemented between 1999 and 2006 were stream corridor fencing (3.8 km), with five of the six projects directly eliminating cattle access to approximately 90% of the mainstem of Olema Creek.” (p. 8) In the Voeller paper, more than half the BMPs (16/30) were fencing, and another 20% (6/30) involved water lines and/or troughs designed to keep the cattle out of creeks.

Although the Lewis paper discussion concludes their findings emphasize the need to prioritize BMP implementation, another clear conclusion is that fencing or coaxing cattle out of creeks (with artificial water sources) is by far the most cost-effective BMP, and then further improvements become increasingly more difficult to achieve.

In their comments to the draft GMPA/DEIS, the San Francisco Regional Water Board put it this way:

Technical or financial infeasibility of implementing appropriate BMPs, management or mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce impacts: In some Ranch Core locations, the suggested mitigation measures, such as "comply with requirements in the General CAF permit" may not be adequate. For example, the requirement to eliminate stormwater run-on into areas containing waste products, may be technically or financially infeasible. In the locations where the measures cannot successfully be implemented, there will be significantly greater impacts than identified in the EIS.<sup>6</sup> [emphasis added]

The Voeller paper has several other significant problems:

**Inappropriate before/after approach:** The paper implements a before and after comparison in its discussion (for example, "Overall, for the analysis by station, FIB below the water contact recreation numeric objective increased sixfold, from 0.06 to 0.38 of all samples after 2006..." (p 147). However, "before" and "after" were not determined relative to an effort to identify the expected effective dates of any of the Best Management Practices (BMPs), but rather were determined by the date at which the sampling switched from measuring fecal coliform (FC) to measuring Escherichia coli (EC), as part of a discipline-wide trend.<sup>7</sup> In other words, "before" and "after" are not defined as before and after anything that matters. A FOIA request asked for "The records containing information about why the water quality samples referenced in Voeller et al. (2021a) were split up and evaluated as years 2000- 2006 and then 2007- 2013," but this request was unaddressed in the FOIA response.<sup>8</sup> In fact, an arbitrary dividing line would have likely been better because it would not have introduced or amplified any inaccuracy or variability in the conversion of FC to EC as a potential source of error in the results. In other words, if the method of converting the FC measures to EC includes any error, using that as the dividing line makes the most of the error and convolutes results.

**Poorly defined and quantified explanatory variables:** The explanatory variables in the Voeller paper (the putative causes of the measured improvements) are BMPs implemented over the study period (2000-2013). But there are only 30 BMPs in scope, across three watersheds, and they are arbitrarily defined and quantified. For example, 16 of the 30 BMPs involve fencing, but there is no effort to consider length or placement of the fence, number of animals excluded, etc. Neither do the authors know with any degree of certainty when the projects began and ended relative to dates of the water quality samples which they allegedly improved. The same FOIA request asked for BMP project start dates and completion dates. The National Park Service's response included only estimated completion year for the projects. Responses for 12 of 30 (40%) BMPs say things like "Completed by 3/2010 based on imagery," meaning the project was done just some time before a certain year estimate. In other words, there is no knowledge of whether this BMP affected just the after results, or the before and after results. If it affected both, it is obviously not the cause of the measured improvements. For three of the 30 BMPs, the completion estimation dates are a three-year spread. The same FOIA request asked for "The expected timeframe for effectiveness of BMPs to be measurable," but this item was unaddressed in the FOIA response.

The arbitrariness of the before and after dividing line and the paucity of the BMP data point to a longitudinal study (with realistically represented trend lines) rather than a before/after study.

**Paucity of data and omitted explanatory variables:** As mentioned, there were only 30 (arbitrarily defined) BMPs implemented over the study period, with unknown effective dates.

These BMPs were implemented in three watersheds. For two of the three, there was a significant uncontrolled variable as admitted by the authors:

“Changes in management not documented in this study could have also contributed to reductions in FIB concentrations. This included conversion of the dairies to organic operations (two in 2006 and one in 2011). General changes associated with this conversion included overall reduction of herd sizes and adherence to a number of regulatory requirements under the National Organic Program...” (p 147)

Conversion of some operations to the organic standard is an uncontrolled variable affecting two of the three watersheds with BMPs over the study period. Elsewhere in the results we learn that “at the watershed scale, the FIB reduction was more pronounced for those containing dairies (98%) when compared with the watershed with a single beef cattle operation (71%).”(P. 147) Not only was no effort made to control for differences between dairies and beef ranches with respect to BMP effectiveness, and not only was there no effort to control for the change to organic operations, but these uncontrolled variables affected the same subset of watersheds (two watersheds with dairies and which experienced a shift to organic versus one watershed without dairies that did not experience that shift), further obscuring any inferences about true causality.

The same FOIA request to the NPS regarding this study requested “The records containing information about the confounders (changes in conditions over the study area and timeframe that was considered as possibly affecting the Voeller et al. 2021a paper’s findings) cited in Voeller et al. 2021a, specifically those records associated with the transition to organic certification for any dairy in the tested watersheds.” But this aspect of the FOIA request was unanswered.

And although switching to organic can be viewed as simply the implementation of yet further BMPs, these are not the BMPs credited with the water improvements in the study. (One of the main changes involved in going organic is a reduction in herd size, and presumably further reductions would result in further improvements, since the cattle are the source of the bacteria.) Furthermore, going organic is something that can only be done once, implying that whatever improvements were attributable to the switch (which we don’t know, since that is not established in the study), there is no reason to believe additions improvements are achievable.

Additionally, and probably most significant, the only watershed that did not have a major uncontrolled variable (Home Ranch Creek watershed) had just two BMPs over the study period.

In summary, the study only scoped in three watersheds and 30 BMPs; the two watersheds with the biggest improvement had a significant uncontrolled variable over the study period; and the third one had only two BMPs, with uncertain start and completion dates.

**Misrepresented results:** The study claims, “Overall, for the analysis by station, FIB below the water contact recreation numeric objective increased sixfold, from 0.06 to 0.38 of all samples after 2006 while the values > 4,000 MPN/100 mL declined by > 75%, from 0.59 to 0.13 (see Table 3, Fig. S5).” (p 147)

Of course, all stations are in one watershed or another and so station level data rolls up to watershed level data. Table 3 from the report (which has no station level data) is given below:

Note that the maximum ratio increase in Category 1 measures (below the recreational contact threshold) for any watershed in the table is 400% (.06 vs .24 for Kehoe). And yet the authors claim, “for the analysis by station, FIB below the water contact recreation numeric objective increased **sixfold**.” It is quite unclear where sixfold comes from, since the best performing watershed increased only four-fold. Although you can’t average averages, even if you do, you can’t get results outside the range of all the averages. In other words, the only way “the analysis by station” can give a six-fold increase in Category 1 measures is if it reports a selected slice of the data, for example, the one station with the most dramatic improvement. (It could be something else, but what it actually means is not explained in the paper.) This is commonly called “cherry-picking” and is not generally expected in unbiased, scientific papers.

Furthermore, the authors admit that their category model can be misleading. Specifically, the results show that there was a two-and-a-half-fold increase in the number of measurements below the regulatory threshold in the sole watershed in the study with no BMPs enacted over the study period (namely East Schooner Creek, which was included in the study as a control watershed, even though it had no BMPs.) See highlighted values in the same table:

The number of measurements also went down starkly in categories 3, 4, and 5 in East Schooner Creek (despite no BMPs.) Considering increases in Category 1 measures, the one watershed with no BMPs (East Schooner Creek, 250% increase) performed nearly the same as the one watershed that did not have an organic conversion over the study period (Home Ranch Creek, 279% increase.) This is curious, and could cast doubt on the overall conclusions (for example, was this caused by the inappropriate selection for before/after cutoff described above?), but the paper dismisses the anomaly as “likely due to artifacts from categorical versus continuous models.” (P. 147)

So, under the binned or category model approach, one or a subset of categories can go up or down independently of, or disproportionately to, the overall trend for the station, watershed, or the study overall. The shuffling between categories is not necessarily indicative of the overall change in average values or water quality. For example, if you compare student grades year over year for some year-class, the number of A’s can go up even if the overall class numerical average drops, the number of F’s can increase even if the overall class numerical average increases, or vice-versa.

But the categorical model did not apply only to East Schooner Creek and although the authors are willing to cite this aspect of that model type to explain away the apparently anomalous trend, they do not point out the obscuring effect of the categories on the watersheds they wish to stress. The categorical model misleads in the same way for all watersheds (a four-fold increase in Category 1 measures is *nothing like* a 400% improvement in water quality), and selectively citing it for only those watersheds including BMPs while explaining it away for the uncooperative watershed is misleading. In other words, the reader is asked to take seriously the (outlying and possibly cherry-picked) six-fold increase in Category 1 measures for some unspecified station, but invited to ignore the two-and-a-half-fold increase in the watershed which lacked BMPs.

