LCP-2-SMC-23-0002-1 (Pescadero Fire Station and School)

December 15, 2023

Correspondence
March 17, 2023

California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street #2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Commissioners,

The San Mateo County Farm Bureau strongly opposes the relocation of the Pescadero Fire Station on to prime farmland. The proposed site at 360 Butano Cutoff, Pescadero, that is being proposed by the County of San Mateo is some of the best farmland in our area. It should not be covered over with buildings.

The site does not provide the best service location for the community in emergency situations. The best scenario would be that the current fire station be re-built on its present site as its proximity to Highway 1 and town center is much closer than the proposed site at Butano Cutoff.

We ask that the Coastal Commission oppose this proposed relocation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

BJ Burns
President

CC: Dan Carl, District Director, California Coastal Commission
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October 10, 2022

Manuel Ramirez, Chair and Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission
455 County Center, 2nd Floor
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Re: Item #5 on the October 12, 2022 Agenda: Local Coastal Program Map and Text Amendments to facilitate construction of a replacement Fire Station for the Rural Service Center of Pescadero, and to enable a water line extension to serve the replacement Fire Station and the existing Pescadero Middle/High School; File Number PLN2021-00056

Dear Chair Ramirez and Commissioners,

On behalf of Green Foothills, I write in support of the Staff Recommendation to amend the Local Coastal Program (LCP) and enable the extension of a water line to provide potable water to the Pescadero Middle/High School and the relocation of the Pescadero Fire Station.

The Staff Report details the long-standing need for potable water for the Pescadero Middle/High School, and the urgent need to relocate the Fire Station. We commend the County for the many efforts to resolve these two challenges in a way that also complies with the Coastal Act and LCP.

We note that the Staff Report does not make any reference to Measure A, the Coastal Protection Initiative, approved in 1986 by a 63% majority vote county-wide. Measure A voters enacted some 37 policies of the County Local Coastal Program, and mandated that these policies may not be weakened or discarded without a county-wide vote. We believe that the proposed LCP Map and Text Amendments do not trigger the need for a county-wide vote due to the careful wording of LCP Policy 2.39 Service Area Boundary that limits water connections to uses within the boundary of the rural service center and the essential services provided by fire protection facilities and public schools.

However, to correctly describe the unincorporated community of Pescadero, we recommend that the proposed new Policy 2.80 be changed to reference the Pescadero Rural Service Center, instead of the Town of Pescadero.

We also note that the Staff Report and Resolution attached to the Staff Report only references the Land Use Plan and 2 Map Amendments (Land Use (Pescadero) and Land Use (South Coast); we wonder whether there is also a need to amend the LCP Zoning Map for the Middle/High School Site to appropriately recognize the existing and proposed institutional uses there?

We look forward to working with San Mateo County Planning, LAFCo, and the California Coastal Commission to enable this project to move forward.
Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate

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Hello friends of the coast, I'm an LHPUSD school board trustee (and parent!) working hard, just like all of you, to make life on the Coast a true wonder. What you do to preserve our coasts is incredibly important. It's one of the reasons why our high school has a Heirs to our Oceans Club. We believe in your mission and are creating generations of students who also believe. But we also need the basics so our kids can learn and thrive. I'm submitting this public comment because your approval of this plan would be a huge win for our small community. We are small, rural, and disadvantaged, and as a result, we face a lot of headwinds. Our high school is over 60 years old and has no drinking water. Our fire station is a crumbling and moldy mess. We have a massive housing shortage for teachers and farmers, and constant threats of flood and fire. Throughout these challenges, we band together and press forward with creativity and perseverance, but our reliance on state and county organizations is huge. As such, I urge you to consider adjusting your Ag use requirement so we can move forward with this vital project. We recently received a water board grant to help us accelerate, but it comes with a deadline, too. Your support would greatly boost morale and progress, so I hope you consider this today and identify a solution that allows the water extension to move forward.

Thank you so much for considering my thoughts.
Your partner on the coast,
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