Note the artificial and misleading measures-related categories are superimposed on the already dubious before / after category, further casting doubt on the conclusions.

Point Reyes National Seashore added news of this study to their website, “Best Management Practices Improve Water Quality on the Point Reyes Peninsula,”<sup>9</sup> shortly after the study was published. That page includes the claim, “The scientists also found that water samples met regulatory criteria six times more often.” As discussed above, that claim, if true in any sense, is certainly not representative of the actual data scoped in the study. But here it is repeated without qualification.

The discussion section of the Voeller paper reads, “Despite dramatic reductions, FIB concentrations still *periodically* exceed regulatory objectives and microbial pollutants remain that may introduce human, ecosystem, and other risks in our study watersheds.” (p 147) The same PRNS webpage borrows wording from here: “Bacteria concentrations *may* still *periodically* exceed regulatory objectives.” Leaving aside the inserted and indeterminate “may” (there is no doubt, they certainly will *frequently* exceed objectives) from that statement, “periodically” means “from time to time.” (Another meaning is *at regular intervals*, but this meaning cannot be operative here.) Actual exceedances in the after period are between 47% and 76% across watersheds. In summary, instead of glibly reporting regulatory compliant measures increased six-fold, the authors and the NPS could have more honestly relayed, “measures are still outside of regulatory compliance *most of the time* despite the presence of numerous BMPs.”

**Note on precipitation:** the Voeller paper adjusts bacteria measures for rainfall in its analysis, something the authors say is necessary for a meaningful trend evaluation. Voeller is also an author on the Lewis paper, which says for its study area and period, adjusting for precipitation is unnecessary. Responding to last spring’s (2021) citizen-sponsored water quality tests (“Point Reyes seashore water tests find high bacteria levels,” Marin IJ<sup>10</sup>), the Park Service minimized the findings, citing the effect of precipitation (“Seashore spokeswoman Melanie Gunn told the Light the test results were “in line with what we might expect after a rain event at this time of year.”<sup>11</sup>). However, *it does rain*, after all, more or less, on and off, and the dismissal of rain-influenced measures as anecdotal or aberrant seems to ignore the fact that contaminants and run-off from ranches in the park eventually reach the ocean and may affect plant and animal life there.

Note that the 2019 State protocols for bacterial WQ sampling require that it be done during the wet season, specifically right after rainfall events. In addition, the CAF Order affecting the dairies requires that the ranch operator do their field sampling within 24 hours of a rainfall of 1” or more, if possible.

Common BMPs such as creek exclusion fencing and pasture water troughs are designed to cause cattle to defecate more centrally in pastures instead of in or near streams. This would seem to change the outflow *profile* of bacteria to the ocean and not necessarily the overall amount, depending on soil type, topology, etc., or perhaps not to the same degree that controlling for (controlling away) post-storm measures may imply. In other words, if BMPs cause a re-profiling of bacteria outflow to downstream waterways, controlling for precipitation actually obscures the fact that all that has changed is when, not how much, bacteria enter the waterways. In fact, salmonid species whose potential habitat includes some streams in Point Reyes, such as steelhead trout and coho salmon, are actually spurred upstream by freshwater outflows, so concentrating outflows after rains may be in that sense more concerning.

**Conclusion re: water quality:** Both the Voeller and Lewis papers include disavowals of conflict of interest, but all three authors of the Voeller paper and second author on the Lewis paper (again, Point Reyes National Seashore Range Program Manager, Dylan Voeller) are NPS personnel whose employer issued the claim of non-impairment under severe political pressure from prominent politicians and ranching interests. It does not avoid the appearance of conflict of interest that the park service ceased water quality testing in the Pacific-draining watersheds in the year following then Interior Secretary Salazar’s direction to the Park Service to pursue 20-year leases for the Point Reyes ranches. Neither does it avoid the appearance of bias that the authors decided to write a paper, using 8-year-old data, and publish *just in time* to be referenced by their employer’s controversial Record of Decision. The paper was published after the public comment period on the draft General Management Plan Amendment but before the final decision and so was not available for public comment during that phase of the formal process. Add to this the apparently selective

reporting of cherry-picked data described above and appearances of bias are magnified.

<sup>1</sup> CD-0006-20 – National Park Service, Point Reyes National Seashore - Update and Request for Extension of Time for Presentation of Water Quality Strategy for Commission Review. Superintendent Craig Kenkel to Executive Director John Ainsworth

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.nps.gov/pore/getinvolved/planning\\_gmp\\_amendment.htm](https://www.nps.gov/pore/getinvolved/planning_gmp_amendment.htm)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/news/newsreleases-20210913-gmp-amendment-rod.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/11/19/5516>

<sup>5</sup> <https://bioone.org/journals/rangeland-ecology-and-management/volume-76/issue-1/j.rama.2021.02.011/Improved-Microbial-Water-Quality-Associated-with-Best-Management-Practices-on/10.1016/j.rama.2021.02.011.short>

<sup>6</sup> General Management Plan Amendment: Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Public Comments, comment #7018. [https://www.nps.gov/pore/getinvolved/planning\\_gmp\\_amendment\\_deis\\_public\\_comments.htm](https://www.nps.gov/pore/getinvolved/planning_gmp_amendment_deis_public_comments.htm)

<sup>7</sup> “However, *Escherichia coli* (EC) is a better measure of coliform bacteria risks to human health than total or fecal coliform (FC) (Edberg et al. 2000), and as demonstrated by Deroose et al. (2020), regulatory numeric targets for FC can overestimate fecal contamination as compared with EC. Consequently, many microbial water quality monitoring programs have shifted their FIB measurements from FC to EC over the past few decades (Cude 2005; Garcia-Armisen et al. 2007; Rasmussen and Ziegler 2003).” P 140.

<sup>8</sup> FOIA DOI-NPS-2021-00S31S. Center for Biological Diversity to: National Park Service.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/best-management-practices-improve-water-quality-on-the-point-reyes-peninsula.htm>. Last updated: April 30, 2021.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.marinij.com/2021/03/20/point-reyes-seashore-water-tests-find-high-bacteria-levels/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.ptreyeslight.com/news/private-tests-show-bad-water-quality-near-park-ranches/>

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**From:** [Lonna Richmond](#)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item Thursday, September 8, 2022: CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 5:32:13 PM

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Dear CCC,

Thank you for allowing public comments on this issue. As a local who cares about our home planet and our magnificent coastal seashore, I honestly feel that the NPS is not following its own mission statement about stewarding this amazing landscape.....nor do I think they care about the plant and animal communities that they are charged with protecting.

As regarding the water quality, I think it is quite clear that they are ill equipped to get water quality up to snuff. Over the 13 years they did monitor they never passed the test. As the water quality keeps getting worse, the park service continues to fail and our beaches and wildlife are suffering. There is no doubt about this, is there? Such a shame to be losing one of the pre-eminent ecosystems on the west coast - the coastal prairie.

To me this just goes to show that ranching and dairy businesses do not belong in this park and until these animals are retired to other places, the land and water will suffer. I think it is as simple as that - so why don't you do what appears to be inevitable and finally get these businesses out of our national seashore. You will be the heroes of the day, of the year, of the decade!

Sincerely,  
Lonna Richmond

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**From:** [Choky Alvarez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:36:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Choky Alvarez



**From:** [Thomas Sipprell](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:30:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Sipprell

**From:** [Steve S](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:16:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Steve S

**From:** [Axa Tolonen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:31:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Axa Tolonen

**From:** [Rocky Reuter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Reuter

**From:** [Claire Ackland](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:50:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Claire Ackland

**From:** [Chad Lent](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Chad Lent

**From:** ["Anna Neusüss"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Anna Neusüss

**From:** [Deborah Richards](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:50:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Richards



**From:** [Tina Baker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:00:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Tina Baker

**From:** [MariBeth Doran](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:38:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
MariBeth Doran

**From:** [Rebecca Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:27:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Palmer

**From:** [KENDRA WILSON](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:08:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
KENDRA WILSON

**From:** [Carolyn Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS’s plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Martin

**From:** [Allisyn Snyder](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Allisyn Snyder

**From:** [Mark Mansfield](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:06:10 AM

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Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Mark Mansfield

**From:** [Timothy Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:06:08 AM

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**From:** [Andrew Hinz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:52:23 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hinz

**From:** [Christi Dillon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:46:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Christi Dillon

**From:** [Colleen Dammert](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:16:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Dammert

**From:** [Jeanette Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:59:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Taylor

**From:** [Monica Licwinko](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:59:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Monica Licwinko

**From:** ["Haydée Pisa"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:34:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Haydée Pisa

**From:** ["Michèle Lebourg"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:10:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Michèle Lebourg

**From:** [Robert Piller](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:55:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Robert Piller



**From:** [Judy Rees](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:38:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service’s response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Judy Rees

**From:** [Anna Brewer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:21:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Anna Brewer

**From:** [Robin Spring](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:27:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Robin Spring

**From:** [Neli Teofilova](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:02:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Neli Teofilova

**From:** [Renee Woodman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:04:08 PM

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I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Renee Woodman

**From:** [Nina Brunetti](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:52:07 PM

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Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Nina Brunetti

**From:** [Bettina Taiana](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:41:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Bettina Taiana

**From:** [Christine Lininger](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:34:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Christine Lininger



**From:** [Christine Lininger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Christine Lininger

**From:** [Jon Hager](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:32:07 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jon Hager

**From:** ["Shellie Vann-Volk"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:30:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Shellie Vann-Volk

**From:** [cara artman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:28:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
cara artman

**From:** [Rabbi Dr Adele Plotkin](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:15:11 PM

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The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Dr Adele Plotkin

**From:** [Jim Lieberman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:12:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jim Lieberman

**From:** [Rich Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:06:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Rich Curtis

**From:** [Karen Berger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:20:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Karen Berger



**From:** [Richard Wightman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:18:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Richard Wightman

**From:** [Sandi Cornez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:11:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Cornez

**From:** [Ann Bailleul](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:50:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Ann Bailleul

**From:** [Ellen Parker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:37:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ellen Parker

**From:** [Charlie Burns](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:34:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Burns

**From:** [Charlie Burns](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:34:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

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**From:** [Joyce Dixon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:13:11 PM

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Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Dixon

**From:** [Carolyn Massey](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:08:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Massey



**From:** [Janet Ginepro](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:50:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Janet Ginepro

**From:** [Peggy Detmers](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:48:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As a biologist I know the Point Reyes National Seashore is frequently used to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Detmers

**From:** [Vicki Linn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:29:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

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Vicki Linn

**From:** [Carol Patton](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:23:13 PM

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The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Carol Patton

**From:** [Chris Pedone](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:18:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Pedone

**From:** [Cheryl Fergeson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:53:08 PM

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This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

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Sincerely,  
Cheryl Fergeson

**From:** [Cheryl Fergeson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Lorrie Gault](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Lorrie Gault



**From:** [Linda Buckingham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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**From:** [Donna Ham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

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Sincerely,  
Donna Ham

**From:** [Anna Gibbs](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Anna Gibbs

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Anna Gibbs

**From:** [Sherrill Futrell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:04:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Sherrill Futrell

**From:** [Grant Fujii](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:59:08 PM

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Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Grant Fujii

**From:** [David Donnenfield](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:50:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
David Donnenfield

**From:** [Theodore King](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Theodore King



**From:** [Liana Lang](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Liana Lang

**From:** [Jeff Nadler](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:27:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Nadler

**From:** [Ed and Bee Simpson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:24:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Ed and Bee Simpson

**From:** [beverly schor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
beverly schor

**From:** [Janelle George](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public’s National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Janelle George

**From:** [Victor Carmichael](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:59:07 PM

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Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Victor Carmichael

**From:** [Margaret Hannan](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:58:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Hannan

**From:** [JOHN Lamb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:46:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
JOHN Lamb



**From:** [Jose de Arteaga](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Jose de Arteaga

**From:** [andrea.glass](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
andrea glass

**From:** [Marilyn Hanson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Marilyn Hanson

**From:** [Sagar Patel](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:15:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Sagar Patel

**From:** [Alexandra Mummery](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:11:08 PM

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Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Mummery

**From:** [Jill Nicholas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:05:08 PM

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Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jill Nicholas

**From:** [Jeff Howe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:04:09 PM

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:29:44 PM

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For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. This is public land NOT for private businesses!

Please protect not only the water but the wildlife and plants as this should not be used for ranching and cattle grazing. Our public lands should be protected for all to enjoy and for the wildlife that calls the area home.

Sincerely,  
Donna Beal

**From:** [Parrie Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:26:08 PM

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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Sandi Aden](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:18:11 PM

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Sincerely,  
Sandi Aden

**From:** [Richard Barker](#)  
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**From:** [Abigail Howes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:11:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there’s so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It’s disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

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Sincerely,  
Abigail Howes

**From:** [Peter Morris](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:11:07 PM

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Peter Morris



**From:** [Kathy Ojeda](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:10:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

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Sincerely,  
Kathy Ojeda

**From:** [Julie Brown](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:47:13 PM

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During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Julie Brown

**From:** [Joelle Hildebrand](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:44:06 PM

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Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Joelle Hildebrand

**From:** [Frances Dunham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:43:09 PM

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I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

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My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Frances Dunham

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**From:** [Alfred Mancini](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:32:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Sincerely,  
Alfred Mancini

**From:** [John Schaus](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:30:15 PM

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I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
John Schaus

**From:** [Janice Saylock](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Angela Hansen

**From:** [Andy Carman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Andy Carman

**From:** [Sherry Weiland](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:06:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

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"No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change," said Governor Newsom.

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**From:** [Donald Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:00:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
ALESSANDRO GANGEMI

**From:** ["Kelly Murphy-Kennerson"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Murphy-Kennerson

**From:** [ilene gudelsky](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:00:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
ilene gudelsky



**From:** [Carol E Gentry](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Carol E Gentry

**From:** [Roth Woods](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:37:07 PM

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Ranchers say the run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Roth Woods

**From:** [Carmen Plummer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:35:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Plummer

**From:** [Mary Moderacki](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Actions speak louder than words. Your reputation has been in jeopardy for a long time now. How much are you being paid to allow privately owned cows raised for slaughter to be in Point Reyes National Seashore?

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought because it has fenced the elk away from the water. These deaths are directly linked to you! Shame on you all.

Tourists don't come to Point Reyes National Seashore to look at cows.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Mary Moderacki

**From:** [J Lasahn](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
J Lasahn

**From:** [Janet Blake](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Janet Blake

**From:** [Darlene Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:11:11 PM

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The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Darlene Wolf

**From:** [Eva Johansson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Eva Johansson



**From:** [Darlene Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Darlene Wolf

**From:** [Patricia Blevins](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:08:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Blevins

**From:** [Nora Coyle](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:54:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Nora Coyle

**From:** [David Bonnell](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:54:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

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Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
David Bonnell

**From:** [Shiela Cockshott](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Sincerely,  
Shiela Cockshott

**From:** [Mary Cooke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:49:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Mary Cooke

**From:** [Laraine Lebron](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:48:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Laraine Lebron

**From:** [Theresa Bucher](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:42:06 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure. Cattle have no business in a National Park. This is a practice we must stop to protect our public National Parks.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues. The park Service should try to live up to its name and serve the Parks not private business.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Bucher



**From:** [Charlene Kerchevall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:35:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Kerchevall

**From:** [Claudia Johansen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:34:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Ranchers say the run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Johansen

**From:** [maria gritsch](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
maria gritsch

**From:** [Diane Gentile](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:23:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Diane Gentile

**From:** [Natalie Peck](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:22:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

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For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Peck

**From:** [Diane Moore](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Diane Moore

**From:** [Kathryn Sherrard](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:13:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Sherrard

**From:** [CAROL DEVARIEUX](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:12:11 AM

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Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
CAROL DEVARIEUX



**From:** [Judy Fairless](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Judy Fairless

**From:** [Robert Marvos](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Robert Marvos

**From:** [Carol Hoke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:07:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Carol Hoke

**From:** [Jeff Gutierrez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Gutierrez

**From:** [Susan Brisby](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Susan Brisby

**From:** [M Goodale Ms](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

Ranchers say they run their operations "sustainably" while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that's produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
M Goodale Ms

**From:** [Susan Krause](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Susan Krause

**From:** [Karen Warren](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Karen Warren



**From:** ["Linda Tabor-Beck"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Linda Tabor-Beck

**From:** [Andrea Rohr](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:49:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Rohr

**From:** [Rebecca Bufford](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:47:08 AM

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Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Bufford

**From:** [Mark Hollinrake](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Mark Hollinrake

**From:** [Mark Vargo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:44:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Mark Vargo

**From:** [Colleen Samuel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Sincerely,  
Colleen Samuel

**From:** [Heidi Siebens](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:41:09 AM

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Sincerely,  
Heidi Siebens

**From:** [Juanita Patrick](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:40:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Patrick



**From:** [Jose Marques](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:38:09 AM

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I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Jose Marques

**From:** [Tanja Schacht](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:38:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Tanja Schacht

**From:** [Patricia Jewell](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service  
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Sincerely,  
Patricia Jewell

**From:** [Julie Brickell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:28:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Julie Brickell

**From:** [elizabeth\\_mostov](mailto:elizabeth_mostov@coastalenergy.com)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b: September 2022 CD-0006-20 (National Park Service)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
elizabeth mostov

**From:** [Susan Fischer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item CD-0006-20 (NPS, Point Reyes GMPA), September 8, 2022 Hearing  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:59:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission,

I write to you with my concern and dismay that beef and dairy ranches continue to exist in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). For decades these ranches have continued to pollute the park, and yet they claim to be stewards of the land. They are for-profit businesses that care nothing for the land or the water. If they cared, they would be monitoring the runoff from their ranches. It is concerned citizens who continue to observe and report the ranching violations, which include raw sewage running from ranching buildings, massive garbage dumps and cows in the riparian zones, and yet the Park Service continues to turn a blind eye to the destructive behavior of the ranching industry or they claim to be monitoring the situation. How many more years will this be allowed to continue? The Park Service and the ranchers do not conduct water quality testing. Again, it is concerned citizens who arrange for independent water quality testing.

I have read that the recent water quality testing conducted in PRNS reveals persistent water pollution that is dangerous to public health and the environment. Water pollution in a National Park Unit caused by subsidized private ranching is unacceptable. The ranchers and the Park Service are not owed another chance to get this right. They will never get it right because they do not care to get it right. These ranchers are owed nothing from the public, they have been paid for their land, yet they continue to stay on the land and abuse it.

I respectfully ask that you do NOT allow the polluting of PRNS to continue. It is time to afford PRNS the highest protection as is required of a National Park Unit. Please retract your Conditional Consistency Determination granted last year. It is time to move toward putting an end to commercial cattle operations in our National Seashore.

Sincerely,

Susan Fischer  
Walnut Creek, CA

**From:** [robert raven](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Pt. Reyes NS comments  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:02:42 PM

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Please remove the cattle from PRNS. They are harming our coasts and wildlife!

**From:** [Helen Fauss](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:06:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Helen Fauss



**From:** [Grant Fujii](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:49:09 AM

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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

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We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Grant Fujii

**From:** [Grant Fujii](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Grant Fujii

**From:** [Choky Alvarez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:36:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Choky Alvarez

**From:** [Thomas Sipprell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:30:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Sipprell

**From:** [Axa Tolonen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:31:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Axa Tolonen

**From:** [Rebecca Ruiz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:31:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Ruiz

**From:** [Susan Gottfried](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:30:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I strongly oppose the ongoing environmental degradation at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I urge the Coastal Commission to hold the Park Service accountable to its mission: to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Susan Gottfried

**From:** [AJ Ireland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:13:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
AJ Ireland



**From:** [B Nordenholz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:56:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
B Nordenholz

**From:** [Deborah Richards](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:50:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Richards

**From:** [Marty Bostic](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:22:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Marty Bostic

**From:** [Marty Bostic](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:04:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Marty Bostic

**From:** [Adriana Nunez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:57:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Adriana Nunez

**From:** [MariBeth Doran](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:38:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
MariBeth Doran

**From:** [Margo Salone](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:10:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

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Sincerely,  
Margo Salone

**From:** [Doris Steinkopf](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:41:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Doris Steinkopf



**From:** [Sonja Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:31:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

Ranchers say the run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Sonja Nielsen

**From:** [sarah.lincon](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:04:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
sarah lincon

**From:** [Sara Graziosa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:33:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Sara Graziosa

**From:** [Jeanette Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:59:13 AM

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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Taylor

**From:** [Monica Licwinko](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:57:08 AM

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We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Monica Licwinko

**From:** [Raleigh Koritz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:52:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Raleigh Koritz

**From:** [Lesley Bosworth](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:54:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Lesley Bosworth

**From:** [Isabel Cervera](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:01:08 AM

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I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

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Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Isabel Cervera



**From:** [Isabel Cervera](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Neli Teofilova](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:02:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Neli Teofilova

**From:** [William Foreman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:02:10 PM

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The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
William Foreman

**From:** [D.D](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:31:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Renee Woodman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:04:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Renee Woodman

**From:** ["Shellie Vann-Volk"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:30:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Shellie Vann-Volk

**From:** [Rich Curtis](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:06:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Rich Curtis

**From:** [Theresa Fuller](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:54:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
Theresa Fuller



**From:** [Mickey Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:37:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

We are running out of time to limit climate change and the loss of species resulting from sea level rise and hotter, drier conditions.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Mickey Ramirez

**From:** [Karen Berger](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:20:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Karen Berger

**From:** [Robert McArtor](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:53:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Do your most important job. Protect our coast.

Sincerely,  
Robert McArtor

**From:** [Deborah Brown](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:45:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Brown

**From:** [sandrine LARIVIERE](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:10:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
sandrine LARIVIERE

**From:** [Janet Ginepro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:50:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Janet Ginepro

**From:** [Shelley Hartz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:42:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Shelley Hartz

**From:** [Vicki Linn](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:29:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Vicki Linn



**From:** [Chris Pedone](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:18:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Pedone

**From:** [Diana Bohn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:17:06 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Diana Bohn

**From:** [mary more](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:16:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
mary more

**From:** [Leoni Figueredo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:01:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:55:09 PM

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I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

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**From:** [Susan Allen](#)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jill McAnally](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Jill McAnally

**From:** [Liana Lang](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Liana Lang

**From:** ["R. Miles Mendenhall"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [kathryn Reichard](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
kathryn Reichard

**From:** [John Barger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Kathy Mason](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Mason

**From:** [Wendy Morrison](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:52:10 PM

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Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

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Wendy Morrison

**From:** [Rosamund Downing](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

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**From:** [Anthony Wong](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jill Nicholas](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Jolayne Justice](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

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Sincerely,  
Angela Leventis

**From:** [Nancy Schultz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** ["Dr. Steven J. Prince"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steven J. Prince

**From:** [Raymond Arent](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:31:10 PM

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Navarro

**From:** [Myrian Monnet](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:28:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Myrian Monnet

**From:** [Anthony Halterlein](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Halterlein



**From:** [Sylvi Christiansen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:23:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Sylvi Christiansen

**From:** [Robert Umbreit](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:22:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Robert Umbreit

**From:** [Dianne Douglas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Ingrid Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:13:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Ingrid Broecker

**From:** [Kathy Ojeda](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:10:07 PM

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I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Ojeda

**From:** [Cheryl Henley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:01:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Henley

**From:** [Sharon Monkhouse](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:52:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

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The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Monkhouse



**From:** [Nadine James](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:50:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Nadine James

**From:** [Jaromir Guzinski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:49:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jaromir Guzinski

**From:** [Allison Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:46:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Allison Matthews

**From:** [John Schaus](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:30:15 PM

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The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
John Schaus

**From:** [Angela Hansen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Angela Hansen

**From:** [Caryn Graves](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:22:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Caryn Graves

**From:** [Mary Keitelman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:04:15 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

As a longtime California resident, I hiked Point Reyes National Seashore for decades, and I write today to say it has become a sewage reservoir.

Sounds extreme, doesn't it?

In this time of extreme drought-- which shows no sign of letting up (and if geological history is any measure-- may not end for many decades)-- can we afford to be so wasteful of water and land?

**WHAT IT WAS:**

Point Reyes National Seashore was set aside in 1966, and finalized in 1976, to be:

“without impairment of its natural values, in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area.”

**WHAT WE HAVE TODAY:**

Private businesses use public water and land to support agriculture; cattle trails and manure erode and pollute, washing over the land and draining to the lowest point.

**A PUBLIC RESOURCE-- MANAGED FOR AND A GIFT TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE**

We all deserve much better from our public parks and national seashores. The current situation is unacceptable.

- Water contamination at the Seashore was known more than 20 years ago, and yet nothing has been done to correct the situation.
- In this time of extreme drought (which, if geologic history is any guide, may not end for many decades) can we afford to squander water, land, and the diminishing plants and animals who call it home?

**PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE PROTECTION, WITH PENALTIES FOR FAILURE**

Any plan to fix the pollution must include measurable points of performance, milestones and require measurable deadlines, which, if missed, will incur penalties, including closing down private ranching in the park.

**AS LADY BIRD JOHNSON SAID WHEN DEDICATING THE PARK IN 1966:**

“Let us dedicate Point Reyes National Seashore to the vitality of the American people, and to generations yet unborn who will come here with the continent at their backs and gaze afar into immensity.”

Did she envision cattle trail erosion, manure and urine run-off down the coast as the future?

I URGE YOU, PLEASE:

In addition to cleaning up the water pollution mess at Pt. Reyes National Seashore, please return it to what it was set aside to be, “without impairment of its natural values... consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area.”

Thank you in advance for your help with this weighty matter.

Sincerely,  
Mary Keitelman



**From:** [Stuart Bloom](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:04:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Bloom

**From:** [Marcia Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Henderson

**From:** [ALESSANDRO GANGEMI](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:00:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
ALESSANDRO GANGEMI

**From:** [Diana Duffy](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:59:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Diana Duffy

**From:** [Dawn Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:56:11 PM

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For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Williamson

**From:** [Roth Woods](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:37:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park’s streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

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Sincerely,  
Roth Woods

**From:** [Pati Jio](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Nichole Abramovitz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Nichole Abramovitz



**From:** [Karin Ahlf](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Karin Ahlf

**From:** [Margaret Simonsen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Simonsen

**From:** [Margaret Simonsen](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Margaret Simonsen

**From:** [Sharon Nishio](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:14:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Nishio

**From:** [Patricia Dangle](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Sam Roe](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:11:12 PM

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**From:** [Maureen McCullough](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Holly Orr](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Arnold Erickson](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Donna Heimlich

**From:** [Kalliopi Grafakou](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:06:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Kalliopi Grafakou

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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:02:08 PM

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Sincerely,  
Anne Eastman

**From:** [Thomas Ervin](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:57:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Ervin



**From:** [Nora Coyle](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:54:09 AM

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Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Nora Coyle

**From:** [Jill Mulato](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:54:06 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Marti Foley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:50:07 AM

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I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

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Sincerely,  
Marti Foley

**From:** [ELAINA OZEROFF](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Shannon Bartley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:41:10 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Tracey katsouros](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:37:11 AM

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This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Tracey katsouros

**From:** [Janice Cumming](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:35:18 AM

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The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Janice Cumming



**From:** [Marie Mildner](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:33:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Marie Mildner

**From:** [Warren TenHouten](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:31:17 AM

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Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

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Warren TenHouten

**From:** [Patrick Randow](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Randow

**From:** [Franziska Gerhardt](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:20:09 AM

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**From:** [Jon Povill](#)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

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Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Herb Evert

**From:** [Michelle Schramm](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle Schramm



**From:** [O Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:14:07 AM

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**From:** [Michael White](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:14:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

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Michael White

**From:** [Kathryn Sherrard](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Sherrard

**From:** [Joan Aebi](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Joan Aebi

**From:** [Gerald Hallam](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:08:09 AM

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

This issue is and has been ONGOING for years! There is only one answer & fix to this - remove the livestock & take down the fences. How it will be possible to clean up and restore this area - I dont know. I hope it can be.

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Maggie Frazier



**From:** [Monica Riedler](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:58:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Monica Riedler

**From:** [Susan Krause](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

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“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Susan Krause

**From:** [Tim Porter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:54:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Tim Porter

**From:** [Joe Quirk](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Joe Quirk

**From:** [Erik Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Jo Pepper

**From:** [Mark Hollinrake](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:46:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

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Sincerely,  
Mark Hollinrake



**From:** [Kate Crowley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Kate Crowley

**From:** [Elizabeth Fleisig](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Nicolette Ludolphi](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:44:22 AM

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My husband and I frequently recreate in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). For quite some time I was completely ignorant of the damage caused by the numerous cattle and dairy ranches within the park. I assumed the water was safe for swimming and kayaking. Unfortunately, I learned that this assumption is horribly inaccurate.

We volunteered to wake up at the crack of dawn, crawl under barbed wire fences (legally allowed and a must to access several areas in the park), slosh around in the mud and cow feces, and risk unpleasant confrontation by the ranchers to draw samples of water for Douglas Lovell's "Planning and Conduct of the October 2021-January 2022 Surface Water Monitoring Kehoe, Abbotts, Drakes Estero, and Drakes Bay Watersheds Point Reyes National Seashore Marin County, CA report. Knowing that Mr. Lovell is a Geoenvironmental Engineer solidified our decision to participate. We are so glad we did as we learned what could potentially protect and save our lives.

From Mr. Lovell's report, it is clear that the waters within and surrounding PRNS are so filled with fecal bacteria that it is a health hazard. Why the Park Service nor Marin County Supervisors have not notified the public of this dangerous situation is a severe derelict of duty. This is a public health issue, and the public has the right to know the risk.

Armed with the knowledge of how polluted the waters are, how many people recreate in those waters, and how long the county and the Park Service must have known, or should have known that they are polluted, I read the Park Service's Water Quality Strategy Plan with dismay. I ask the California Coastal Commission to reject this plan as it does nothing to protect the public or even alert the public to the risk of these harmful waters - nor does the plan include an appropriate level of accountability. PRNS is a national treasure that is being treated as a toilet by private enterprise. The CCC must hold the Park Service accountable by demanding they remove ranching within our National Park.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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**From:** [Tanya Baxter](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:21:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commision,

As a former National Park Service employee and a suppoert of the Point Reyes National Seashore, it breaks my heart that we are not holding integrity our prideful National Parks it their upmost quality.

Situated in Marin County we are quite proud of leading the nation in ranching protection through organizations such as MALT and the Marin Carbon Project. We value the integrity of the open space, environment and health by leading the country in sustainability. It is a shame we cannot provide decent water quality to our National Parks and not allow it to continue to degrade. This would never be allowed in any other place in the county, so why in our Nation's Treasures?

Please ensure that the funding is set aside for proper water quality monitoring AND enforcement.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Baxter

**From:** [Jeff/Wendy Torquemada/Sparks](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:29:49 PM

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I am a native Californian and have spent over 30 years visiting PRNS. I have watched a small pond along the trail at Abbott's Lagoon turn into a polluted and bacteria filled quagmire. This pond used to be frequented by American bitterns, a variety of ducks and even rails. It also served as a drinking hole for many other birds and mammals that inhabit the park. This is only one example of the massive destruction of a once pristine national park because of the dairy and cattle ranches that are found throughout PRNS. I have written letters imploring the park service to end the cattle and dairy ranching to prevent even further destruction to this precious ecosystem.

I have read the summary released by the Turtle Island Restoration Network, which reveals any water recreational activities at Drakes Estero, Kehoe Lagoon and Abbotts Watersheds is a health risk due levels of bacteria that exceed state standards. This is unacceptable. Why did the park service stop all water quality testing in 2013 and why did we have to have an independent company provide us with the data indicating we are NOT protecting the park, but instead allowing it to become a dangerous place for humans and the wildlife that inhabit this land?

Ranchers have claimed they are using best practices to avoid destruction of the public land and yet it has been revealed (not by the park service) that several of the ranchers have dumped human waste onto the land! I have opposed allowing the expansion of commercial agriculture on PRNS and yet there is a plan to allow ranchers to add goats, sheep, and crops to the park land. I am tired of driving in the park and smelling the stench from the cattle and cow manure and witnessing the damage being done to the land by these domestic animals, which have no place in a National Park.

I am asking the California Coast Commission to rise above the ugly politics that has prevented PRNS from returning to the pristine wilderness it used to be. It is time to restore the land and create a plan to protect the water quality in this park.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Sparks

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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:37:50 PM

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To the CA Coastal Commission - I have been a long-time visitor to PRNS as a hiker, kayaker, swimmer and wildlife photographer, as well as a resident of Pt Reyes Station. There is SO much beautiful wildlife in the park and weekly, I meet people from around the world who come to visit for the unique beauty that the park has to offer.

However, most recently, the ranchers seem to be the ones who own and run the park, not the *people* of this county and country.

The most recent report on the water is abysmal. **The report found unsafe concentrations of fecal bacteria contamination of surface waters that significantly exceeded state water quality criteria at nearly every testing site.** The park should be outraged and ready to do whatever it takes to re-balance the water that every animal and bird in the park depends on. I beg you to hold the park to the values that helped create this park - to be a healthy place for all of us to visit, to be a healthy place for the bobcats, the coyotes, the herons and hawks, the river otters, the bald eagles, and more. Allowing this unsafe water situation on the ranches to continue is killing our beautiful park and all of its residents.

I beg you to please take action on this immediately. The huge numbers of cattle are contaminating these waters.

Do you want to tell your next generation that you did nothing while the waters became more and more unlivable for our wildlife?

PLEASE TAKE ACTION!

thank you,  
Debbie

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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:24:24 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

I am so disappointed that the National Park Service is continuing to fail to protect the resources in our National Parks. NPS and ranchers have claimed for years they use Best Management Practices to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore. The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 and plans to expand commercial agriculture in PRNS, despite ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops.

Point Reyes National Seashore is a National Park - for the public!! Not for private commercial agriculture. Protecting of our natural resources is the law.

I would be grateful if you would do the job we hired you to do!

With thanks,  
Susan McConnell

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As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore over the past 25 years I am very upset that the National Park Service has continually failed in its duty to protect natural resources such as wildlife and water quality. The NPS is being held hostage by the PRNS Ranchers Association, Jared Huffman, and Dianne Feinstein.

Why did the NPS stop testing water quality in 2013, 9 years ago, after finding that the ranchers were out of compliance? The NPS behaves as if the National Seashore only exists to support ranchers, and not as public land that people like me pay for with our tax dollars. Ranchers' lease violations including illegal bulldozing and toxic dump sites have been found and have been made public, and the NPS is thanking the ranchers for their environmental violations by letting them expand commercial agriculture in the National Seashore. This is outrageous!

Our environmental laws are strong, but can only work if they are enforced. We, the people who love and pay for Point Reyes National Seashore to exist are counting on the California Coastal Commission to lay down the law and protect the seashore from the many lease violations perpetrated by the ranchers and the NPS.

Thank you,

Michelle Waters  
Los Gatos, CA

**From:** [Cynthia Abbott](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Dear Coastal Commissioners,

Thank you for reading my comments. I ask the CCC to hold the PRNS and NPS accountable for the continued pollution of our waterways and coastal waters by their neglect with monitoring our waters and allowing continued, polluting ranching in our National Seashore. The most recent and independent study by Douglas W. Lovells revealed that wading, swimming, kayaking, and other forms of water recreation in Kehoe Lagoon and Drakes Estero results in unacceptable health risk. In our California waters! In addition, Kehoe Lagoon, Kehoe Marsh, Upper Abbotts Lagoon it was reported, "hazardous algal blooms and hazardous cyanobacteria blooms are of significant concern in the following water bodies (Figures 1 and 2, Figures A1 and A2 in Appendix A)" With global warming this is likely to increase. Let's take proactive measures. We are counting on you to do the right thing to keep our waters and oceans safe from neglectful park policy and continued destructive ranching practices affecting our coast.

Thank you,  
Cynthia Abbott

**From:** [Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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Please help correct the violations and toxic issues in Point Reyes National Park's water!!

The National Park Service has been failing with its duty to protect park resources NPS. Ranchers have claimed for years they use Best Management Practices. (?)

The NPS is continually influenced by politicians Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association  
The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data. WHY!?

The public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights and much more.

The NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture in PRNS despite these ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops.

It is a National Park - for the public - not for private commercial agriculture. Protection of natural resources is the law and not being followed.

Please assure those causing these violations are made accountable and the land is truly protected with clean water and native vegetation.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Arnow



**From:** [Darryl Nordstrom](#)  
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I was fortunate to visit and enjoy the Point Reyes National National Seashore and experience all of its natural beauty.

I also was informed on how this environment is not being care for due to private ranchers and live stock that appear to have continue their activities beyond their original expiration date.

This is a National Seashore/Park and should be treated like one.

Please do all you can to help preserve and prevent the deterioration of this beautiful place. I saw so much wonderful wildlife here and was so amazed that this place could sustain so much wildlife just an hour drive from San Francisco.

We all need to do a better job to preserve and conserve the natural beauty of nature we have in our great country.

Thank you for your time and I hope you have the strength and courage to do what is right.

Darryl T. Nordstrom

The National Park Service has continually failed in its duty to protect park resources

NPS and ranchers have claimed for years they use Best Management Practices. How can things improve if we are already have BMPs in place? Nothing will change.

The NPS is continually influenced by politicians Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association

The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data. Why?

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**From:** [Radhika S](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I strongly disagree with the staff recommendation to approve the NPS water quality strategy based on their assessment that the strategy “appears” to be capable of meeting the overall purpose identified by the commission for Condition 1. The NPS strategy does not include aspects of the guidance and requests made by the Commission and water quality data from prior years as per Condition 1. With these omissions and assessment the NPS water quality strategy is not consistent to the *maximum extent practicable* of the Coastal Act for concurrence.

Additionally I regret staff qualifications of the unmet commission conditions for data and timelines as “modest” and an “oversight” that can be “easily addressed”. These omissions indicate lack of confidence and commitment by NPS to their strategy. This should be unacceptable. Decades of lack of oversight and commitment by NPS has led to serious water contamination threatening human and marine life, NPS has received sufficient notice and time to provide a strategy that is supported by data. Meanwhile, citizen groups have provided multiple water quality reports that meet water board standards and demonstrate serious levels of contamination.

I respectfully urge the commission to **revoke** or **hold** concurrence until the NPS has demonstrated that the Point Reyes water quality is compliant to state water quality standards. As our state agency with federal consistency review authority over all federal activities, we urge you to hold NPS accountable and deliver justice to a National Park.

Radhika Srinivasan,  
Walnut Creek, CA

**From:** [Rudi Dundas](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission,

We have been hiking, camping and volunteering at Point Reyes National Park since 1970. During that time, we have seen an increase in the number of cattle and a decrease in the concern by the Park Directors for the well being of wildlife, the environment and an unwillingness to listen to the voice of its experts and visitors.

The National Park Service has continually failed in its duty to protect park resources NPS and ranchers have claimed for years they use Best Management Practices. How can things improve if we are already have BMPs in place? Nothing will change.

Outside publicity companies were hired to “convince the public” in mock “presentations” which the Park managers say now have served their purpose in providing public hearings. Yet the return of opinion in the 2019 poll (in which we were given the mandate of providing “only helpful technical information” for the implementation of the “recommended plan” put forth by the Park Service) was 70% AGAINST private ranching in the Park.

The NPS is continually influenced by politicians Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association who are all supported by lobbyists for The State Agricultural Commission.

The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data. Why?

The public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights and others.

The NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture in PRNS despite the ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops.

It is a National Park - for the public, not for private commercial agriculture. Protection of natural resources is the legal mission of the National Park Service and it is not being followed.

Please carefully consider your judgements in this case. And please remember that the future of our National Park hangs in the balance with your decision! Please make your decision to protect the environment of our National Park and its wildlife.

Sincerely yours,  
Ruth Dundas  
Jim MacDonald

140 Tamal Road, #833  
Forest Knolls, CA 94933

**From:** [Judy Irving](#)  
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My husband and I hiked a trail once through a cattle ranch at Pt. Reyes, near the estero, and we will never do it again. It's called the Bull Point Trail, but we re-named it the Bullshit Trail. The flat, scrubby land was filled with cow pies. The air smelled stinky, like those pies. This is no way to experience a national park!

Did you see this week's water quality tests at Pt. Reyes? Fecal contamination exceeding state water quality criteria at nearly every test site! And no wonder.

When will we see an end to ranchers' entitled befouling of our national park? (leaking septic tanks, bulldozing native plants, dumping toxic materials in ditches, allowing tons of manure and contaminated water to flow untreated into the estero, and of course, failing to disclose any of this to the public...) These ranchers are wealthy families who own other ranches, and have no need to squat on public land. They do it because it's cheap — their leases are subsidized by taxpayers.

When will we see an end to the National Park Service's kowtowing to these ranchers, who have already remained on public land way beyond their original lease agreements? And why is the NPS intent on allowing *more* ranch animals and *more* private commercial agriculture on land that should be protected for the public? On land whose natural resources, which are by law supposed to be protected, are being destroyed?

Please put an end to our misery: the public's misery, and the misery of this land. It's way past time to do the right thing.

Thank you,

Judy Irving  
Producer/Director

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The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill  
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**From:** [Robert Spiers](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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to whom it may concern

I would like the ranchers and the National park service need to be held accountable for the bad water quality , this entire situation reeks of bad management and maybe some favoritism by certain people , little by little we are destroying everything and we need to start moving in the other direction and fast..please do the right thing...meaning the **RIGHT** thing and not something that favors a certain group and leaves the rest of us with a crappy environment

Bob Spiers

**From:** [Ann Kramer](#)  
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California Coastal Commission,

RE: Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20  
(National Park Service, Marin Co.)

The proposal by the National Park Service of water quality management is shockingly inadequate. I agree with the commission's comments about the tragic ridiculousness and shame of the conditions of a National Park where entitled ranchers who are squatting beyond their original agreement to leave and using a national park as a cheaply run dairy farm in which they pollute the water, use the park as a dumping site, and create conditions which stress and even further insure the poor survival of wildlife and flourishing natural growth. Trusting them to do the right thing has been a mistake, and the national park service has also proven they are neither trustworthy nor minimally concerned about the conditions of the water and the park. It's stunning to see them dismiss and attempt to distract from the seriously out of compliance water quality by citing an increase in park attendance. Park attendance has increased in nearly all national parks as a result of Covid conditions as well as the difficulty of travel. It was as if they were entrusted with a city water quality system and insist there is no problem because citizens continue to drink water. Unfortunately, this has become the exact reality in some infamous city management but it is unimaginable that a Park System would express such lack of concern. In my numerous visits to national parks, Point Reyes, with it's beautiful shores and rolling hills has left another singular impression on me which no other park has. It was filled with the smell of dairy farms and cattle ranches which I have experienced in no other park. When I first visited and asked about the preponderance of dairy farms in a national park and learned of the history of the original agreement, I was stunned that this would occur in a National Park!!! Even more incomprehensible is the Park Services laissez-faire attitude toward the poor water conditions. As we find fewer wild spaces preserved for wildlife and people, why is our national pastime of cattle pollution allowed to invade and deteriorate one of the few places we humans and wildlife have left? Can we really call this a National Park if there are no protections or standards or penalties for noncompliance? Please reject the Park Services weak water quality plan and put someone else in charge.

Regards,

**Ann**

Ann Kramer, Wildlife and Nature Photographer

**From:** [AJ Ireland](#)  
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Having visited National Parks around California, Point Reyes National Seashore sticks in the mind -- but for all the wrong reasons.

I visited the National Seashore numerous times before finding out (from random internet browsing) that the cattle ranches and dairies are not actually private property, but part of the park! It was a horrifying discovery, given the devastation that cattle have wrought on the landscape and the environment. Even worse was finding out that these tenants are charged ridiculously low rents, they destroy supposedly-protected habitats or break park rules (e.g. collecting antlers, dumping commercial trash), and can basically do whatever they want without fear of any kind of punishment or reprisal due to the political influence of the ranchers/dairies and their supporters (including Diane Feinstein and Jared Huffman). To hear that the NPS plans to extend the leases of these law-breakers and to allow other forms of agriculture (and such joys as mobile slaughterhouses -- just what families visiting Point Reyes to enjoy nature want to see) demonstrates that once again, commercial interests have won out over ecological concerns, the stated goals of the NPS, and public interest.

I do not buy the products of animal agriculture because of its devastating effects on the environment. It disgusts me to think that my tax dollars are going to support the irresponsible destruction of the only national seashore on the west coast.

AJ Ireland  
Novato, CA

**From:** [Rick Derevan](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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> The National Park Service's stewardship—if you can call it that—of Point Reyes National Seashore is a disgrace. Politically powerful ranchers treat the park as something they are free to despoil and pollute as evidenced by the recent water testing results.

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> The seashore could and should be a national treasure. I ask the coastal commission to use its powers to curtail pollution and degradation in the park by ranching interests to the fullest.

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> In closing, I would add that I travel to Point Reyes for bird and wildlife photography, so I am no stranger to the park. It kills me to see the destruction caused by rampant cattle ranching, particularly when one realizes what a jewel it could be if ranching were eliminated and the park was managed for wildlife as it should be.

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> Rick Derevan  
> Atascadero, California

**From:** [Patrick Coughlin](#)  
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Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the places where I truly learned to love nature, and love California. The huge windswept shorelines and abundant wildlife are truly special and need to be protected.

Despite this vast beauty, the public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights and others and yet The NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore despite these ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops.

**It is a National Park - for the public, not for private commercial agriculture  
Protection of natural resources is the law and not being followed.**

**From:** [Brian Valente](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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Please do NOT expand commercial agriculture inside Pt Reyes park

it's a NATIONAL PARK not for private businesses, and it should be protected as such!

thank you for doing the right thing here

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Brian Valente

**From:** [SHARON ANDERSON](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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As someone who visits Pt Reyes all the time for the beauty, serenity, hiking and wildlife photography I am outraged with the national park for the lack of attention to the environments' water health, animal health and landscape health.

Get politics out of the picture and lets get nature in order. A national park should not have ranching! Should not have cattle grazing! The park is for the people, not the ranchers.

The water quality has a huge effect on all the life there! It has got to be restored for the sake of wildlife and for future generations. Just STOP all the bickering and get to the task at hand. Stop all the politics, the egos and just admit the mistakes being made and correct it! It has got to be done!

Sharon Anderson

**From:** [Claudia L'Amoreaux](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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Greetings.

You have an opportunity to do the right thing for an extraordinary national park and for the public who benefit from it.

The National Park Service has continually failed in its duty to protect park resources. It is tragic that you instead are allowing yourselves to put the influence of politicians like Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association over the long term interests of this extraordinary treasure.

- The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data. Please explain why?
- The public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights and others.
- The NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture in PRNS despite the ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops

This is a National Park - for the public, not for private commercial agriculture  
Protection of natural resources is the law and not being followed

Regards,

Claudia L'Amoreaux



**From:** [Anne Scanlan-Rohrer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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I am a long-time visitor of the Point Reyes National Seashore. I am very concerned about recent reports about the lack of water safety as a result of unsafe ranching practices.

Just yesterday a report was released on the most comprehensive water quality testing possibly ever done in Point Reyes. The report found unsafe concentrations of fecal bacteria contamination of surface waters that significantly exceeded state water quality criteria at nearly every testing site. The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data, for unknown reasons. The public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sites and others.

I oppose the expansion of commercial agriculture in PRNS. Protection of the natural resources should be the highest priority.

Thank you.

Anne Scanlan-Rohrer  
829 Acacia Drive  
Burlingame CA 94010

**From:** [Sandra Zelasko](#)  
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So far the National Park Service (NPS) has continually failed in its duty to protect park resources to the dismay of many. The NPS and ranchers have claimed for years they use Best Management Practices and I for one have witnessed that this is NOT true. The NPS is continues to be influenced by politicians Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association and now there is an every so UGLY landscape. Why did the NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data? Many continue to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights and disgusting disregard for the natural environment of this beautiful seashore.

Now the NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture in Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) despite the ongoing issues, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops. THIS HAS TO STOP! We are talking about a National Park - for the public, not for private commercial agriculture! Protection of natural resources is the LAW and not being followed.

IT IS TIME TO CHANGE THESE DESTRUCTIVE PRACTICES. I WANT MY NATIONAL PARK BACK!

Thank you,  
**Sandy Zelasko**  
Valley Center, CA



**From:** [Kirsten Tucker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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To the CA Coastal Commission-

The National Park Service has continually failed in its duty to protect park resources. For years, NPS and ranchers have claimed they use Best Management Practices but NPS is continually influenced by politicians Jared Huffman and Diane Feinstein, lobbyists and the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association. The NPS stopped all water quality testing in 2013 after discovering out of compliance water quality data. Now we find unsafe concentrations of fecal bacteria contamination of surface waters that significantly exceed state water quality criteria at nearly every testing site - see <https://seaturtles.org/rigorous-new-study-finds-significant-water-pollution-from-cattle-ranching-at-point-reyes-national-seashore/>.

The public continues to find lease violations with septic tanks, illegal bulldozing, toxic dump sights, etc., yet NPS plans to expand commercial agriculture, introducing sheep, goats, potentially pigs, and row crops to PRNS. It is a National Park - for the public, not for private commercial agriculture. When I visit a National Park, I expect to see nature, not agriculture. And I expect that those lands are being protected and preserved, not farmed. Protection of natural resources is the law and the law is not being followed.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Tucker  
713-494-9655

**From:** [Walter Nissen](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:39:07 AM

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Dear Coastal Commission:

There is a place for dairy and grazing, such as eastern Alameda County where I live. Having it take place on land of the type in Marin County is an unfortunate use. I would recommend preserving the land for recreation, aquaculture, and traditional activities that don't have the adverse impacts on water quality on the coast.

Sincerely,  
Walter Nissen

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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)

Please regulate or even remove cattle and dairies from Pt. Reyes National Seashore. They were supposed to be removed years ago to return PRNS to its pristine and natural beauty as possible. Cattle and dairies urine, dung heaps and other ranching activities pollute the Seashore, and their runoff gets into and pollutes the streams and coastline, endangering frogs, fish and marine mammals.

Thanks for protecting PRNS and the CA Coast.

Robert Raven  
Petaluma CA

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**From:** Matt Maguire <[crcnetworks@sonic.net](mailto:crcnetworks@sonic.net)>  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 10b - CD-0006-20 (National Park Service, Marin Co.)

Dear Commissioners:

Although I submit these comments prior to having access to any staff reports on the subject, I want to express my concerns that whatever the water and air pollution mitigation plans the National Park Service (NPS) has come up with, there is a real issue of credible and consistent enforcement, once the terms of the plan are determined.

Having tried mightily to engage the NPS in constructive ways over the past few years to address the private, for-profit cattle and dairy ranches in Pt. Reyes National Park (PRNS) and their excessively damaging impacts, I have been ignored, stonewalled, and even lied to by NPS staff, including "Outreach Coordinator" Melanie Gunn. Over the past several years, it has become clear to me that the NPS's approach to dealing with citizen complaints, concerns and issues is to downplay, distract, obfuscate, and whitewash.

On the other hand, their responses to the ranchers' requests and demands is immediate, supportive, and protective of their interests. Rarely does the Park

Service hold ranchers accountable for environmental damage or violations of the terms of their leases, such as overgrazing, overstocking, chasing the public off legally accessible areas, creating huge dumps, amassing piles of used tires, etc. That mostly occurs when responsible park users discover some nasty situation and alert the Park Service, and the Service is aware that the public is watching. But mostly the NPS acts like the public is a nuisance, not its partner or constituency.

For instance, I've tried to find out from the NPS what they've done to mitigate the football field-sized dump discovered by a hiker over a year ago. This blight in our national park should have been abated immediately, and at the cost of the leasee. But to date, requests for an update by the Park Service have been completely ignored. I and others who have enquired still don't know the status of that situation.

Likewise, the issue of providing water to the captive tule elk at Peirce Point was brought to the public's attention, after which the NPS provided water tanks and troughs to prevent the elk from dying of thirst. Despite NPS denying that it was an issue, they did respond, only to drain the tanks or let them go empty this summer, according to the most recent observations. No one has been able to find out what NPS is doing to address this issue. It appears they're hoping the public will forget about it and just go away.

NPS' record of putting ranching interests above the public's, and above their own mandated mission to protect our natural resources, shows that they are not to be trusted. That was corroborated by their pathetic previous mitigation plan submission, which triggered the Commission's directive that they work with CCC staff to come up with a real plan. It is my hope that the plan will have oversight and enforcement provisions that allow the CCC to make sure NPS does what it commits to do.

If the NPS is to implement a real mitigation plan but fails to do so, I ask that the CCC include a mandatory provision that allows you to rescind Consistency Determination No. CD-0006-20 for the 2020 General Management Plan Amendment for PRNS and the north district of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and that the Commission do just that. This is crucial for the protection of our

waterways, clean air, and the chance for the one-third of the land in the park that the ranches occupy to heal from the destruction caused by the confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Ultimately, these private ranches need to be removed from our park, as none of their operations can function without notable damage to the natural biome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Maguire

Petaluma, CA



**From:** [Cassandra Fazio](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:15:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Cassandra Fazio

**From:** [Helen Fauss](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:06:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Helen Fauss

**From:** ["Diane-Michele Petrillo"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:30:10 AM

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**From:** [Roger Hollander](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Claire Ackland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Susan Gottfried](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I strongly oppose the ongoing environmental degradation at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I urge the Coastal Commission to hold the Park Service accountable to its mission: to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Susan Gottfried



**From:** ["Anna Neusüss"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:20:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Anna Neusüss

**From:** [Madelaine Corrasa](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:14:08 AM

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**From:** [B Nordenholz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:56:08 AM

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Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
B Nordenholz

**From:** [Tammy Morgan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:33:09 AM

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It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors. It also makes no sense to allow our coast to be destroyed for the benefit of a few people who want to ranch there.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Morgan

**From:** [Marty Bostic](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:22:08 AM

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Sincerely,  
Marty Bostic

**From:** [Marty Bostic](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [carol broll](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:48:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

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We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
carol broll



**From:** [Rebecca Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:27:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Palmer

**From:** [KENDRA WILSON](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:08:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden with cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
KENDRA WILSON

**From:** [Carolyn Martin](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:04:07 AM

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Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS’s plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Martin

**From:** [Timothy Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:06:08 AM

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During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

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**From:** [Andrew Hinz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:52:24 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

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The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hinz

**From:** [Sonja Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:31:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Sonja Nielsen

**From:** [Sonja Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:08:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [sarah lincon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
sarah lincon



**From:** [Phillippa Hilsden](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:52:09 AM

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I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

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This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [The Rev Dr Edward Kern](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:22:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am an ardent visitor to Point Reyes.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
The Rev Dr Edward Kern

**From:** [Monica Licwinko](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:57:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Monica Licwinko

**From:** [josh pelleg](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:58:10 AM

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Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
josh pelleg

**From:** [Michal Lynch](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:40:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Robin Spring](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

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Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Robin Spring



**From:** [William Foreman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:02:11 PM

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The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
William Foreman

**From:** [Bob Leppo](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:59:08 PM

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"First gradually, then all at once." That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Bob Leppo

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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:52:07 PM

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Nina Brunetti

**From:** [Jessica Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:28:08 PM

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Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
cara artman



**From:** [June Green](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:17:10 PM

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**From:** [Jim Lieberman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jim Lieberman

**From:** [Jelica Roland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:50:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jelica Roland

**From:** [Lisa Trendall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:30:08 PM

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It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

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The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Trendall

**From:** [priscilla.martinez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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We need to take better care of what is left of our environment, for animals, people, and plant life.

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Sincerely,  
priscilla martinez

**From:** [Mark Koritz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:14:09 PM

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
James Jachimiak

**From:** [Ann Bailleul](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:52:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Ann Bailleul

**From:** [sandrine LARIVIERE](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:10:15 PM

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I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
sandrine LARIVIERE

**From:** [Peggy Detmers](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a biologist I know the Point Reyes National Seashore is frequently used to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

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**From:** [Shelley Hartz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Cheryl Fergeson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife.

We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE, as the preeminent California coastal regulator, restore and protect the Point Reyes Seashore.

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**From:** [Sherrill Futrell](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:04:08 PM

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I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

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**From:** [Theodore King](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Nikki Nafziger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Denise Lenardson](#)  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Jeff Nadler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Nadler

**From:** [beverly schor](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
beverly schor

**From:** [Janelle George](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:16:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public’s National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Janelle George



**From:** [Kathy Mason](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:59:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Mason

**From:** [Wendy Morrison](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:52:10 PM

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Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

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Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Morrison

**From:** [Rosamund Downing](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Rosamund Downing

**From:** [Sue Jones](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Sue Jones

**From:** [JOHN Lamb](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

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Sincerely,  
JOHN Lamb

**From:** [Michael Frost](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:45:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Michael Frost

**From:** [Rachel Onstott](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:35:15 PM

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Onstott

**From:** [Dawn Florio](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:21:08 PM

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Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Florio



**From:** [Suzanne Connors](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Dale Sorensen

**From:** [Dawn Rogers](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Jane Broendel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:01:07 PM

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I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Jane Broendel

**From:** [Jolayne Justice](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [John Crowley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:51:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
John Crowley

**From:** [Sharon Torrasi](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Salissa Chavez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Nancy Schultz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Myrian Monnet](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Myrian Monnet

**From:** [Anthony Halterlein](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:27:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

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**From:** [Agnetha Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Ingrid Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Michael White](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:11:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Michael White



**From:** [Cynthia Marks](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Cynthia Marks](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Peter Morris](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Rhonda Oxley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Rhonda Oxley

**From:** [Erin Gulick](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Brandie Deal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Allison Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Allison Matthews

**From:** [Vakila Terveld](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
carol-alida pennington

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

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The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
carol-alida pennington

**From:** [Margaret Halbeisen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Halbeisen

**From:** [Sherry Weiland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

"No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change," said Governor Newsom.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Weiland

**From:** [Ryath Beauchene](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

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Sincerely,  
Ryath Beauchene



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**From:** [Mary Keitelman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime California resident, I hiked Point Reyes National Seashore for decades, and I write today to say it has become a sewage reservoir.

Sounds extreme, doesn't it?

In this time of extreme drought-- which shows no sign of letting up (and if geological history is any measure-- may not end for many decades)-- can we afford to be so wasteful of water and land?

**WHAT IT WAS:**

Point Reyes National Seashore was set aside in 1966, and finalized in 1976, to be:

“without impairment of its natural values, in a manner which provides for such recreational, educational, historic preservation, interpretation, and scientific research opportunities as are consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area.”

**WHAT WE HAVE TODAY:**

Private businesses use public water and land to support agriculture; cattle trails and manure erode and pollute, washing over the land and draining to the lowest point.

**A PUBLIC RESOURCE-- MANAGED FOR AND A GIFT TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE**

We all deserve much better from our public parks and national seashores. The current situation is unacceptable.

- Water contamination at the Seashore was known more than 20 years ago, and yet nothing has been done to correct the situation.
- In this time of extreme drought (which, if geologic history is any guide, may not end for many decades) can we afford to squander water, land, and the diminishing plants and animals who call it home?

**PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE PROTECTION, WITH PENALTIES FOR FAILURE**

Any plan to fix the pollution must include measurable points of performance, milestones and require measurable deadlines, which, if missed, will incur penalties, including closing down private ranching in the park.

**AS LADY BIRD JOHNSON SAID WHEN DEDICATING THE PARK IN 1966:**

“Let us dedicate Point Reyes National Seashore to the vitality of the American people, and to generations yet unborn who will come here with the continent at their backs and gaze afar into immensity.”

Did she envision cattle trail erosion, manure and urine run-off down the coast as the future?

I URGE YOU, PLEASE:

In addition to cleaning up the water pollution mess at Pt. Reyes National Seashore, please return it to what it was set aside to be, “without impairment of its natural values... consistent with, based upon, and supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment within the area.”

Thank you in advance for your help with this weighty matter.

Sincerely,  
Mary Keitelman

**From:** [Stuart Bloom](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Bloom

**From:** [Jon Anderholm](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park’s streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

Ranchers say the run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Jon Anderholm

**From:** [Julie Robertson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Julie Robertson

**From:** [Sharon Nishio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Nishio

**From:** [Patricia Dangle](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Dangle



**From:** [Sam Roe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Sam Roe

**From:** [Maureen McCullough](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

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**From:** [Pat Rose](#)  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Pat Rose